

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. President, Joan Liddell

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

Fifth Sunday of

EASTER



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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.

DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED



Jesus foresaw what could happen to His disciples after He was gone. They would feel abandoned, neglected, alone, fearful, troubled, disheartened, etc. And they did feel all these and more. So He took care of business way ahead of time, shoring up

their faith and confidence in Him and the Father. In the Gospel today, He tells them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled (John 14:1). He also assured them that they'd be following Him to where He was going, though not immediately (John 13: 36).

Many in our world today, especially children and seniors, suffer these same emotions – loneliness, neglect, troubled hearts, fears, etc. Fortunately, many individuals, governments and groups step up and step in to care for them. We must continue to lend our support whenever and however we can.

But beyond our human help, the greatest help for these brothers and sisters and for us, whenever we are caught up in these emotions and realities, is to hear Jesus saying to us: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Have faith in Me. I'll come through for you, but in My own way and at My own time.

May the Risen Lord dispel the darkness of our fears, loneliness, and rejections. Amen.

THANKS FOR PRAYING FOR NIGERIAN GIRLS

Many continue to ask me about the girls and if my or Fr. Daniel's people are affected. The problem is up in the North where Islam is predominant. The South is predominantly Christian. It's safe for now, and we pray and hope this does not spread further. I'm personally glad that the US and other Western countries are now helping the Nigerian government. Right from the beginning of Boko Haram, I knew we needed help to fight them swiftly and decisively. But like many things in my country, the Government handled it pathetically. First, they looked in the other direction, and then politicized it. Next they tried to please everyone and finally felt helpless, and sadly proud! A proverb in my language says that when carrying another person's corpse, it feels like a log of wood. If it's the corpse of a loved one, the dynamics changes 360 degrees.

Do continue to keep the girls and their families and the situation in Nigeria in your prayers.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Pentecost Sunday comes up on June 8th. This year we will try some extra things to better further bring out the meaning and importance of the feast. At all Masses, parts of the Mass, including the readings and prayers of the faithful will be done in different languages.

Our parish is richly blessed with great diversity - people from various countries or whose parents and grandparents came from different countries. We should celebrate this reality and strength. And what better day to do so than on Pentecost day!

Let us know your or your parents/grandparents country of origin. We will purchase each country's flag and keep them for celebrations that showcase our diversity, beginning with this the upcoming Pentecost day.

IN THANKS AND PRAISE

To members of the Holy Name Society for coordinating the Mother's Day Breakfast. I missed it because of the tight Mass schedule. But I heard it was good and went well.

We also welcome the newest members of the Holy Name Society – Juan Roman, Lou Pastor, James Lucas, and Joe Monroig. Blessings on everyone of you.

BLESSING AND PEACE.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, May 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.



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

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year's Religious Education program. 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.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. (RCIA) Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.



Fifth Sunday of Easter

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2014) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 8th. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SPRING CONCERT

This coming Saturday, May 24th, at 7 p.m.

McManus Parish Center

Ticket prices: Adults \$10, Children 10-18 \$5, Children under 10 Free, Family \$20



Come and support our talented parishioners and our parish!



The YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, May 18th. All youths age 13 & up are invited.

Attention Drivers!

We will be hosting the New York *Defensive Driving Class* in St. Bartholomew's School building on Saturday, June 14th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's licenses and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for three years! The cost of this course is only \$49. To enroll, please call the rectory at (914) 965-0566 or Chris Morea at (718) 824-9698. Register now, seating is limited!



Spousal Loss Support

For adults who have lost a spouse/life partner

Free 8 week session beginning on Monday, June 16th through Monday, August 11th, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the *Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care* office, 670 White Plains Road, Suite 213, Scarsdale. Contact Laura Hanlon at 914 787-6158, ext. 1336 for additional information.



The Rosary Altar Society is holding their year end dinner at Fogarty's on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Smith at 914 476-5386.

The Annual Parish Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day.



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

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	5/12/13	5/11/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,642.35	\$5,827.90	+\$ 185.55
Children	\$ 109.65	\$ 124.00	+\$ 14.35
Total	\$5,752.00	\$5,951.90	+\$ 199.90

The 2nd Collection to aid the Church in Central & Eastern Europe totaled \$1,183.80

"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, Jule Yaskovic, 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 Swiatkowicz, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Teresa Buoninfante.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Theresa Fontanello and Daniel Jordano.  *Rest in Peace*

May 18, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Alexander Trancynger +

Sunday, May 18

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Charles & Mary Barba & Son +

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

Monday, May 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Eleanor DiBenedetto +

Tuesday, May 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Daniel Jordano +

9:00 AM John Bryce +

Wednesday, May 21

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No intention

9:00 AM Gene & John S. DelBene +

Thursday, May 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

Friday, May 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Madelyn Samuels +

Saturday, May 24

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Umberto Stangarone +

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, May 25

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30 AM Paul & Maddalena Coniglio +

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

May 18, 2014

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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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 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.



SAVE THE DATE

**GIANT INDOOR TAG SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST**

Household, baby & holiday items - clothing - furniture -
toys & games - much more!

Donations will be needed and accepted after all the Sunday Masses on **Saturday & Sunday, June 14th & 15th**. It is being run by our Religious Education Program and our Youth Group.