

# 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.

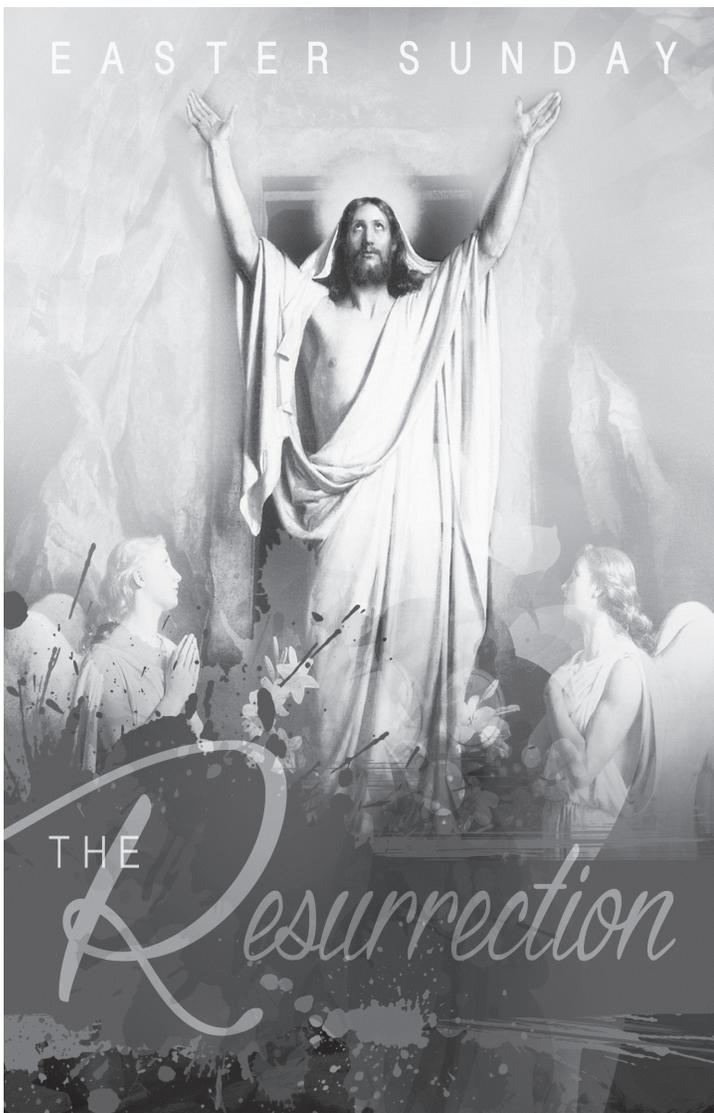
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

*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



*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.

## THE EMPTY TOMB

The Devil is indeed powerful! Whoever says otherwise does so at his/her own peril. Take the events of Holy Week for example, when the room of the Last Supper was pervaded with doom and gloom. Move on to the Garden of Olives, where Jesus agonized for hours and pleaded with the Father to let the cup pass Him by. Then recall the painful betrayal by Judas, the false accusations from the High Priest and his Cohorts, the flogging, the bleeding, the torturous journey to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taunting, and finally the death. Think of the mood as Jesus' loved ones brought Him down from the Cross. In all these was the overshadowing sense of hopelessness among Jesus' family and friends.

They gave up and scattered everywhere, ready to return to life before Jesus came into their lives. That's the power of the Evil One. But when power meets power, the stronger power carries the day. The one that laughs last laughs most. The Devil is a loser! A sore one at that! So, Jesus returned, in His glory! He's risen! Alleluia!

There are times in our lives when we stare at the empty/sealed tombs. Life seems to be over. No door seems to open up! We cry out with Jesus: Father, why have You forsaken me? You, your loved one, or someone you know may be staring at an empty tomb at this time. Tell yourself, and tell them that yes the Devil is powerful, but the power of our Risen Savior is way beyond that of the Devil. In the midst of our fears and anxieties, the Risen Savior whispers, "It is I, do not be afraid."



May the Risen Lord bring hope and joy into your life and the lives of your loved ones during this Easter Season. Amen. Alleluia.

## THANKS &amp; PRAISES

\*\*To each of you, our beloved parishioners for being part of the entire Lenten & Holy Week & Easter celebrations. Your presence helped others in their own journey - it definitely helped me.

\*\*To all our Liturgical Ministers, Choir, Hospitality, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Arts & Environment, for making our worship and worship space extra memorable and fruitful. Thanks to the Liturgy Commission members who coordinated all these and a wonderful, well attended parish mission by Fr. Charles Coury.

\*\*To our Social Ministry for the refreshments that helped to keep body and soul together.

\*\*To all who donated towards the Easter Wish List and towards our Easter collection. If you have not yet donated, please help us reach our Easter budget goal. Thanks for your generosity.

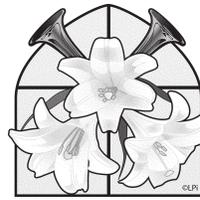
\*\***Special Thanks to Bill Mascetta** for once again coming to our help with some needed work on some portions of our parking lot. He excavated and redid the entrance of the school building and a small portion as you walk toward the church and then the steps too. He also helped to acquire some used chairs for the parish. They're in good condition. We've yet to decide what we shall do with them.

## MEETING

Fr. Anthony and I will leave this Monday for our annual MSP meeting in Houston. Keep us in your prayers. We'll return on Friday.

**Easter Blessings on you and your loved ones.**

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



**My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen!**

The Pastor, the Pastoral staff, and the Administrative staff wish you and yours a Happy and Blessed Easter!

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

Do you know a non-Catholic adult who wishes to explore the Catholic faith; or a Catholic who has never received First Communion or been Confirmed? We have a program tailored to these adults. Call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.



Religious Education

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There **will be** Religious Education classes this week on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 after school and evening classes. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**



St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 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 !!!**

**ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY:** Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



This year's Pascal Candle has been donated by Margit & Salameh Farraj in loving memory of K. Farraj and M. Koehler.

Quincy and Theresa Venturino donated toward a Sunday chasuble in loving memory of the deceased members of the Venturino and Martucci families.

Purificators have been donated by Cheryl Russo in loving memory of Carrie D'Angelo.

**Our priests will be heading out to Texas for the Annual MSP meeting early this week. Therefore, there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m. this Tuesday through Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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

**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.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. They will meet next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts\_youth.**

### Other Local Events

St. Paul the Apostle Parish at 602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 is having a jumbo flea market on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments available. For more information, please call 914 965-9333. Vendors are welcome (call and register to reserve space).

Experience Mass with Seminarians on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon at St. Joseph's Seminary followed by brunch. Donation is \$17.00 per person which will assist the Seminarians with their expenses. Reservations can be made by April 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call 914 709-5090 or e mail Kofe3995@gmail.com. Donation can be made to Cardinal Hayes Council, PO Box 503, Yonkers, NY 10710.

† **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*

	3/22/15	3/20/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,599.05	\$5,639.35	+\$ 40.30
Children	\$ 157.25	\$ 145.00	-\$ 12.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,756.30</b>	<b>\$5,784.35</b>	<b>+\$ 28.05</b>

The second collection for Snow Removal totaled \$1,358.00. There will be a second collection next Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> in support of our buildings and grounds.

**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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 5 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, and Efrain Arzola.

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

### *Sweepstakes Social Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>*

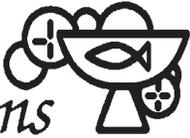
**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED BEFORE AND ON  
SWEEPS NIGHT.**

**You can donate goods up until April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact the Parish Office if you can help!!**

### *St. Bart's Angels Fundraiser Breakfast*

*Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:30, 10 & 11:30a.m. Masses*

Any money collected for this breakfast will go to the American Cancer Society. Please support this effort. Also those interested can partake in the Relay for Life Walk in June. More details to follow in the upcoming months.

Mass  for the  
Intentions } Week

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Saturday, March 26 (Vigil Mass)**

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, March 27**

**Sunday, March 27 (Easter Sunday)**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia families  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families  
11:30 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +

**Monday, March 28**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM Nicholas Marcello +  
9:00 AM Raymond Shannon, Sr. +

**Tuesday, March 29**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Alice Olsen +

**Wednesday, March 30**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Gerardo Marchetti +

**Thursday, March 31**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

**Friday, April 1**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Barbara McCormack +

**Saturday, April 2**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Margaret Foley +

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**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy**

**Saturday, April 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

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**Sunday, April 3**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
5:00 PM Raymond Shannon, Jr.

**MARCH 27, 2016**

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**CHRIST IS RISEN**



On Easter we celebrate love,  
love coming down from heaven,  
love blanketing the earth  
in a transforming embrace;  
unique and infinite love,  
giving more than we can imagine  
for us, to cleanse our sin,  
a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,  
the walking, talking Word.  
He is teacher, role model, friend,  
this God in human form,  
dying, then rising from the dead,  
proving all who believe will also rise  
to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.  
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

*By Joanna Fuchs*

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### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Next week is Divine Mercy Sunday.**

The Divine Mercy Novena began as a private devotion which Our Lord revealed to [St. Maria Faustina Kowalska](#). The words of the prayers were dictated by Christ Himself to Saint Faustina, and Saint Faustina recorded them in her diary. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.



**The Relics of Saint Faustina are coming to New York in the Year of Mercy, on Divine Mercy Sunday.**

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule**

##### **Basilica of Saint Patrick's Old Cathedral**

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the 5:30 p.m. English Vigil Mass there will be an entrance procession followed by all night veneration.

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Masses from 9:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Veneration of the relics resumes at 2 p.m. and includes the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.

#### **You can also visit the relics at:**

##### **St. Barnabas, in the Bronx on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Schedule is as follows: 2:45 p.m.—welcome the relic; 3—4 p.m. Chaplet of the Divine Mercy; 4—6 p.m. Veneration and Confessions; Rosary—6 p.m.; Reflection—6:30 p.m. and Mass—7 p.m.

**For more details go to [www.NYDivineMercy.com](http://www.NYDivineMercy.com).**