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Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

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.

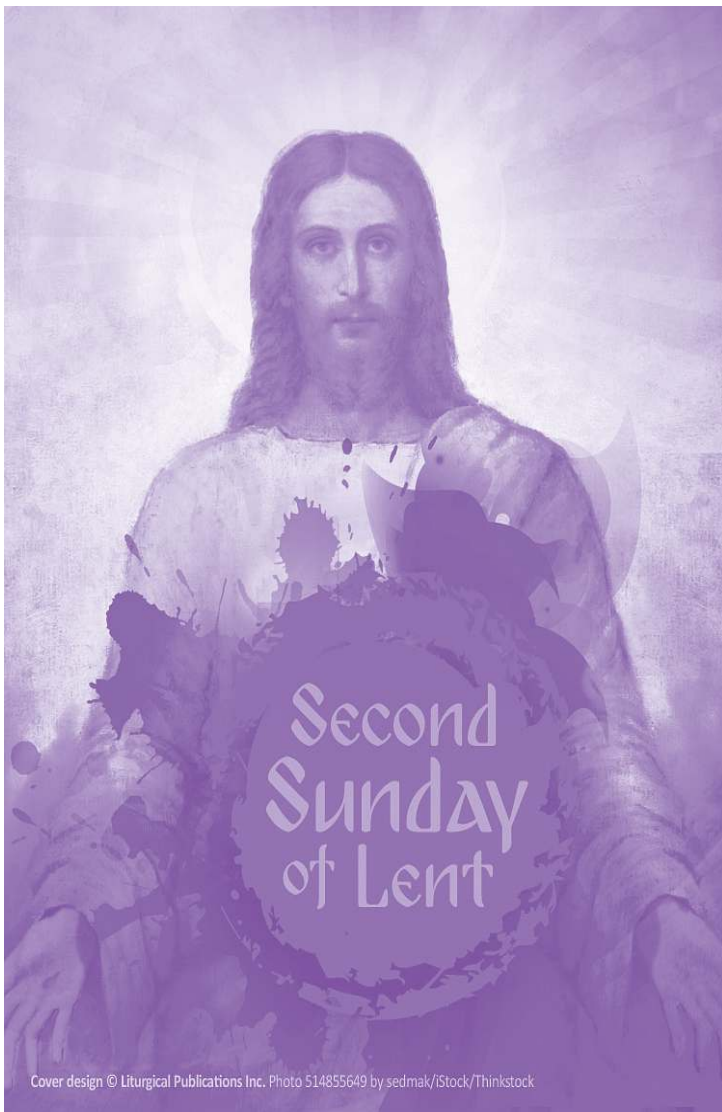
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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

*Rosary Altar Society:* Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

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

*Trustees:* Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



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*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.

**Silence is Golden!**

In our Christmas Play, Mary asked Elizabeth why Zachariah her husband could not speak. She explained that it was because he doubted the Angel of God. Then she went on to happily tell Mary that she had come to realize that silence in a husband was indeed golden. She was cherishing it.

Well, I can understand why most spouses would love their partners to be rendered dumb, and probably mute for a few months. But beyond spousal silence, there's another reason why silence is indeed golden – it is and must be an essential element of our relationship with God. The best prayer or communication with God is really when we spend some quiet or silent time with God in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

I remember this beautiful hymn by Steven Curtis Chapman. We sang this so often from my first days in the seminary to the last. We sang it mostly as a post Communion hymn. It was so calming and reassuring.

***Be still and know that I am the Lord, (4x)  
I am the Lord that healeth thee, (4x)  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust, (4x)***

Parishioners who come to the rectory outside of the office time often comment on how quiet it is. Some wondered how we don't get bored. It doesn't get boring because we were trained to not tolerate silence but to love it. From 10pm till after Mass & breakfast the following day, the entire seminary was just quiet. Think of St. Joseph's seminary and how quiet and peaceful it is, then add the fact that the men inside it observe silence for many hours.

Sadly, many may not connect to what I'm saying because they have not really experienced it. We're constantly on the go. Our families are constantly on the go. Our society is constantly on the go. And as if this is not bad enough, we end up piling on more things – mostly social – to the list. By the end of the day, we barely have so little time, energy or interest to squeeze in some meager basic prayer, not to talk of any extended prayer, like say 20 minutes.

If we struggle with the basics, imagine going to that luxurious extra prayer where we could spend a beautiful hour with Christ! The world would probably disappear before we get back. Yet we need such prayer so badly. If only we knew what peace, love, trust (etc) awaits us when we spend enough time with Christ. If only we knew! Above all, we too, like Abraham, would be able to hear God calling and directing us.

This week, we have our Lenten Retreat. Will you be there to allow Jesus to speak to you? All through Lent we have adoration from 5-7pm before the Stations of the Cross. Come and spend some silent time and commune with Him who constantly awaits us.

***Blessings and peace.***

***Fr. Raphael***

# PARISH NEWS



**All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.

Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> after the Parish Mission. All men of the Parish are invited.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This Friday and every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.



## THE 2018 MASS BOOK OPENED

The Mass Book for 2018 opened on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. There are also some 2017 Masses still available. You may come to the Parish Office during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

## OUR 2017 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday:

- ◆ 5 bundles of Palms at \$60 each
- ◆ Paschal Candle at \$450.00

Please note that the Palms and Candle can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be noted in the bulletin the week after Easter. Thank you for your consideration.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH MISSION— 2017

**THIS MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**

March 13—15 Time: 7:00 p.m.



*“WALKING BY FAITH—A Spirituality for Living Now”*

Fr. Paul R. Fagan, C.P.—Parish Mission Preacher

For more information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**LET’S MARCH AS A PARISH  
Yonkers, St. Patrick’s Day Parade,  
Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Use the sign up sheets at the rear of the church this weekend or call the Parish Office by Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.



*In celebration of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of New York, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.*



**St. Bartholmew’s Pasta Party** (in memory of Vincent Campisi) is on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass. See the flyer in today’s bulletin. Please sign up at the rear of the church and join us for good food and fun!!!

### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible Study is held every Thursday at **7:00 p.m.** in the school building. These sessions are moderated by Father Raphael. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.



Our **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. Their next meeting is this Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH**

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @  
*St\_Barts\_youth.*

### CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS

Is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its members. Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann’s Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-3331.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers Group** is also celebrating their 25th Anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Join them for a luncheon at 1p.m. at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Avenue, Yonkers, NY.

### STEWARDSHIP

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

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,285.40
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- \$ 714.60</b>

\*(Envelopes \$6,135.40, Online \$150.00)

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 6,285.40

**The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$1,373.00**

Thank you to all those who are participating in our *tithing program*! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

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

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

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

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

**MARCH 12, 2017**

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, March 12**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Leonard Revellese +

5:00 PM Sofia, Juan Rosa & Magdaleno Vazquez +

**Monday, March 13**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Maria Vo Thi Be +

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

**Tuesday, March 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)

9:00 AM Margaret & Henry Kielkucki +

**Wednesday, March 15**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Vic Masterson +

9:00 AM Catherine Draghi +

**Thursday, March 16**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM John Ryan +

9:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

**Friday, March 17**

**Lenten Weekday - Saint Patrick, Bishop**

9:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

**Saturday, March 18**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

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**Sunday, March 19**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Gloria, Rose & Leo Savona +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

5:00 PM Sabrina Zevon (Living)

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.



Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- ◇ I am interested in parish membership.
- ◇ I am a visitor.
- ◇ Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- ◇ I am moving out of the Parish.
- ◇ I am going to the hospital.
- ◇ I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- ◇ Please send me the Catholic New York.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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**CHRISM MASS:**

Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd.



**† ORDERS**

**Please come support our own parish priests. To help plan an appropriate size bus, please call the Parish Office ASAP if you plan to attend.**



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