

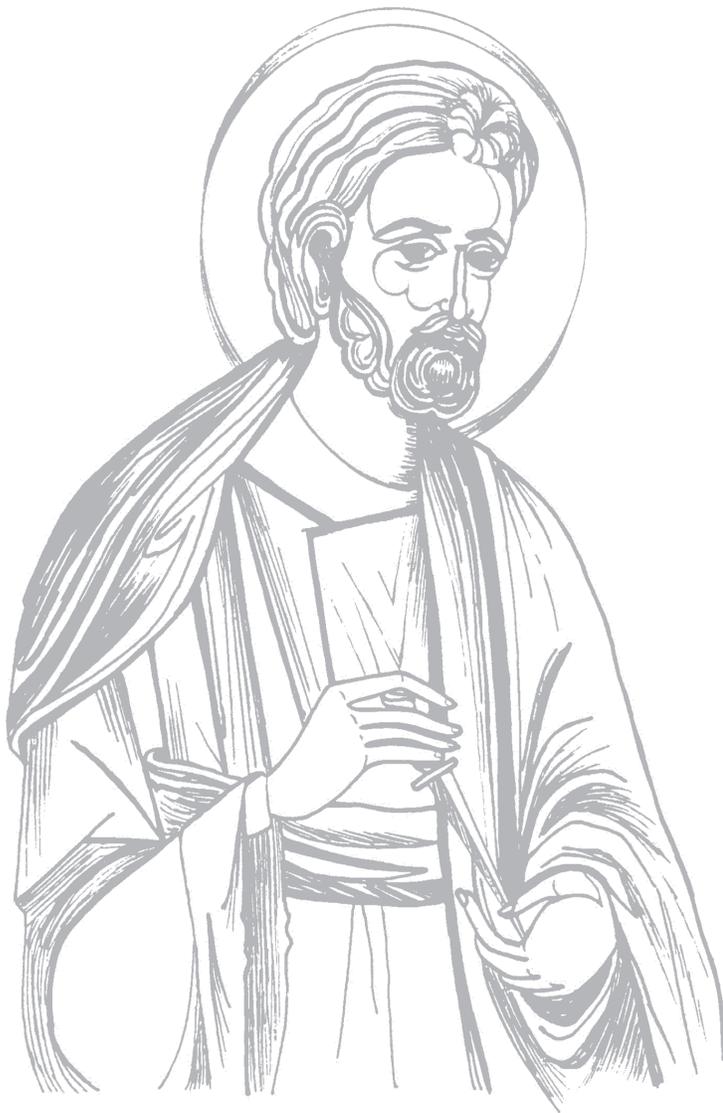
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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*
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Deacon Robert A. Clemens
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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

MISCONCEPTIONS & TRUE KNOWLEDGE



Fallacy, delusion, misconception, misunderstanding, misreading and false impression – all these are synonyms of misconception. The opposite is true knowledge or understanding. What do today's reading have to do with misconception and true knowledge? Check out our first reading from 2 Kings 5:14-17 – the story of Naaman, his wife's maid and Elisha, the Prophet.

The misconception began with King Joram of Israel. King Ben-Hadad II of Aram had sent a letter to King Joram, requesting his help to cure one of his army commanders afflicted with leprosy, Naaman. King Joram misunderstood King Ben-Hadad's true intentions, not without cause though. Naaman's wife's maid was an Israelite girl captured during one of the raids by the Arameans on Israel (verse 2). So, King Joram misread the request as a veiled attempt to wage another war on Israel. Thus, he went into panic mode and sent for Elisha the Prophet. Elisha was not rattled, because he understood the true intention of King Ban-Hadad – healing for his beloved Naaman. Thus, he calmed the king down and reassured him. **The king then understood. And was at peace.**

The next misconception came from Naaman himself. He misunderstood how the famous Prophet Elisha and his God were going to cure and cleanse him. So, when Elisha told him to "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan and your flesh will heal, and you will be clean" (verse 10), he was disappointed and angry. He had thought that Elisha was going to pronounce some abracadabra and wave his hands over his wounds and he'd be healed. Wrong! He felt insulted that he was told to go and wash in the Jordan as though Aram had no rivers; they had better ones for that matter.

Just as God used Elisha to correct King Joram, He uses, once again, the Israelite servant to correct Naaman. He must have heard God telling him deep within his being, "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:9). **And he understood. And he was healed.**

This story is mostly about how people moved from ignorance and misconception to true knowledge. It invites us to consider how we often misunderstand some aspects of our relationship with God (and the Church). Sometimes, with consequences that set us backwards in this relationship. I am sure you'll have your own personal examples, but here are two common or widespread ones.

God is too busy for our problems: A little child knelt down to say her night prayer. She prayed for her family members quickly and told God she would not bother Him with minor issues seeing how busy He must be. Whether we verbalize this or not, we often harbor this misconception within our hearts. Some even believe this out rightly. Our God is omnipotent and omnipresent. For God time is non-existent. He is ever present to you and to me! Period.

We assume God is never satisfied. This misconception might come from Jesus' command: "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). We must realize that God does not love us because of what we can do for Him. He is satisfied with us primarily because we are His children and because of the blood His Son shed on the cross for us. All He wants from us is to love Him with our whole heart, mind and soul. We are good enough for Him once we do so.

May God send you people like Elisha and the Israelite servant girl to help you correct any misconceptions you might have about Him, which might also be hindering the growth of your relationship with Him. Amen.

Fr. Rapael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, October 10th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All men of the Parish are welcome.

This Monday, October 10th, is a holiday. There will be only one Mass on that day at 9 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Joan Oliver, Reverend Monsignor Robert F. McCormick,

Reverend Gerard D. O'Shea and Reverend Thomas F. McDonald.

The **BREAD AND WINE** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Joan Oliver by the Raguso Family



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN



Religious Education

It is not too late to register. Classes are available for children in 1st grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.

If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces, canned fish, canned corn, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, rice, paper products such as paper towels, tissues, etc.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.

TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

This Thursday, October 13th

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



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, October 16th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

OKTOBERFEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey.



OTHER OUTSIDE EVENTS

Red Mass

The Reverend Thomas E. Collins, President of Archbishop Stepinac High School will celebrate the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary, Attorneys and Members of Law Enforcement and their families this Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY. This solemn religious ceremony dates back to Europe in the 13th century. In the United States, the practice was instituted by the Catholic Lawyers Guild in the New York Archdiocese in 1938. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the auditorium of St. John the Evangelist School located near the church.

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609

7th & 8th Grade Retreat

"Love: Growing in Relationships"

Fri. Oct. 28 - Sat. Oct. 29 or Sat. Oct. 29-Sun. Oct. 30, 2016

Discussion on evaluating relationships: with self, with friends, and the healthy/unhealthy elements of friendship; relationship with family, and how this relationship changes. The retreat concludes with examining the relationship with God. Families are invited & encouraged to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday at 3pm. For information, call 845 424-3609 or visit our website www.cyfm.org.

Girls' Day-By-Day-Agape (DDA) Retreat Oct. 20-23, 2016

For and **BY** high school teens 15+ years old. Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ. Friars, adult Team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. For information, contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events".

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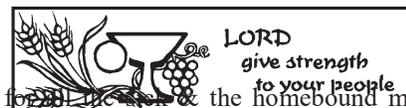
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	10/4/15	10/2/16	Difference
Adults	\$6,363.20	\$5,062.00	-\$1,301.20
Children	\$ 256.70	\$ 122.00	-\$ 134.70
Total	\$6,619.90	\$5,184.00	-\$1,435.90

"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 or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



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 and Giovanna Robinson.

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

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.

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

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

OCTOBER 9, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nick & Anthony Lalli +

Sunday, October 9

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +
10:00 AM Carol Marie Kolnik +
11:30 AM Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 10

Weekday - Columbus Day

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

Tuesday, October 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Cosimo Fiorentino +
9:00 AM Louis Iacomini +

Wednesday, October 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Margaret Vetrano +
9:00 AM Margaret Lucchesi +

Thursday, October 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Ignatius "Nat" Alvich +
9:00 AM Helen Trinchera +

Friday, October 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Rachelle Batac (living)
9:00 AM Frank & Mary Fayden +

Saturday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM William Mitchell +

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 16

8:30 AM Pasqua Capuano +
10:00 AM George Klobosits +
11:30 AM Ralph Verderosa +
5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

