

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed,  
'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went  
home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will  
be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

*Lk 18:13a, 13c-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

## LOVING GOD WITH HEART, MIND AND SOUL



Last Sunday's question about taxes sought to trap Jesus into dividing life into sacred and secular compartments. Instead, Jesus answered that everything that we have comes from God, so all that we are is God's. There can never be a circumstance or issue to which we do not respond as believers. Today's question – "Which commandment .... is the greatest?" – seeks to trap Jesus into dividing the Law into essential and unimportant commands (Matthew 22:36). Jesus again avoids the trap and makes it impossible for us to avoid the all-embracing nature of our baptismal commitment.

Jesus declares love of God as "the greatest and first commandment." But because that love engages the whole person – heart, soul, and mind – it requires a practical, visible expression not simply equal to the first commandment but identical to it: love of neighbor. The Torah's two hundred forty-eight positive and three hundred sixty-five negative prescriptions depend as a coherent, convincing, seamless holy way of life on this two-fold love.

"Be careful what god you worship," warns an ancient proverb, "for you will come to look like him." We have "turned to God from idols," Paul asserts (1 Thessalonians 1:9), and Exodus describes what that looks like: "You shall not .... Oppress and alien, for you were once aliens yourselves .... If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it ... before sunset (22:20, 25). Even the coat that doubles as my neighbor's sleeping bag is subject to the Great Commandment. What an eye for detail God has when the little and lowly are at stake!

**Question of the Week:** Because we only love God as much as the neighbor we love the least, whom do I need to look at differently this week if I hope to look more like God?

*(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017).*

**Renew & Rebuild:**

As I announced last Sunday, the Archdiocese announced a renewal program for parishes, called Renew and Rebuild. It has financial and ministry components. St. Bart's was selected as part of the pilot group. We are to raise \$761,000.00, of which \$61,000 is for this year's Cardinal's Appeal. We'll get 74% of the remaining \$600,000, and if we exceed our goal, we'll get even more. We began in April and will be doing an in-pew appeal on the weekend of Nov 4/5. It's important to remember that it is a 5-year plan, and that it should not affect parishioners' Sunday Collection. Please, pray with your family as you consider what to give to help St. Bart's reach her goal. And do keep the success of this parish effort in your prayers.

**PARISH TID-BITS:**

\*\*As announced last Sunday, we'll be putting together a parish pictorial directory. The Stewardship Committee will be helping out with that. We've started searching for a company to do it for us. Stay tuned for more info.

\*\*Please keep our Administrative Assistant, Karen, in your prayers as she recuperates from eye surgery. She'll be out of the office for two weeks. We thank Ellen who has graciously accepted to take care of all business while Karen is gone.

*Blessings and Peace, Father Raphael Ezech, M.S.P.*

# PARISH NEWS

**THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

This **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**, is the Feast of All Saints. On that day we remember the many great Christians who have gone before us, the unsung heroes of outstanding love, dedication and commitment in life. The **Masses for All Saints Day** are:

**Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30p.m. and Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon, and 7 p.m.**

**In observance of the Holy Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday.**

**NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS:**

Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones beginning this Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Fr. John J. Coleman.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Social Ministry group is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends of November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc.

We will be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, on November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of Thanksgiving week. We can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning (November 20<sup>th</sup>) between 7:30 and 9 a.m. for distribution on Monday morning.

In addition, in coordination with the social ministry group, the Religious Education students will be placing bags at the rear of the church. You can place your donated "Thanksgiving items" in these bags. Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Food Drive****BE "INFORMED" FOR OCTOBER**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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. **This Week** we have the Solemnity of All Saints Day on Wednesday and All Souls Day on Thursday. **Watch:** *Catholicism, Episode 8: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints* or **Study:** *Symbolon Part 1, Episode 9, Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints.* **(For further info call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)**

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,682.55
Balance	- \$2,317.45

\*(Envelopes \$4,682.55 Online (unavailable this week, due to transition of Parish Pay to WeShare (LPI). Will be reported at end Second week of November).

Amount Needed for Month of October	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$23,391.45

The collection for World Mission Sunday totaled \$1,144.00

\*\*\*Please note that the online giving program Parish Pay.com is in the process of migrating to LPI's WeShare Service. The transition started on October 9<sup>th</sup>. See the flyers at the rear of the church or contact the Parish Office for more information.\*\*\*

"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, Daniel Pezzola, Britney Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Eileen Fitzpatrick and Cynthia Mascetta King.

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

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be next Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

**PRESENTATION OF INCORRUPTIBLE SAINTS  
IN CELEBRATION OF ALL SAINTS DAY**

Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. at McManus Parish Center

**FAMILY BREAKFAST**

NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, AND JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>  
AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M. MASSES

Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.



**NEXT MOVIE THURSDAY**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

*Finding St. Anthony, A Story of Loss & Light*



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS BACK AT ST. BART'S

WE WILL BE HOSTING THE NEW YORK DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM

Completion of the 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!!

Cost of the course is only \$49. To enroll, please call the Parish office at 914 965-0565 or Chris Morea at 718 824-9698.



LOCAL EVENTS

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish Christmas Fair** will take place on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm at 602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Come, taste and enjoy the hospitality of Ann & Annette's Country Kitchen. Take a chance at the Chinese Auction. There will be toys, jewelry, clothing, furniture, raffles and prizes galore. Have your picture taken with Santa. Vendors welcome, call 914 965-9333.

**Knights of Columbus- Fundraising Dinner**, to Benefit St. Joseph's Seminary on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 pm Dinner, \$40 per person. For more information, contact Chris Cohen at 914 813-3025.

See the flyers at the back of the church for more information.

October 29, 2017

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

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**Sunday, October 29, 2017**

8:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso +

10:00 AM Deceased Member of the Baumeister Family

11:30 AM Deacon Anthony Merchandetti +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, October 30**

Weekday

7:00 AM Rony Marie Madry +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Ponzini family

**Tuesday, October 31**

Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin Wasiczko +

9:00 AM Edith Kelly (living)

7:30 PM Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

**Wednesday, November 1**

All Saints Day

7:00 AM Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Kevin Wasiczko +

12:00 NOON Diane Simenson +

7:00 PM Margaret Maccia +

**Thursday, November 2**

All Souls' Day

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

9:00 AM Roberto & Pasquale Capuano & Deceased Children+

**Friday, November 3**

Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Batac (living)

9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

**Saturday, November 4**

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

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**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, November 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pisacreta Family

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**Sunday, November 5, 2017**

8:30 AM Mary Maddocks+

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones +

5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco +

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## ALL SAINTS SOLEMNITY

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth century commemoration of “all the martyrs”. In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some twenty-eight wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Bede, the pope intended “that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons”. (On the Calculation of Time).



But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

COMMENT: This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their conscience, the church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop’s approval became the final step on placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last five hundred years. Today’s feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us has known.

*From Saint of the Day, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M. & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.*

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## ALL SOULS

NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

### PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Dear God,  
Death as much as birth, is part of the circle of life.  
Hear our prayers for those who have died:  
Those who have died suddenly;  
People who have been victims of violence or war;  
Men, women & children who have died  
Because of disease, famine or neglect;  
And especially our dear, departed loved ones.  
Give us comfort in our grief and hope in Your eternal  
love.



May all those who have served You on earth  
Share in the fullness of joy in Your heavenly kingdom.  
Bring us all to the glory of the resurrection. AMEN