

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

*Parish Membership:* Every family and single adult to be considered active members of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the parish, receiving and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Only in this way can the parish issue documents attesting to parish membership and Catholic practice, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. New parishioners are requested to visit the parish office.

*Sick & Shut-ins:* The priests are available to administer the Sacraments to those who are unable to come to Church. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is part of the healing ministry of the Church, and should be received early in an illness or before a serious operation.

*Baptisms:* Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

*Marriages:* In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.

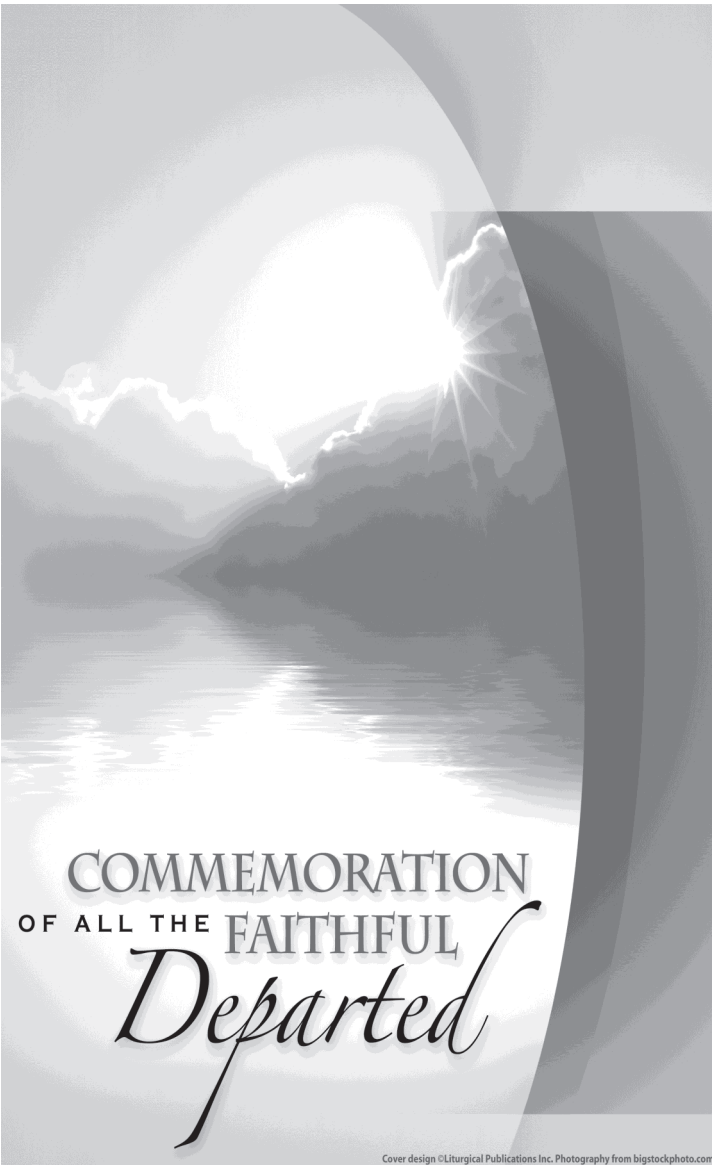
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*Holy Name Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

*Rosary Altar Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

*Bereavement Ministry:* For information call (914) 965-0566,  
Tina Falcone

*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



*Mission Statement:* We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

REFLECTION ON ALL SOULS  
THE SOULS OF THE JUST ARE IN THE HANDS OF GOD



Most often when I invited a family to come forward for prayers at the end of a Mass celebrated for their loved ones, I'd notice how fresh their sadness and sorrow still was. Many of them still ache from broken hearts over their loss. Some are still dealing with unresolved issues, like good-byes that were probably not said (as is the case with my Uncle that died this month in Nigeria), some may be suffering because of peace that was not made, gratitude that was not expressed, etc. Most of all, the gaping hole their

departure left in us, their loved ones, cannot really be filled by anything or anyone because they were unique. May the celebration of the feast of All Souls bring consolation for each of our families that have lost loved ones. As we pray for them and visit their graves this November month, may we take consolation in the fact that their souls are in the hands of God (Wisdom 3:1), and may we be consoled and healed by the Lord of the Resurrection.

Last year, through the Bereavement Ministry, we explored more ways to celebrate All Souls as a parish; to help bereaved families in their mourning; and to continue to aid the dead with our prayers. So, we had families that lost loved ones bring pictures of their deceased loved ones to Mass. We kept the pictures for a week. It was a good tradition and we wanted to build on that this year. So, once again, we will have families that have lost loved ones in the past year do the same. We will recognize them at the 10:00 am Mass and pray for them. We have not forgotten them and all they did among us. **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.**

As we pray for them, we also ask them to pray for us, for our own consolation, peace and strength. As Catholics, we have the wonderful doctrine of our Communion with the Saints. This gives us a lot of hope and consolation in times of despair and sadness.

On this All Souls Day, we commend them into the hands of Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and all the Saints. May they lead them (our loved ones) to Our Lord Jesus Christ who will escort them into the Kingdom of Heaven. They (our loved ones) will in turn, when our time is up on earth, escort us to Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph and to Our Lord Jesus, Who will escort us to our heavenly home. For now, we must wipe our tears and journey on, like the soldiers of Christ that we are.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be elections across the country for various national, state and city elected positions. I personally have been slow in registering to vote since I became a US citizen some three years ago. The sad nature of politics and all the insincerities of politicians make it hard to decide how to vote. However, if I have to encourage parishioners to go out and vote, I must cast my own vote, too. So, I've decided to go ahead and register. Since I'm still new to New York and Yonkers, I don't know the candidates enough yet. I'll try to educate myself about them and the issues. If I don't vote this time around, I surely will do so next time. So, please educate yourself on the candidates and the positions they're running for and the issues involved. Educate yourself on your faith and values. Then go ahead and vote according to your informed conscience.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be held this Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

The Rosary Altar Society is running a **Christmas Holiday Day Trip** to the Villa Roma Resort & Conference Center in the Catskills on **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. The cost of \$89 includes transportation, lunch, and a Christmas Show. Reservations are required by this Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Fran Raffa (914 963-1620) or Mary Anne Romano (914 963-8885).



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of Peter M. Objay by Laurie Bartolini.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week is lit in loving memory of Donato Sacchetta by Angela Sacchetta.



The **ALTAR CANDLES** are lit this week in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Angela Sacchetta.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. **Note, food can also be dropped off on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, at the school from 5 - 7 p.m.** The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m., ending at 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



## COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



**SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the next two weekends, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.

We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on the **Sunday and Monday morning (November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

**The Mass Book for 2015 opened** on Ash Wednesday and there are still some dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider during a specific week offering the Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, or Sanctuary Lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

### NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS:

This Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

### STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

### TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING *Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	10/27/13	10/26/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,321.50	\$4,764.65	-\$ 556.85
Children	\$ 115.00	\$ 172.60	+\$ 57.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,436.50</b>	<b>\$4,937.25</b>	<b>-\$ 499.25</b>

There will be a second collection at all the Masses next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds. Please be as generous as possible.

### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, *"We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share."* Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Daniel Pezzola, Steven Colon, and Daniel DeRosa.



### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially George Klobists, Brittany Alfarone, Reverend Monsignor William B. O'Brien and Reverend Monsignor Daniel V. Flynn.

**ATTENTION DRIVERS - TIME IS RUNNING OUT:** We will be hosting the New York *Defensive Driving Class* in the McManus Parish Center on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of this course is \$49. **To enroll, please call Chris Morea on (800) 492-9444 or (718) 824-9698 or contact the Rectory Office on (914) 965-0566. Seating is limited!**

NOVEMBER 2, 2014

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

**Saturday, November 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano & Deceased Children

**Sunday, November 2**

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Anna & Tommy Brucculeri

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

**Monday, November 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Bassey Family

**Tuesday, November 4**

**Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Tony Cognatello +

**Wednesday, November 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Sarah Menchen +

**Thursday, November 6**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM James Mahoney +

**Friday, November 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Dorothy Shannon +

**Saturday, November 8**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

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**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**Saturday, November 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, November 9**

8:30 AM Carl Dietze, Robert & Chester Rodesky +

10:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +

5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco & Epimenio Damian Espinosa +



