

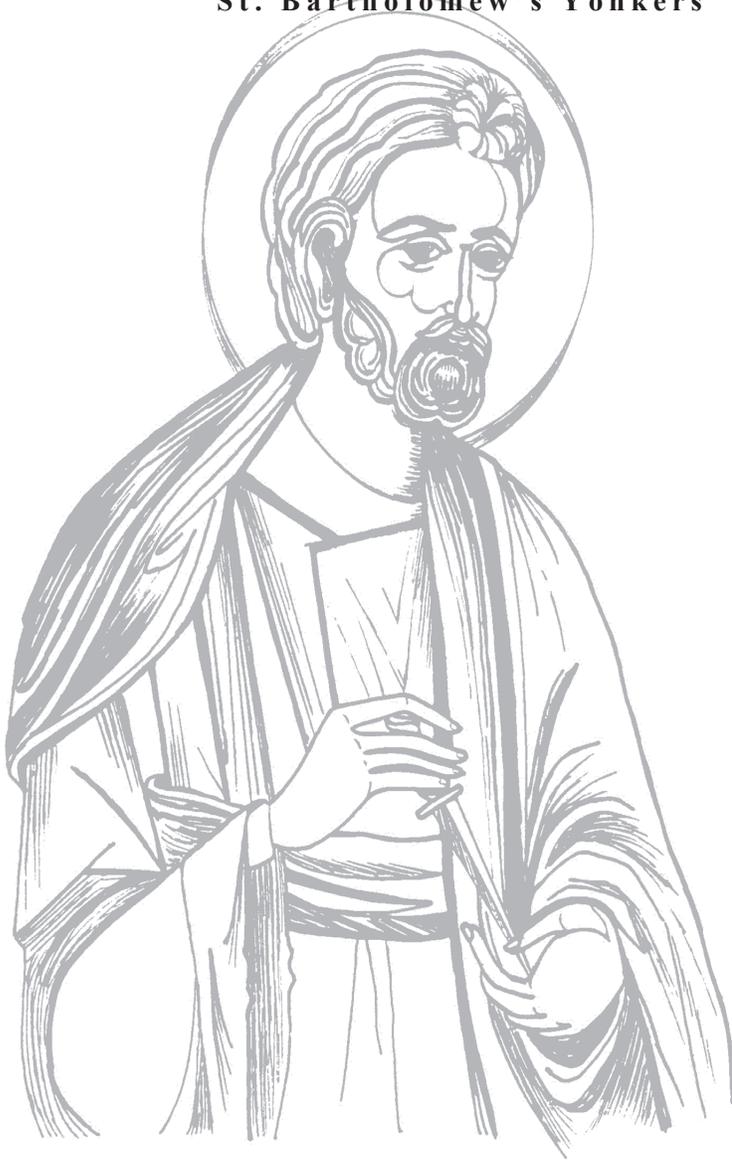
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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, Anthony Martelli

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

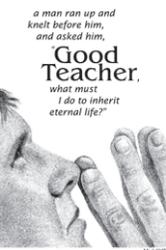
Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

THE RIDICULOUS COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Some Christians see themselves as sinners and unworthy of being called "disciples" of Christ. Few see themselves as holy and very worthy of the name. In-between are the vast majority who are more or less like the man in the Gospel today (Mark 10:17-30). He represents many of us, probably all of us in the Church today.

First, he was a committed believer, just as we are. Somewhere along the way, he felt the soft nudging of the Holy Spirit. So, he got up and went in search of Jesus to sincerely explore what God was asking of him. That also meant he was attentive to the Spirit, unlike many of us. Next, he managed to locate Jesus, as we too have often done. Kneeling down, he addressed Him in very respectful way, as we do, too. He asked Jesus a sincere question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (10:17). I suspect that we have all asked the same question, silently in the depths of our being and verbally.



How often have I heard myself and many of us reassure ourselves that we've been there and done that. That's practically the answer he gave after Jesus read out the commandments to him. Well, we might admit to breaking one or two of those. So, Jesus looked at him and loved him. Same here! I am sure you have no problem picturing Jesus gazing at you lovingly. I generally don't.

Next, Jesus sees further potentials in the young man, and tells him, "go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me" (Mark 10:21). Jesus was lucky that the young man only bowed his head in disappointment and left peacefully. He might not be that lucky today. I can't help but imagine the response of someone from our very own time and age.

The question would probably be followed by laughter, at which Jesus would probably smile just a tiny bit. "You're kidding me, right?" he'd ask Jesus. And seeing Jesus' now unsmiling face, he'd sober up and follow with an incredulous "Seriously, Dude?" Jesus would probably maintain his silence, waiting and praying for a positive response. Finally, the young man would give up with a dismissive wave of both hands, and tell him off with, "My bad. Sorry for asking. Should've known better."



Being a fairly good believer, he'd restrain himself from cursing out loud as he drives off, and settles with muttering all sorts of swear words and a few curses, angry with himself, with Jesus, and unhappy, or even depressed. In all, he'd put up a brave face and convince himself that all is fabulous. I take that back; the devil convinces or deludes us into convincing ourselves! Yep!!

One thing with our Good Master is that He does not lie or lead his loved ones astray. He tells it as it is and leaves us to choose. Neither does He force us to choose wisely. But to help us along the way He sends us His Wisdom to guide us in the midst of so many options, many of which are hurled at us by the devil, the master deceiver, as the real deal, the ultimate prize. May the True Wisdom help us to know the difference and to choose wisely, so as to "receive a hundred times more now in this present age and eternal life in the age to come" (Mark 10:30). Amen!

~Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS

MEETING: This Monday, October 12th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All men of the Parish are welcome.

This Monday, October 12th, is a holiday. There will be only one Mass on that day at 9 a.m. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day.

Rest in Peace Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Marilyn F. Lynch, Reverend Joseph A. DeSanto and Reverend Francis J. Corry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

It is not too late to register. Religious Education 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.



RCIA

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.

**FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL
PLEASE JOIN US
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015**



Families find the festival very enjoyable as it consists of a meal followed by fun and faith filled activities such as games and crafts with something to engage everyone. The festival is open to all families in the parish. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Religious Education office at 914-476-6676 this week.

THE HOMEBOUND

St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of health or infirmity cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all parishioners who are homebound, permanently or temporarily, to be visited by a Priest and/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Often we will hear of someone who is homebound and has not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time, although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person didn't want to "bother anyone" or "put anyone out." Often these individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.

We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. **However, we need your help.** These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and telling them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules. If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office at 965-0566.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers** of Yonkers will hold its next meeting on Thursday, October 15th, at 1 p.m. at St Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY 10704 For more information please call 914 423-5331.

RED MASS

The Reverend Thomas E. Collins, President of Archbishop Stepinac High School will celebrate the Annual Red Mass for the Judiciary, Attorneys and Members of Law Enforcement and their families this Wednesday, October 14th at 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church , 148 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY This solemn religious ceremony dates back to Europe in the 13th century. In the United States, the practice was instituted by the Catholic Lawyers Guild in the New York Archdiocese in 1938. Following the Mass there will be a reception in the auditorium aof St. John the Evangelist School located near the church. See the flyer on the back bulletin boards for more details.

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

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

	10/05/14	10/04/15	Difference
Adults	\$7,589.60	\$6,363.20	-\$1,226.40
Children	\$ 164.20	\$ 256.70	+\$ 92.50
Total	\$7,753.80	\$6,619.90	-\$1,133.90

The second collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,311.45.

Next weekend, October 17th & 18th, is World Mission Sunday. We will take up a 2nd Collection in support of this worthy cause. Your parish is invited to support all local churches in the Missions. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers.

"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 Swiatkiewicz, 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, Mary Ann Klobosits, Theresa Venturino and Nicholas Arzola.

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nicola Lalli +

Sunday, October 11

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

11:30 AM Dec. Members of DiRenzo & Obalde families

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 12

Weekday

9:00 AM Margaret Vetrano +

Tuesday, October 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Dorothy Karol +

Wednesday, October 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Rachelle Batac (Living)

9:00 AM Special Intention – In Memoriam

Thursday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Del Bene +

Friday, October 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

9:00 AM William Mitchell +

Saturday, October 17

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM Lena & Frank Conti +

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

Sunday, October 18

8:30 AM Frank & Mary Fayden +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Antonio D'Emilio +

OCTOBER 11, 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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Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous God,
You called the prophets
to bring Your word to your chosen people.
Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples
to be bold proclaimers of the good news.
In the modern world, You continue to call
Your sons and daughters to the priesthood,
diaconate, and consecrated life.
Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world,
and allow more to hear Your soft voice
calling them to pick up their cross and follow.
May the Holy Spirit fall upon Your church in a profound way,
so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace.
May vocations increase ever abundantly
and may Your church stand as a witness to the world
of the good news of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.