

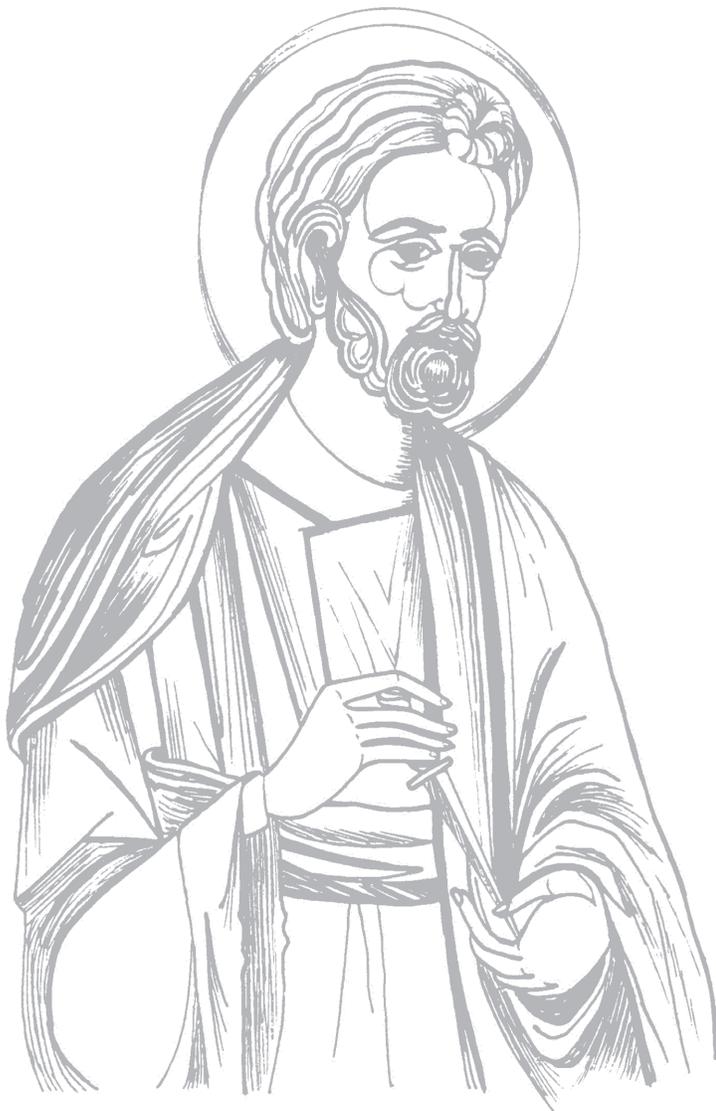
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

Of Commitment and Life Reality

It was all joy and smiles all around. It was the priestly ordination of 13 young men at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Manhattan on May 28th. As I watched them process up to the altar, I knew the joy and excitement in their hearts. I've been there. As they processed down the aisle after Mass, I knew their emotions and thoughts - somehow. As they blessed their relatives and friends, I could recognize that feeling of amazement, among others. Their zeal at that point would have no limit. Their commitment would be way beyond 100%. I remember lying prostrate on the floor as the bishop invoked the Holy Spirit upon us. I gave my all and promised my all.

Think of one time you've had to make a commitment wholeheartedly. For us priests and religious, that would probably be the ordination or religious profession day. For those who are married, you too would have had that feeling as you vowed to love and cherish your spouse until death breaks the bond of marriage. For those who have never tied the knot, another example should suffice, like when you were baptized (if baptized as adult) or when you made your First Communion. Either way, I'm sure each of us can find a time in their lives when their commitment to God was at its pinnacle. You felt you could do anything for God.

Then months and years later, daily realities of that commitment set in. For couples it's said that the years after the arrival of the first baby are some of the hardest. It's also said that the first five years is normally the toughest for newly wed couples. Regardless of your state in life, the realities of your commitment to God sets in sooner rather than later. The readings this weekend invite us to reflect on how we've been handling those commitments.

I'll be 20 years in the priesthood this June 29th. Fr. Anthony Mbanefo will be 24 years in the priesthood on July 1st. For me it's a time to reflect on how I'm living my commitment and how I could do it better. My dream would be to never forget that day I laid prostrate on the floor – a sign of total commitment to God. I have never doubted my commitment to God. And I'm sure you probably (hopefully) have not either. If you have, the fact that you're reading this shows that you're still committed to God. The problem, however, is the degree of implementation.

I've always heard complaints from parishioners everywhere I have gone, about how people commit to help in one thing or another but fail to show up. That normally meant that someone else is then saddled with double duties. It's the same with our commitment to God. When we fail to show up (physically and otherwise), we cause problems for others and worse still, we leave God stranded (humanly speaking). Yes, things come up and life happens to us, but we must strive always to keep our commitment with God. Elisha kept his commitment to the end (1 Kings 19:16-21). Paul lived out his commitment and invites us to do the same (Galatians 5:1,13-18). Finally, the gospel (Luke 9:51-62) warns us to never look back once we commit to God. Imagine where you and I would be if God for once fails to honor his commitment to us! Phewwww!

May we strive more to keep our commitment no matter what hand life deals us. Amen.

Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey	
1 Blue Spruce tree (Rectory front)	= \$500.00
3 Cleveland Select Pear trees	= \$300.00 each
4 Climbing Roses	= \$100.00 each
Emerald Green Arborvitae	= \$100.00 each
1 Big Wooden Cross/Installation	= \$150.00
9 Winter Gem Boxwood	= \$70.00 each
A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.	

Blessings and Peace.

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated by Louis & Angela Brusco in loving memory of Angelina Brusco.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Sister Pauline Chirchirillo (Sister Mary Olivia). Sister Pauline was one of the first teachers in St. Bartholomew's School.



Rest in Peace

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◇ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◇ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, July 1st, 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. This Saturday, July 2nd, 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.

Blood Drive, Friday, July 8, 2016 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. McManus Parish Center

St. Bart's will be conducting its 84th blood drive in the 35 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6312 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Liam Yaphockun will be conducting this drive as an Eagle Scout Project. If you can donate, please contact Liam at 917 580-2718 or e mail at LIAMBLOODDRIVE @ AOL.COM for an appointment and tell your friends too!



Save the Dates for the following Parish Events

Saturday, August 6th

After the 5 p.m. Mass- FatherRaphael's "50th" Birthday Celebration- Pot Luck Dinner. More Details to Follow!!

Saturday, August 27th

Feast of St. Bartholomew Block Party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. More details to follow!!

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.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 25th Mass will be at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, New York at 10 a.m. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23.00 per person. All are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

Job Posting

St. Joseph Hill Academy, an all girls High School is seeking a principal to uphold its mission of preparing its students, academically and spiritually, to become confident young women ready to meet society's challenges. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Roman Catholic with prior relevant experience with school administration, fiscal and strategic planning, and will possess excellent communication skills necessary to interact with the Board of Trustees, faculty, the student body and the Staten Island Community. Candidates should hold a Master's Degree. Please send resumes and cover letters to sisterwilliam@gmail.com.

Tuition-Free Job Training

Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. Technical and professional skills taught. Classes begin September, 2016. Attend an Open House and learn more! Please visit www.graceinstitute.org/admissions @graceinstitute.org or call 212 832-7605



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

Table with 4 columns: Category, 6/21/15, 6/19/16, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

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 use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 6 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 Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto and Joseph Fletcher.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Bomadi Mission Appeal of Nigeria. We wish Bishop Hyacinth continued success on his mission. We are happy to have him with us until the middle of July.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!

JUNE 26, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joanne D'Angelo +

Sunday, June 26

8:30 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Margaret Verderosa +
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Monday, June 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Tuesday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 AM Daniel Casey (Living)
9:00 AM Louise Mattioli +

Wednesday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00 AM Eleanor Kolnik +
9:00 AM Margaret Manning +

Thursday, June 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Teresina & Luigi Pagnotta +

Friday, July 1

Weekday

7:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +
9:00 AM Madeline Kilgannon +

Saturday, July 2

Weekday

9:00 AM Rose Marie Fasanella +

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Peter Objay +

Sunday, July 3

8:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +
10:00 AM Dan & Mary McCarthy +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

