

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: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

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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.

DO WE REALLY GET IT?



Teachers can tell you how tough their task could get and parents know that too. Often their effort is more like pouring water on a stone. Probably Jesus felt like that in today's gospel from Mark 10:35-45. It is not just that his disciples didn't quite get it, they were more like 360 degrees from what He was teaching them. Instead of asking what more they could give, they were asking for favors from Jesus.

Two thousand years later, one may ask: Do we really get it yet? The answer will be no, or at best mixed. Take a peek at our society – from couples to families, from parishes to schools, from neighborhoods to the society at large, and then to our world. We see a lot of “what favors can I get from you or what can you do for me” rather than “what can I do for you”.

Next Sunday I'll be speaking about our God-given gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure, with special focus on Treasure. How are we giving back to God? How are we supporting our beloved parish so that the work of God can continue to not just exist but flourish? It's all about how well we really get it – that is Jesus' message and invitation!

Candles & Holy Water

We leave for our pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Fatima and Lourdes on Monday, October 26th and return on November 6th. This is my second pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima. The first time was indeed heavenly, to say the least. Apart from praying for my personal needs and those of parishioners most in need of prayers, I lit candles for my family and a few parishioners.

I thought I'd do the same again when I get there. So, I will be lighting a candle for the intentions of all parishioners and for blessings on our beloved parish. Of course I will light one for my family back home. I will light one for some parishioners I know who are most in need of prayers.

But I thought of something extra this time around. If you want a candle lit especially for you and/or your family's intention(s), please stop by the parish office to let me know. I'll check to see how much it costs to light a candle at Lourdes and at Fatima.

Secondly, I will bring back some Lourdes Holy water like I did on my last trip. If you'd like to have a small bottle of the water brought back to you, please stop by the parish office. First come, first serve.

In Need Of Prayers – Mass of Healing

Overwhelming is not enough to describe what many of our parishioners and their families are going through. In the past month alone there has been many reports of hospitalizations, falls, surgeries, and on a good note, recoveries too. As a parish family we feel for every one of our members and will continue to strive toward providing emotional and spiritual help and other forms of help as much as we can. Part of our efforts to grow our parish ministries is to strive to support our families at times and circumstances like these.

So, we're following up on an idea we brought up some months ago – **Mass of healing**. Our next date is **November 20th at 7pm**. In the meantime, please continue to pray for our sick and shut-ins and for each family that need our prayerful support. It can be overwhelming. It's already overwhelming for many families.

~Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, October 19th, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Louis and Angela Brusco. 

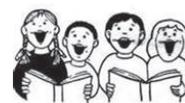


The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Louis and Angela Brusco.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Cosimo Fiorentino and Carol Kolnik.  *Rest in Peace*

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. 



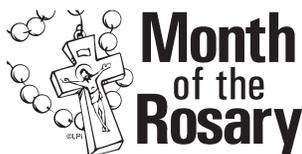
CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday, October 25th. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

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.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

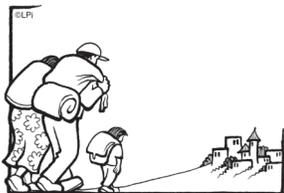


Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First Saturday Holy Hours, or with your family at home

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. 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 during the week.



PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA



The Seniors Group will be making a "Pilgrimage to Philadelphia" on Wednesday, November 4th, to visit the Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and the National Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia. If you, or someone you

know, would like to join them, informational flyers are available at the rear of the church.

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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, October 18th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

	10/12/14	10/11/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,119.35	\$4,862.70	-\$ 256.65
Children	\$ 154.70	\$ 178.85	+\$ 24.15
Total	\$5,274.05	\$5,041.55	-\$ 232.50

"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 Swiatkowitz, 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, Nicholas Arzola, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Maryellen Esposito.



For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses... Be strengthened in your marriage/holy orders on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, November 16-18. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 +

Monday, October 19

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Brittany Pezzola (Living)

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Tuesday, October 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Emily Lavelle +

9:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

Wednesday, October 21

Weekday

7:00 AM Edythe Lutomski +

9:00 AM Mary Jane Tamulinas +

Thursday, October 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Dec. Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Fiore Brusco +

Friday, October 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Ita Basse, MSP +

9:00 AM Dr. Louis J. Loscalzo +

Saturday, October 24

Weekday

9:00 AM John Del Bene +

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Dec. Members of Laudadio Family +

Sunday, October 25

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Frank, Carmela & Luciano Legio

11:30 AM Robert Mirsky +

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +

OCTOBER 18, 2015

**JOHN OF CAPISTRANO
PRIEST (1386–1456)
OCTOBER 23RD**

It has been said the Christian saints are the world's greatest optimists. Not blind to the existence and consequences of evil, they base their confidence on the power of Christ's redemption. The power of conversion through Christ extends not only to sinful people but also to calamitous events.

Imagine being born in the fourteenth century. One-third of the population and nearly forty percent of the clergy were wiped out by the bubonic plague. The Western Schism split the church with two or three claimants to the Holy See at one time. England and France were at war. The city-states of Italy were constantly in conflict. No wonder that gloom dominated the spirit of the culture and the times.

John Capistrano was born in 1386. His education was thorough. His talents and success were great. When he was twenty-six he was made governor of Perugia. Imprisoned after a battle against the Malatestas, he resolved to change his way of life completely. At the age of thirty he entered the Franciscan novitiate and was ordained a priest four years later.

His preaching attracted great throngs at a time of religious apathy and confusion. He and twelve Franciscan brethren were received in the countries of central Europe as angels of God. They were instrumental in reviving a dying faith and devotion.

The Franciscan Order itself was in turmoil over the interpretation and observance of the rule of St. Francis. Through John's tireless efforts and his expertise in law, the heretical Fraticelli were suppressed and the "Spirituals" were freed from the interference to their stricter observance.

He helped bring about a reunion with the Greek and Armenian Churches, unfortunately only a brief arrangement.

When the Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, he was commissioned to preach a crusade for the defense of Europe. Gaining little response in Bavaria and Austria, he decided to concentrate his efforts in Hungary. He led the army to Belgrade. Under the great General Janos Hunyadi, they gained an overwhelming victory, and the siege of Belgrade was lifted. Worn out by his superhuman efforts, Capistrano was an easy prey to the infection bred by the refuse of battle. He died October 23, 1456.

COMMENT: John Hofer, a biographer of John Capistrano, recalls a Brussels organization named after the saint. Seeking to solve life problems in a fully Christian spirit, its motto was: "Initiative, Organization, Activity." These three words characterized John's life. He was not one to sit around, ever. His deep Christian optimism drove him to battle problems at all levels with the confidence engendered by a deep faith in Christ.

QUOTE: On the saint's tomb in the Croatian town of Ilok, the governor had this message inscribed: "This tomb holds John, by birth of Capistrano, a man worthy of all praise, defender and promoter of the faith, guardian of the church, zealous protector of his Order, an ornament to all the world, lover of truth and religious justice, mirror of life, surest guide in doctrine; praised by countless tongues, he reigns blessed in heaven." That is a fitting epitaph for a real and successful optimist.

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