

St. Bartholomew's

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." *Lk 14:13-14*

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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 Ezech, 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

A MONTH OF H ATRED AND LOVE



We human beings are full of mysteries. One such mystery is how from the same heart flows love and hatred. We can love when we decide to, and we can hate when we decide to. And we can do both to extremes. We do that as individuals. We do that as groups – be it family, neighborhood, nation, ethnicity, religious, political, social, etc. The month of August that just ended is a month of extremes.

It began on Saturday (August 12), with the Charlottesville controversy over the planned removal of the statue of Robert E. Lee from a park. At the center of the violence that erupted were the various groups that formed Unite the Right, including the White supremacist, Alt-right, K.K.K., neo-Confederate, and other groups that were characterized as hate groups by the media, politicians, and the public. They went down to Charlottesville to protest against the removal of the statue. On the other side you had mainly the Black Lives Matter group and other groups that fight against racism, homophobia, sexism, etc. They were protesting against Unite the Right, and supporting the removal of the statue.

At the end of this man-made disaster, at least 3 people were dead and 35 injured. It was a story of bloody street brawls. A woman was killed by a driver who plowed into the crowd. The Attorney General called it a "domestic terrorism." The incident was ugly and showed some of the worse in us as human beings and as a nation. My biggest worry and sadness whenever these divisive issues and events rear their heads is the lack of objectivity or consensus as a nation. It seems it always boils down to whether one is on the left or right or center. With truth there's nothing like left, right or center.

Enter hurricane Harvey, which made landfall at Corpus Christi, Texas, on Friday night – August 25, as a Category 4 hurricane. The nation watched and prayed, as millions were rendered homeless by dangerous flood water. As of Tuesday, 18 people were dead in connection with the hurricane, with billions of dollars in estimated damages. One cop who left home with a burning desire to help in the rescue effort never got there. His wife had pleaded with him not to leave the house. He died in the flood. Over 3,000 National Guards and government agencies were fully involved. New York sent in about 104 Air Guards.

Private citizens took it upon themselves to rescue trapped victims. A group of people formed a human chain to rescue an elderly man being swept away in the flood. Some went and purchased boats so as to help out. Many used kayaks, rafts, canoes, and whatever was available to help rescue people. People in neighboring states offered and did take in victims from the flooding.

Suddenly, we're all one, with the same blood and human emotions running through us all. One headline from the Daily News said it all: **"America responds with heroism and heart to help Houston recover from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey."** For awhile, we forgot the Charlottesville's incident that brought out the worst out in us. Harvey brought out the best in us. And we're at our very best when we love and care for each other. When we forget the color of the other person's skin. When we forget where the other person come from. When we forget their religion. When we forget their party leaning and ideologies. When we forget their economic and academic status. When we realize (often unconsciously) that every life matters! Every life! Our capacity to empathize is what makes us human – children of God. It's innate in us. Sadly, we can also repress it.

We must let our light shine. At all times not only during crisis. And it begins with each of us. **Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"** (Matthew 16:21-27).

Blessings and Peace.

Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



This Monday, September 4th is Labor Day. **The Parish Office will be closed.** There will be only one Mass that day at 9 a.m.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Agnes Masterson and Florence McCormack.



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of – Angelina Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Religious Education Classes begin again on Tuesday, September 12th. Children in public school who will be entering



Religious Education

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, beginning on Thursday, September 14th– children's choir beginning at **5:45 p.m.** and the adult choir beginning at **6:25 p.m.** Come and join us!!!!

Please pray for all our young people returning to school May God grant them success in their studies and a safe school year.



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!



Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, September 7th 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,954.00
Balance	- \$2,046.00
*(Envelopes \$4,694.00, Online \$260.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of August	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$21,640.15

"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, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak.

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

FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code YWHDC2 and enjoy. September 4th we celebrate the Canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta. Study: *33 Days to Morning Glory*, Week 3: *St. Teresa of Calcutta*. You can also watch *Mother Teresa*, or read: *The Kiss of Jesus* or *Love: A Fruit Always in Season*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, September 7th, 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.



JOIN US ON 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 Friday September 22nd at 7pm. 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 Saturday, September 23rd 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!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE BLOCK PARTY A FUN FILLED EVENT, THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED, DONATED AND PARTICIPATED. THE WEATHER WAS WONDERFUL AND EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.



GOD BLESS YOU!!

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!!



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 will be Sunday, September 17th.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

September 3, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 3

8:30 AM Emily Lavelle +
10:00 AM Mary De Stefano +
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +
5:00 PM Suor Maria Ciria +

Monday, September 4
Weekday-Labor Day

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

Tuesday, September 5
Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin Neary +
9:00 AM Frank Mazzo +

Wednesday, September 6
Weekday

7:00 AM Margaret Maccia +
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Thursday, September 7
Weekday

7:00 AM Albert Baumeister +
9:00 AM William Simunek +

Friday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 AM The Capuano Grandchildren (Living)
9:00 AM Diane Wasiczko-Fabrizio +

Saturday, September 9
Weekday

9:00 AM Diane Gleason Buurman & dec. mem. of the Gleason Fam.

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Reverend Terzo Vinci, S.A.C.

Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Deceased members of Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +
11:30 AM Dec. Members Of Salerno & Del Bene Families
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

September 3, 2017

PARISH CALENDAR

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE PUBLISHING OUR SEPTEMBER/
OCTOBER EVENTS AS A BULLETIN INSERT.**

Below are the Parish's September events.

**NOTE: EVENTS, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO
CHANGE. ANY EVENT THAT IS CHANGED WILL BE
ANNOUNCED AT ALL
MASSES.**

Sun., Sept. 3	Rosary Altar Society Mass	8:30 AM
Wed., Sept. 6	Rosary Altar Society Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 7	Seniors Mass and Gathering	9:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 9	Youth Car Wash	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 10	Holy Name Society Mass	8:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 10	Family Mass and Breakfast	10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 11	Holy Name Society Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 15	Children's Ministry Gathering	5:30-8:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 18	Pastoral Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 21	Senior Movie Thursday	9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 22	Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage	7:00-10:00 PM
Sat., Sept 23 (ch. From 9/16)	Rosary Altar Society Tea Party	12Noon-3 PM

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@arch.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archy.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.'