

# 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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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, Dan Panik

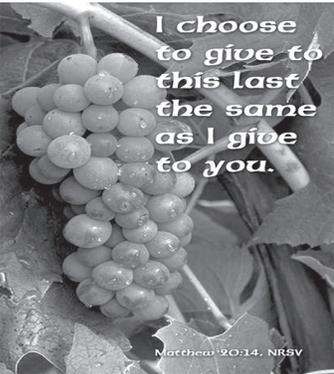
**Rosary Altar Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

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

**Trustees:** Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

OUR GOD, SO UNLIKE HUMANS

There's a word in my language called *Maduabuchukwu*. It means that we human beings are nothing like God. This is good news but might seem



like bad news to us in some situations. Scripturally, there are lots of passages that address this good news. In today's first reading God states categorically "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways" (Isaiah 55:6-9). That's from Old Testament time, from the Prophet Isaiah, centuries before Christ. All through His ministry Jesus' actions exemplified this truth. To place even more emphasis on it, and to really drive it into our thick minds and

mindsets, Jesus came up with the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). It's a very beautiful and challenging story for everyone involved.

Let me just highlight one of such challenges for many of us. "But that's not fair" is a phrase we have heard and used many times. Sadly, we take it to heart so much so that it beclouds our Christian reasoning, judgment and values, the same way it beclouded those of the workers hired earlier in the day. Like them, we get all emotional and hyped up, and rather than counting our good fortune, we count and recount our misfortunes, some of which exist only in our distorted imagination.

We sense unfair treatment when we have done something and conclude that we deserve a certain reward or payment and don't get it. We even feel unfairly treated if we feel we put in more effort than others but got the same reward. It's mostly about entitlement. That's sooo human and sooo unlike God! Good news or bad news – depends on who's involved. If I am the last worker, it will definitely be great news for me, but if I'm one of the earlier workers, it will most probably be sad news for me. Fortunately, God is smarter than all of us put together; and more generous, and more compassionate, and more extravagant, and fairer, than the most loving parents. **His grace and blessings are not and will never be on the basis of merit!** When, and if that ever happens, we're all doomed, from the workers that labored from the first hour to those that labored just for the last second.

Fortunately, *Maduabuchukwu*. His thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are ours ways His ways. What's actually fair is that we rejoice and be happy with everyone, no matter when they were hired and whether they merit the pay or reward or not.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)**

We thank our new EMHC. Most were commissioned at our Masses last weekend and one will be commissioned next weekend. They are:

- Patricia Alonso
- Jennifer Batac
- Mildred Blanco
- Sheree Horn
- Anthonia Obasa

We welcome back **Carolyn Messler** who served as EMHC in the past. Thanks for volunteering to serve your brothers and sister. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families.

Please consider helping us out in one of our ministries.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week has been donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**It is not too late to register.** Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Jule Yaskovic.

**The Mass Book for 2015 opened** on Ash Wednesday and there are still some dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider during a specific week offering the Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, or Sanctuary Lamp for your intention. The costs are as follows:

Altar Flower Arrangements (2)	\$100
Altar Flower Arrangements of Roses (2)	\$125
Vase of Flowers before Icon/Statue	\$40
Vase of Roses before Icon/Statue	\$50
Altar Bread & Wine	\$30
Altar Candles	\$10
Sanctuary Lamp	\$10

Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

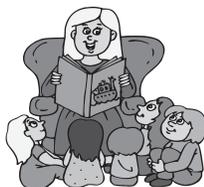
*If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.*



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today, throughout the U.S., is Catechetical Sunday. Each year we celebrate the importance of the catechetical ministry by recognizing our catechists and commissioning them to serve in this ministry. We thank the following catechists and program assistants for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth, and adults in our parish. **Catechists: Cheryl Duda, Amanda Albanese, Debra Anderson, Teresa Buoninfante, Ellen Califano, Loreta Capuano, Ellen Chimenti, Maryann Cook, Judith Elliott, Maryellen Esposito, Tina Falcone, Christine Fitzpatrick, Patricia Mahoney, Roseann Mercandetti, Bernadette Novak, Anthonia Obasa, Joyce Pietrowski, Marianela Rodriguez, Maureen Schettino, & Jackie Wong. Program Assistants: Paul Capuano, Gail Chappory, Ann Marie Martelli, and Liz Pastor. Special thanks to Brianna Fontanello, Trung Nguyen, and Carolina Perez, High School students, who offer help with our youngest children.**



### Prayer for Catechists

Jesus, You told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for Your vineyard.

Bless these men and women who have responded to Your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for Your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for Your Word of Life. Let Your Spirit come upon them so that Your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to Your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing Your Son promised to all who labor in Your vineyard.

We pray to You, gracious Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit Who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever, **Amen.**



**OKTOBERFEST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 PM**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey. For information & reservations call John McKenna (914 643-0781) or Tom Hoffman (914 476-7976).

**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

### 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

	9/15/13	9/14/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,308.95	\$5,647.95	+\$ 339.00
Children	\$ 206.75	\$ 113.25	-\$ 93.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,515.70</b>	<b>\$5,761.20</b>	<b>+\$ 245.50</b>

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection in support of St. Joseph's Seminary  
totaled \$1,562.00.

### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

**"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



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, and Charles Wighton.

### OUR CHILDREN'S MASS

Next Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Children's Mass at the 10 a.m. Mass. We urge parents to please make it a point to bring their child to the Church every Sunday. We also ask parents to encourage their children, who are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above, to sign up to join the Children's Choir to sing at the Children's Mass. Children's Choir members rehearse for 45 minutes on Tuesdays at 5:45 p.m. All children who participated in Choir last year are encouraged to return.



*September 21, 2014*

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 20 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

**Sunday, September 21**

8:30 AM Joanne Moscarello +  
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +  
11:30 AM Maria & Carmelo Terrusa & Family +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, September 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Frances Nanoia +  
9:00 AM Maria & Gerardo Marchetti +

**Tuesday, September 23**

**Saint Pius of Pietreicina, Priest**

7:00 AM Theano Chakery +  
9:00 AM Robert Grabowski +

**Wednesday, September 24**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Paddy Brouder (living)  
9:00 AM Tessie Fontanello +

**Thursday, September 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Albert Baumeister +  
9:00 AM Joseph Frischman +

**Friday, September 26**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Donny Vaughan (living)  
9:00 AM Robert Murphy +

**Saturday, September 27**

**Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**

9:00 AM John & Emilia De Rosa +

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

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**Sunday, September 28**

8:30 AM Mildred & Michael Pollick +  
10:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Emidio Di Stefano +

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**VINCENT DE PAUL  
PRIEST (1580?-1660)**

**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**



The deathbed confession of a servant opened Vincent's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the peasantry of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

It was the Countess de Gondi (whose servant he had helped) who persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able and zealous missionaries who would work among the poor, the vassals and tenants and the country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned gallery slaves, he returned to lead what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Later Vincent established confraternities of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent is the sickroom, whose chapel is the parish church, whose cloister is the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war and ransomed over twelve hundred gallery slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very irascible person - even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others.

Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer, Blessed Frederic Ozanam.

**COMMENT:** The church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the church must be for those who need the most help - those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance or cruelty. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which God's children are forced to live.

**QUOTE:** "Strive to live content in the midst of those things that cause your discontent. Free your mind from all that troubles you, God will take care of things. You will be unable to make haste in this [choice] without, so to speak, grieving the heart of God, because He sees that you do not honor Him sufficiently with holy trust. Trust in Him, I beg you, and you will have the fulfillment of what your heart desires." (Saint Vincent de Paul, *Letters*).

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