

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.

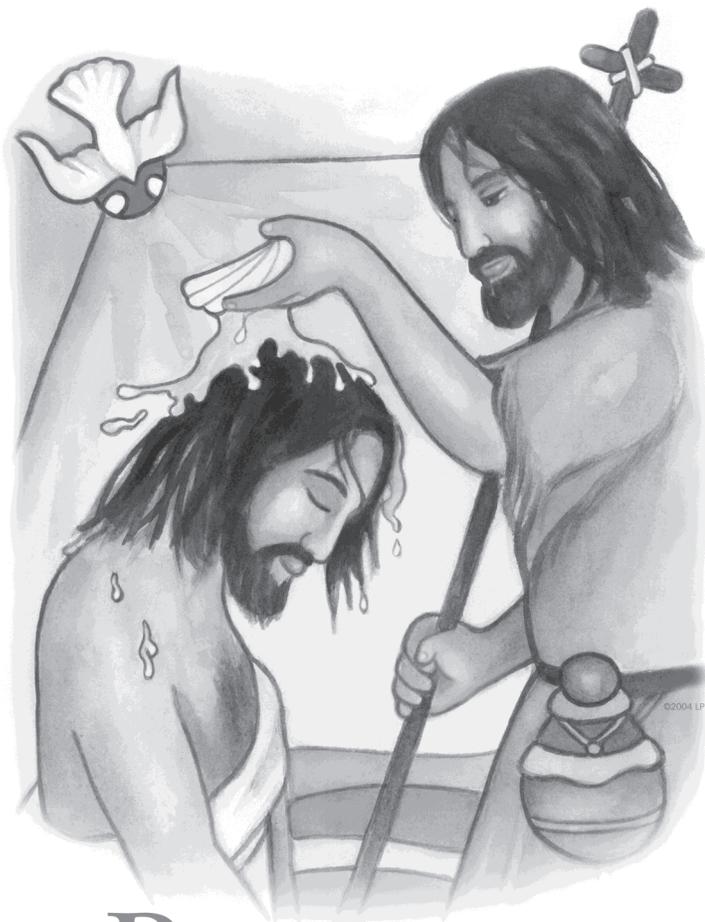
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, 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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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.

Evaluating Your Baptism

There was this beautiful and extremely important component of our formation in the Seminary back home. It was called *evaluation*. Initially, each student simply appeared before a team of formators at the end of each year and was evaluated on several aspects of his life in the seminary, in preparation for the priesthood. Later, the format was changed. Each student was required to evaluate himself in writing and then appear before the formators and orally present his self-evaluation. Lying about yourself would be seen as a sign of lack of self-awareness or denial of your true self – strengths, weaknesses and all. That would mean you were not a good candidate for the priesthood. To fully make sense, you have to see this from the perspective of abundant vocation. Almost all of us dreaded the evaluation period. Yet, all it did was provide a unique and beautiful opportunity for spiritual and human growth.

With that experience, I have come to cherish the art of evaluating a lot of things in life. I believe such an exercise should be an indispensable part of everyone's life. *For a better tomorrow, one must courageously evaluate his/her yesterday and today and act accordingly and decisively.* Hmm, I think I just made up a nice quote!

Anyway, I want to invite you, on this Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, to think of, and evaluate your baptismal life so far. There's no formation team to catch you lying or giving yourself a pass. So, be sincere. This exercise will be in line with the challenge last Sunday – how intensely do we desire to find/encounter the Messiah, our Savior, Jesus Christ? Also, as I mentioned, as 2016 rolls by we'll be working on re-igniting this desire, growing and nourishing it, and fanning it into a big flame. I know I'm excited about this. I hope you are or at least will give it a chance.

And what better place to begin than evaluating our spiritual life! What better time to begin than on a day we celebrate Jesus' baptism and recall our own baptism, for those of us already baptized. If you have not been baptized, then this will help you to continue to prepare and look forward to your very own baptismal day.

So, how healthy or vibrant is your baptismal life? Let me suggest a visual analogy – a plant. Would your baptismal life look like a withered plant – in need of much help? Or, would it look like an unhealthy plant, needing more care and nurturing? Or, would it look like a healthy plant? In whichever category you sincerely find yourself, there's work to be done, even if you do believe you're in good shape. We all know what would happen if you leave a healthy plant without nutrient and water .

Thanks To Everyone

Thanks to everyone for your Christmas donations to the parish. This year we did better than the last two years (See the collections section). I sincerely appreciate your effort and your generosity even in your need. Great things are happening at St. Bart's and I'm proud to be part of it. This year will be a year of growth in various aspects of our parish life. I know it. I feel it. I see it. I look forward to it. I hope you'll come on board if you have not yet done so.

Peace and love to you and your family. Amen.

~ Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, January 11th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The **Bread and Wine** is offered for the intention of Justin Colin by Mildred Blanco.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the rest of the Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.



REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD
The Mass Book for 2016 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

YOUTH WEEK

Monday to Saturday, February 15th - 20th



The Youth Group will be starting their week with a retreat on Monday, February 15th and Tuesday, February 16th. Further details on Youth Week to follow in the upcoming weeks.

A reminder that On Line Giving is now available at St. Bart's. Please pick up a flyer at the rear of the church if you are interested



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Nations shall walk by your light ...” We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage/Holy Orders to be a “light” shining brighter than ever. 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.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Sponsored by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

To Benefit the

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL
CASA JUAN DIEGO

An Outreach Program to the Needy, Poor & Homeless

The Knights of Columbus will collect winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, & heavy socks) in the school building hallway before & after Mass next Saturday night, January 16th, or the Sunday, January 17th, 8:30, 10, & 11:30 a.m. Masses only. There is a special need for men’s coats.

ArchCare

The Continuing Care Community of the Archdiocese of NY

Need help caring for yourself or someone else but not sure where to turn with questions about housing for seniors, access to healthcare, health-related legal and financial issues, food and nutrition, volunteer opportunities etc.; call ArchCare at 855 951-CARE.

The YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited. They will be meeting this Sunday, January 10th and next Sunday, January 17th.

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

	1/4/15	1/3/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,127.55	\$6,147.10	+\$1,019.55
Children	\$ 116.30	\$ 168.20	+\$ 51.90
Total	\$5,243.85	\$6,315.30	+\$1,071.45

The Christmas Collection in 2014 was \$18,629.75; in 2015 it totaled \$21,999.55.

Our Collection on January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, totaled \$2688.35.

The Second Collection to support the Maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds totaled \$1535.50.

Thank you for your generosity!

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 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 Cianfagione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, 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, 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, Mary Ann Klobosits, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Manuel Obalde, Jr., and Maryellen Esposito.

JANUARY 10, 2016

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM Annetrud Cordes +

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM Helen Clemens +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, January 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Justin Colon (Living)

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

Tuesday, January 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Rosemarie Petti & Michele Sarubbi (Living)

9:00 AM Gerardo Marchetti +

Wednesday, January 13

Weekday

7:00 AM William Valko +

9:00 AM Nora Boiseneau +

Thursday, January 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Emerald Zavala +

9:00 AM Catherine De Muro +

Friday, January 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Jerry Cawley +

9:00 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

Saturday, January 16

Weekday

9:00 AM Francis Sr. & Francis Jr. Yaskovic +

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, January 17

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Jesus Is Watching YOU

A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you."

Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search.

Again the voice said, "Jesus is watching you."

He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot replied, "Yes."

He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses."

The burglar asked, "What kind of people would name a parrot "Moses?"

The parrot answered, "The same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd, Jesus."