

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
— Mt 21:5

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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.

Pastor's COLUMN

COME REAP THE FRUITS OF HIS PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The beautiful, and sometimes long liturgies and readings of Holy Week and Easter are all geared towards helping us to recognize, acknowledge, and cherish again and again, what Jesus did for us. Whenever we do so, our loving God who died to give us abundant life graces us - "I have come that you might have life more abundantly" (John 10:10).

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
Titus 2:11



It's always my dream that every parishioner participate in all the activities of these grace-filled days. We often don't know it, but deep within us, Christ is **extra busy** these holy days. Let's dispose ourselves to Him so he can do what He does best – save us.

This year fellow parishioners and our youths will present the story of His Passion live. Please make time to be part of it and bring family and friends. Who knows what God has in store for you!

FATHER DANIEL'S VACATION

Fr. Daniel will take his annual leave next month. After the busy Holy Week and Easter celebrations we'll both head down to Houston for our MSP annual meeting. We leave on Monday. He'll continue to Nigeria from Houston. I'll be back on Friday. Please keep him in your prayers and be sure to wish him a safe journey .

MYTH #5: ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN CHURCH I'm too (insert your excuse here) to volunteer

When the bulletin on Sundays read, "Volunteers Needed," that means us! When the announcements from the pulpit include a call for help, that's us, too. Volunteers aren't expected to be perfect. There's no requirement to be the strongest, smartest, the best looking, the most holy, or the most "worthy" (whatever that means). As Jesus said when He called His disciples, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Mt 9:13). That's you and me. And if that were qualification enough to be an apostle, it's probably more than enough to serve coffee and donuts on Sunday mornings, or be a youth member, or help usher people into the Church on Sundays, or read at Mass, or help Cheryl with Religious Education, or be a member of the Rosary Altar or Holy Name Societies, etc.

Thanks for being a member of St. Bart's. We also want you to be involved in at least one thing. Blessings upon you.

WELCOME INTO ST. BART'S FAMILY

Noah Jae Carrasquillo
Armando Areizaga, jr

Congratulations to your parents, Jerry & Almira Mae Carrasquillo and Armando & Migdalia Areizaga. Noah and Armando were baptized on Saturday, April 5th.

We welcome you into St. Bart's family. May the Lord continue to bless you as you grow among us. Amen.



Have a very blessed and fruitful Holy Week.

Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: This Monday, April 14th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia & Karen Maccia McKenna.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week will be lit in loving memory Carmela Pisacreta.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to pray with the Risen Christ at the Children's Mass for the rest of the Sundays in April. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir and the Folk Group will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with their friends and classmates 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.



CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this **Tuesday, April 15th**, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please support our parish priests.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday, Good Friday, April 18th, at 2 p.m., just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service we will have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church. 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 BRING BELLS FROM HOME to participate in the age-old tradition of ringing bells during the Gloria on **Holy Thursday**, April 17th, and for the **Easter Vigil**, Saturday, April 19th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

FRIDAY, APRIL 25TH

1:30 – 7:30 PM

MCMANUS PARISH CENTER



St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 77th Annual Blood Drive the **Friday** after Easter. We run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment; and please spread the word to your family and friends, too.

Give Thanks - Give Blood !!!

OUR 2014 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 50 *Passion Play* costumes, ranging from \$20 - \$60

Please, note that the above mentioned costumes can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be so noted in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: An all day excursion to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to see *Moses* on Friday, August 1st, is planned. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. The outing also includes an *All You Can Eat* buffet. **Seating is limited; reservations are required now.** For information and reservations, call Cheryl Duda (476-6676).



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

He opens my ear that I may hear... Come with open ears and hearts and learn to really listen to your spouse on the

next Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter or for upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or go to 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.

YOUTH GROUP: Because of Easter, the Youth Group will next meet on Sunday, April 27th, after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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.

✠ 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

	4/7/13	4/6/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,595.30	\$5,363.10	-\$ 1,232.20
Children	\$ 125.00	\$ 97.20	-\$ 27.80
Total	\$6,720.30	\$5,460.30	-\$1,260.00

The Collection in support of our Buildings & Grounds totaled \$1,682.80.

"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you ... for God."

"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.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2014 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 14th, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your Parish Office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 13th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, April 16th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

April 13, 2014



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 13

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Pasquale Alessi +

Monday, April 14

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Madeleine Savard +

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Tuesday, April 15

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM A Needy Soul

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Ben Filippone +

9:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

7:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Friday, April 18

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Service – No Mass

7:30 PM Service with Passion Play – No Mass

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM Intentions of Brusco & Nanoia Families

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Proir +

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello +

