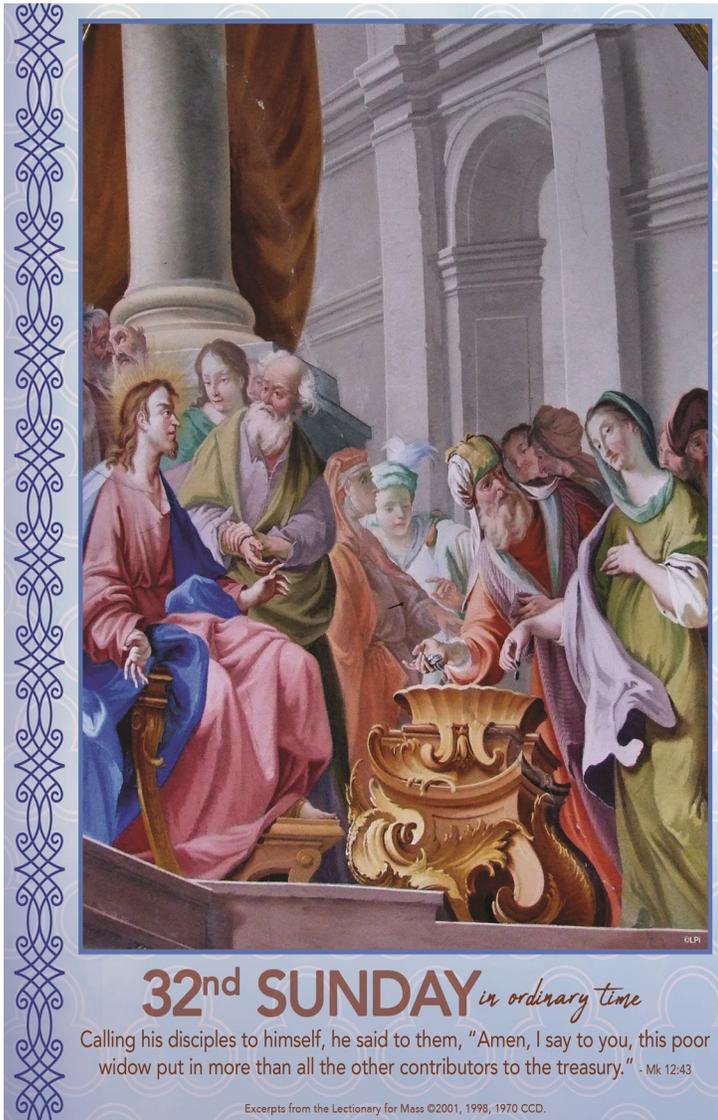


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

SACRIFICE

In the patriarchal societies in which these two widows lived, widowhood was an especially dangerous condition. When a woman married, she left the safety of her household and became dependent on her husband. If her husband died, she not only lost her partner, she lost her source of income, her economic standing, her social support, and likely her inheritance rights. No wonder widows were associated with extreme poverty and used as examples of those living a marginal existence. These two widows clearly meet this description. As a final indication of what little they have, despite their prominence in each story, they are not even given names.



These women are wonderful models of Christ like sacrifice. The widow in the first reading fully expects to starve to death. The entire region where she lived had been hit by severe drought, so food was difficult to come by for everyone, let alone a widow and her son. Yet she is willing to give the last of her sustenance to this stranger in need. She is not Jewish; she is a pagan who worships Baal, the god honored in this region. To her, Elijah is a foreigner in nationality, culture, and religion. But that does not deter her in the least. Like Jesus, she sacrifices for "others."



We are told that the widow in the Gospel has no more than these two small coins: Jesus says she "has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood" (Mark12:44). She has given all that she has to God. She has faith that God will provide. Like Jesus, she is a model of complete generosity and faith.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Las week we heard that love of God and love of neighbor are the first of all the commandments. Today we hear three examples of sacrifice. Whar are we willing to sacrifice for God and our neighbors?

**Blessings!!**

**Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day which falls on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 7 a.m. and a 9 a.m. Mass on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The HOLY NAME SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited



HOLY NAME SOCIETY



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Bonaventure Amato,

Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Gabriel Nanoia, Alfred Como, John Raffa, Sr., John Raffa, Jr., Daniel Talone, Orlando Romano, Jerry Pisacreta, John Laudadio, Louis Loscalzo, Robert Liddell, Margaret Liddell, Harold Smith, Robert Smith, Edward Smith, Benjamin Pelliccio, Carmine Davi, Daniel De Rosa, John Di Rodio, Robert Howley, Sr., Richard Frischman, Joseph Frischman, Frances Romano, Carmine Manno, Gene Del Bene, Louis Martelli, Frank Fayden, Anthony Giuriceo, George Salerno and James Salerno.

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◆ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ◆ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◆ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◆ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.



For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**



The Social Ministry group is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup>. (You can also do this during the week of November 11<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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<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 19<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 you generosity!!!

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

- Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, **Our Lady Of Guadalupe Celebration**, McManus Parish Center, more details to follow
- Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Breakfast with Santa** after all morning Masses in McManus Parish Center.
- Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, **Annual Christmas Luncheon**, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. at McManus Parish Center
- Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., **The Nativity Play** in the Church presented by St. Bart's Parishioners
- Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, **Reconciliation Monday**



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,977.75
Balance	- <b>\$1,022.25</b>
*(Envelopes \$5,467.75, Online \$510.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of November	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	<b>\$ 5,977.75</b>

*The second collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$1,025.75*

"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!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the information sheet received in the mail.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., and Bernie Tracey.

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



**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Bishop Robert A. Brucato and Monsignor Vincent Bartley.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. **Their next meeting is next Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Congratulations to Linda Brescia** who last Sunday was awarded her Level 1 catechist certification by Bishop Walsh at a ceremony held at Maryknoll Fathers. Linda has been in an online study program with Fordham University for the past twelve months pursuing this initial certification and plans to continue studies for a more advanced certificate. We thank her for her commitment to growing in the knowledge of her faith and her willingness to share her faith with the children in our parish. Congratulations Linda!



**JOIN THE CAST FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PLAY**

Be a part of the presentation of The Nativity, our Christmas Play. Let the actor in you come out!!!! Join your fellow parishioners!!!!

It's not too late to join in. There are small parts and big parts, don't be shy!

Rehearsal is this Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass.



**Save the Date**



The women of the Parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for their annual Christmas dinner.** Details to follow in upcoming weeks.

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING**

**EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **(WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY)**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

**St Bart's will be conducting the 91<sup>st</sup> blood drive in the 37 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6825 donations to date.** We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.**



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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the*  
*Week*

**Saturday, November 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Helen Clemens +

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**Sunday, November 11**

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Dolores De Paolo +

11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio+

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, November 12**

**Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

7:00 AM Oso and Baby So +

9:00 AM Theresa Sarich, Alfred Falcone & Anna Lorence +

**Tuesday, November 13**

**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:00 AM Don Gaetano +

9:00 AM Minerva Hernandez +

**Wednesday, November 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Angelica Blanco (Living)

9:00 AM Angelica Blanco (Living)

**Thursday, November 15**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jennifer Batac (Living)

9:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

**Friday, November 16**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Peter & Joseph Ngo +

9:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +

**Saturday, November 17**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

9:00 AM Eileen Fitzpatrick +

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**Saturday, November 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

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**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

10:00 AM Deceased Members Of Del Bene & Salerno families

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

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**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, please fill out the 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

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**VETERAN'S DAY, NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

### **VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER**

*“God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too*



*painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace You left us, the peace You gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us!  
Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.”*

*From Simple Catholic Living*