

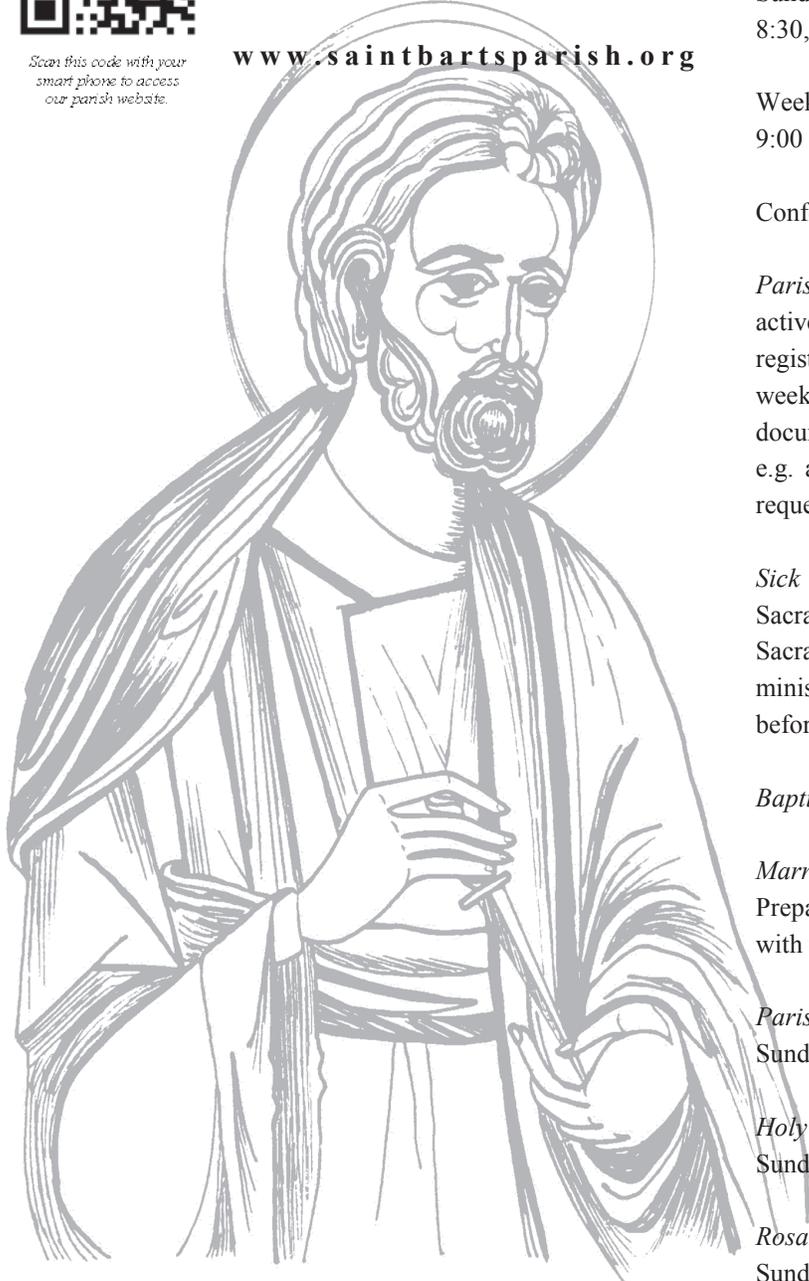
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

The Ministry of Touch



We all know the importance of touch, but I think we often underestimate it's subtle but effective power or at least forget to use it more often. In today's Gospel (Mark 7:31-37), the friends of a deaf and mute man brought him to Jesus for healing. Instead of his normal healing method – word alone – Jesus employed a different and unique method – touching and spitting. Well, we're not Jesus and so we will not only offend others but will definitely not get away with any form of spitting. Now, the touching method is the one we can always utilize. Think of how often your touch brought relief to someone who was worried; or reassurance to someone who was worried or frightened; or hope to someone who had lost it; or calm to one who was desperate; or love to someone who felt unloved; or acceptance to someone who felt rejected; or peace to someone who had none; or friendship to one who was an enemy, etc. The list can be endless. So, this week, I invite us to be more conscious of those situations and moments we could use our hands to work little but significant miracles.

Thanks For Your Generosity

It was three months yesterday since Fr. Anthony passed away. May his soul rest in peace. Amen. Time does help to heal all wounds and pains. I know we have accepted the will of God, as painful as it was. And thank God for His grace of consolation, which we have all received.

I know that we all appreciated that wonderful opportunity to say our goodbyes and to pray for him and mourn him together here at St. Bart's. Once again, many thanks to everyone who, in one way or another, helped to make all that possible. On behalf of the parish, I sincerely thank those that donated toward the funeral expenses and toward the Father Anthony Memorial Gardens. Finally, we can give you a breakdown of the income and expenses:

INCOME:

Private Donations towards his funeral totaled	\$5,500.00
Donations & parish collection towards the gardens	\$4,314.10
Total Income	\$9,814.10

EXPENSES:

Expenses related to bringing his body from Chicago to NY	\$1,500.00
Charge from Bryn Mawr Funeral Chapels, Yonkers	\$3,538.56
Other expenses	\$ 545.69
Total Expenses	\$5,584.25

Balance remaining \$4,229.85

This balance is specifically for the two gardens to be dedicated to Fr. Anthony. Phase one (beside the new ramp) is almost completed. We may not be able to do the second phase (Fero Street) this year – it's already September. We'll decide whether to dedicate Phase One now or wait until both are completed, which might be next year. In any case, thanks again for your generosity. May the soul of Father Anthony and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace, Amen.

Congratulations & Welcome

We baptized little **Zoe Sanders** on Saturday, August 29th. We welcome her into the Church and specifically into our parish family here at St. Bart's. Congratulations to her parents, Rosemandy and Thomas Sanders.

Marian Pilgrimage

We've been planning this for over three years now but finally it's concluded. I'll be leading a small group of pilgrims to the Holy Land, Lourdes and Fatima from October 26th – November 6th. A second group will join us when we get there. The price is \$4,399 (airfare & all-inclusive). If interested, let me know or call the parish office or call Proximo Travel at 855-842-8001.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



This Monday, September 7th, is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 a.m.



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Wednesday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK



Classes for Religious Education for public school children, running September through June, **begin on Tuesday, September 8th**. On that first day, parents are asked to bring their children to the church for class assignment.

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.

Prayer for 9-11



O God of love, compassion and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions. We ask You in Your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died in NYC on September 11, 2001, the heroic first-responders, our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence on that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring Your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among all nations of the earth. Turn to Your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek Your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost on that day may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all. Amen

Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer at the World Trade Center, 2008

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.

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



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

	8/31/14	8/30/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,486.45	\$5,466.05	-\$ 20.40
Children	\$ 33.50	\$ 46.00	+\$ 12.50
Total	\$5,519.95	\$5,512.05	-\$ 7.90

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 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, 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.



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 this is a holiday weekend, their next meeting will be Sunday, September 20th. All youths age 13 and up are welcome.

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

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 +

Monday, September 7

Weekday - Labor Day

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Tuesday, September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Reverend Adaly Rosado, Jr. (living)
9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Wednesday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +
9:00 AM Angela Rush +

Thursday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Friday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Frances Nanoia +
9:00 AM Fallen Members of the NYPD

Saturday, September 12

Weekday

9:00 AM Sofia Shannon +

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 13

8:30 AM Louis & Phyllis Martelli +
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

SEPTEMBER 6, 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.



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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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DAY OF RELECTION



On Saturday, September 19th, there will be a Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a Reflection for those members of the Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers and all other Ministries and Committees.

The celebrant and leader of the reflection will be the dynamic Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSP, of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in New York.

Although the reflection is targeted towards the Ministries and Committees of the parish, all parishioners are welcome.