St. Bartholomew's

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." *Lk 15:10*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass $\otimes 2001,\,1998,\,1970$ CCD.

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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.

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar Deacon Robert A. Clemens Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566 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

ON FORGIVING OTHERS

Forgiveness can be an uncomfortable challenge. Sirach bids us renounce vengeance and "set enmity aside" (28:6). Of the unforgiving servant's punishment Jesus declares, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you



forgives your brother from your heart" (Matthew 18:35). However, both scripture and Catholic social teaching distinguish between revenge and justice. Forgiving others means neither denying their wrongdoing nor

absolving them of responsibility. Rather, this Sunday's challenge to forgiveness complements last Sunday's call to reconciliation. Reconciliation, like the tango, takes two and may even require the community's intervention. Forgiveness, on the other hand, takes only one: me.

In the case Peter presents to Jesus, the object of his forgiveness is not global but personal: "If my brother sins against me" (Matthew 18:21). Thus Sirach, in a diabolical reversal of the liturgical kiss of peace, pictures the

unforgiving person embracing not a fellow sinner but "wrath and anger" – "hateful things" – and "hug (ging) them tight" (Sirach 27:30). In an equally diabolical



short-circuiting of the full and unconditional mercy he himself had just received from his master, the Gospel's forgiving servant metes out not patient mercy but swift justice to his fellow servant, whose debit paled in comparison to his own. Rather than expanding the ripple of forgiveness that had cleansed his sin, the unforgiving servant triggers a tsunami of merciless cruelty whose first victim after his fellow servant is, ironically, himself, "handed ... over to the torturers" (Matthew 18:34).

Jesus tells this story after Peter proposes an extravagant limit of forgiveness, the biblical number of perfection, "seven times." But Jesus recalculates, changing seven to seventy-seven (in older translations, seventy times seven), indicating infinity and challenging us to surpass even "perfection" with a forgiveness as widely boundless as God's forgiveness towards us. As Peter would learn later in tears after his own denial, we can only dare to cease forgiving others when we no longer need forgiveness ourselves.

Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a "ripple of forgiveness" that could expand to a global tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017).





The Parish Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Harold W. Smith III by Dolly De Rosa.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Religious Education Classes began on Tuesday, September 12th. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:



Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Practice will be every Thursday, and began last Thursday, September 14^{th.} Children's choir begins at **5:45 p.m.** and the adult choir begins at **6:25 p.m.**

Come and join us!!!!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor and pray for those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church . We thank our catechists and program assistants for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth and adults in this parish.



JOIN US ON THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 7 PM



St. Bartholomew's Parish will host a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, conducted by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, on <u>this Friday September 22nd at 7pm.</u> The Virtual Pilgrimage is a guided spiritual journey offering the experience of Lourdes in a local interactive "pilgrimage event" without leaving home. Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock, experience the precious water from the Grotto spring, and receive a Eucharistic Blessing as in

Lourdes. Pope Francis grants a plenary indulgence to all who experience Lourdes through a virtual pilgrimage with the North American Volunteers. This is a very special opportunity afforded our parish so we ask that you mark this date on your calendar now so that you may attend. For more information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

Join the **Rosary Altar Society** ladies for their annual "Tea Party with Mary" on <u>this Saturday, September 23rd</u> McManus Center, 12 Noon to 3 p.m. Cost: \$15 per adult, \$5.00 per child under 16 Come join us for some prayer and snacks!

BE "INFORMED" FOR SEPTEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to <u>www.formed.org</u> which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. This week, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Study *Lectio: Evangelization* or watch *Lost Gospels* or *False Gospels*. You can also listen to the audio, *The Gospel of Matthew*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the $1^{\text{st}} \& 3^{\text{rd}}$ Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be this Sunday, September 17^{th}

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, juice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly Actual Received Last Sunday Balance *(Envelopes \$5,333.65, Online 310.00)	\$7,000.00 \$5,643.65 - \$1,356.35
Amount Needed for Month of September	\$28,000.00

Amount Collected Thus Far \$11,426.85

Half Year Summary (March to August)

Amount Budgeted	 \$182,000.00
Amount Collected	\$158,160.05

Total Year Summary	(September to August)	
Amount Budgeted	\$364,000.00	
Amount Collected	\$309,230.05	

The Second Collection in support of the church in Latin America and the Home Mission Appeal totaled \$1,114.00

"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!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, and Richard (Dick) Novak.

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

September 17, 2017



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday, September 16 (Anticipated Mass) 5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family ******* Sunday, September 17 Peter Klee + 8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Joseph Family 10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish 11:30 AM 5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado + ***** **** Monday, September 18 Weekday 7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Benjamin Pelliccio + Tuesday, September 19 Weekday 7:00 AM Anthony Ponzini + 9:00 AM Al Dio Dati + Wednesday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs 7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Concetta Darretta + Thursday, September 21 Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist 7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III + Friday, September 22 Weekday Virginia Forte + 7:00 AM Dolores Di Paolo + 9:00 AM Saturday, September 23 Saint Pius of Pietreicina, Priest 9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III + ******* ****** **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Saturday, September 23 (Anticipated Mass) Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo + 5:00 PM ********** Sunday, September 24 8:30 AM Michael & Mildred Pollick + Lawrence Tiplady + 10:00 AM

Joseph Del Bene +

For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM 5:00 PM

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.

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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.

- \Box I am moving out of the Parish.
- \Box I am going to the hospital.
- $\hfill\square$ I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- \Box Please send me the Catholic New York.
- \Box I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is **this** Thursday, September 21st at 1 p.m.

The group is also holding its annual Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY next Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.All are welcome.

MASS OF HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church, *this* Tuesday, September 19th at 8:00 p.m. Celebrant is Fr. Mathew Zhakath, OCD