

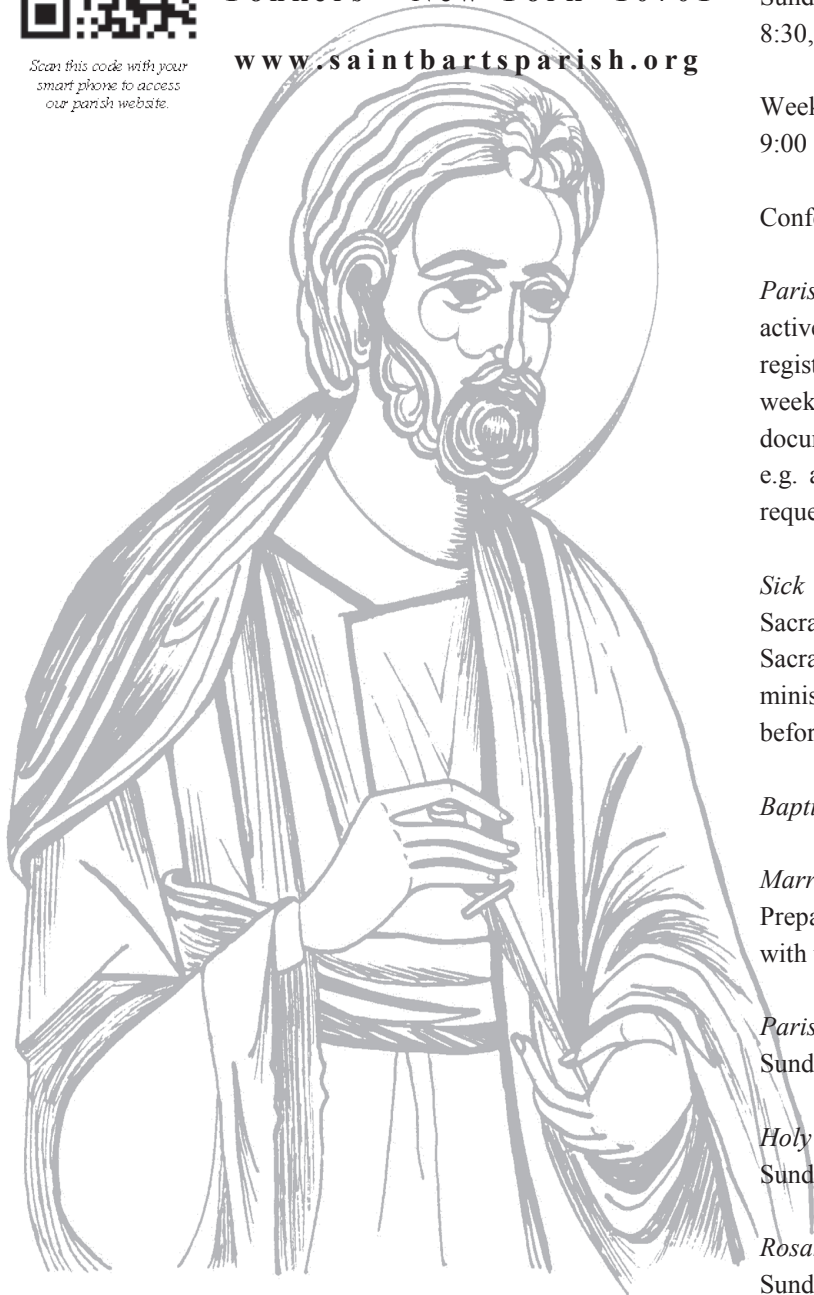
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. 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

OF MOSES, PARENTS, YOU AND ME

There are many worried souls as summer vacation days fizzle out and school reopening dates loom large. For one thing there are the youngsters who just hate the idea of going back to school. And although the majority of parents are deeply happy and grateful to see them go back to school, there are quite a few worried ones, like those who have just dropped off their teenagers at their new colleges or are getting ready to do so. I know part of the gloom is because these youngsters are leaving home and will be on their own for the first time. And parents, especially mothers, are often very, very worried - if not terrified.

Well, you're not alone. In today's first reading, Moses was worried about the people he led out of Egypt and led for over forty years. Due to his disobedience (Numbers 20:8-12), God told him he'd not set his foot on the Promise Land. So now, as he nears his death, and as the Israelites near the Promised Land, he addresses them one more time, telling them to remain loyal to God in the land of their patriarchs. He wants them to appreciate the fact that God's Covenant and Laws were for their own good and they should stay away from pagan gods and stay close to their Living God. Sounded simple, just as a parent's advice to a youngster leaving for college sounds simple. We know that Moses' worries were not unfounded. We know that some parents worries and fears are not baseless. But not every Israelite disobeyed Moses nor does every teen disappoint his/her parents.

So, to our teens, keep your heads high. Remember the values you were taught. Remember the God that has seen you through to this moment. Keep to His commands and heed your parents advice. Do these and you'll never regret it, not even for one single day. May the Lord be with you all. Amen. And worried parents, let the kids be. Don't call them ten times a day. Use that time and pray for them. Peace to you. Amen.

THANKS & PRAISE

Our 2nd Annual St. Bart's Feast Day Celebration/Block Party went beautifully well. Everyone had fun and socialized. We had some visitors who dropped in to see what was happening. Sincere thanks everyone, especially the following:

- ◆ Tony & Margie Cruz and Tony & Ann Marie Martelli who coordinated the event. Great job.
- ◆ Our Youth Group & parents who helped with set-up, clean-up, etc.
- ◆ Paul Capuano & Joe Chimenti who helped to prepare the food.
- ◆ John & Karen McKenna for soliciting donations from vendors.
- ◆ Frank Cutignola who donated the hot dog/hamburger buns.
- ◆ Christine Fitzpatrick, Martha Cesaitis, Pat Mahoney, Vivian Cortes, Rich Califano, and other that helped to serve.
- ◆ Tony Cruz who made the evening extra special with his music team. He also did the beautiful fliers.

Finally and most of all, many thanks to all of you who contributed financially toward the event and to everyone who showed up. What's a party without the people! We'll make it even better next year.

St. Bartholomew – Pray For Us.

NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

As I mentioned last weekend, one of our current administrative assistants, Loreen Ryan will be retiring this Monday, August 31. Once again, we sincerely thank her for her 8+ years of faithful, diligent and committed service to St. Bart's. It wasn't just a job for her, she is a true parishioner and cares deeply for the parish and served so efficiently well in the office. We'll miss her. But, she's still here with us – as a parishioner.

Again, Karen Maccia McKenna, another caring and diligent soul, will continue as the main administrative assistant. Join me to welcome **Ellen Chimenti**, our new administrative assistant. Ellen has been the Chair of our Youth Coordinators for several years and has been involved in the parish for many years now. She already knows many parishioners and many of our parents and our youth and is not new to the parish office. Welcome Ellen! I hope you will enjoy your stay and work with us.

PARISH NEWS



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, September 3rd, 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. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For information, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

**Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, September 3rd**



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

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, September 4th, is



First Friday. We will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular Monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, September 5th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, September 6th.



OUR FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday, September 6th, we will



celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Religious Education Classes for public school children will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. Help us to spread the word that applications are still being accepted. Classes for children from age 6 through High School meet on Tuesday evenings, while we have a preschool program for Pre-K and kindergarten that meets after school. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information and registration.



If you or someone you know needs 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.


MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“... keep oneself unstained by the world.” Modern society is not supportive of a God-centered marriage. Learn the needed tools to keep your marriage Christ-centered on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwme.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **ALTAR CANDLES** are provided this week in loving memory of John Palermo by Josephine Smith.

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** of Yonkers will hold their **Annual Mass and Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, September 20th, at 9:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers. Breakfast will follow immediately at Dunwoodie Golf Course for \$23 per person. For reservations and information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE TRIP

It’s not too early to reserve your seat to see *The Miracle of Christmas* on **Friday, December 4th**, at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. All reservations must be made by Wednesday, September 30th, and are on a first come basis as tickets are limited.



Join the millions of people from all over the world who have seen this one of a kind, awe inspiring experience at the largest biblical theatre in this country. Call 914 476-6676 to reserve your seat today.

This Friday, September 4th, the Parish Office will close at 12 noon for the Labor Day weekend.



The **YOUTH GROUP** normally meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Because of the Labor Day weekend, their next meeting will be Sunday, September 20th. All youths age 13 and up are welcome.

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

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.



TITHING – GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING
Last Weekend’s Contribution Comparison

	8/24/14	8/23/15	Difference
Adults	\$4,605.55	\$4,914.45	+\$ 308.90
Children	\$ 60.30	\$ 34.00	-\$ 26.30
Total	\$4,665.85	\$4,948.45	+\$ 282.60

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!

“WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL.”

~ Albert Pike



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 Swiatkovicz, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, 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, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Sister Eileen Burns, OSF, Judith Elliott, Mary Ann Klobosits, and Theresa Venturino.

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

AUGUST 30, 2015

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Intentions of Orozco Valdovinos Family

Sunday, August 30

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM John Palermo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

Monday, August 31

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Louise & Albert DePierro, Jr. +

Tuesday, September 1

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Rush +

Wednesday, September 2

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anna McGill +

Thursday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Friday, September 4

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Elise Vorburger (living)

Saturday, September 5

Weekday

9:00 AM Vincent DeBuona +

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 6

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of DelBene & Salerno Families +

11:30 AM Caroline Longobardi +

5:00 PM Amada Ortiz +

AUGUST 30, 2015

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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 on 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 a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- 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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ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S BLOCK PARTY



Last Saturday, our second annual Block Party in honor of our Patron, St. Bartholomew, was a huge success, thoroughly enjoyed by parishioners and neighbors alike. We visited, we ate, we danced, we played games - a good time was had by all!

One of our parishioners won the 50/50 raffle prize. Congratulations to Gloria DeLuccy! Thanks to all for your generous support & participation! Let's do it again next year!