

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

FORGIVENESS

In the story told about Nineveh, the emphasis is on God's boundless willingness to forgive. Nineveh had been one of Israel's greatest enemies. Even though the Book of Jonah was written three centuries later, Nineveh was still regarded as one of the most remorseless and cruel oppressors of Israel. In reality, they never changed their ways. But Jonah imagines what would happen if they had. No matter how horrible their behavior had been, if they repent, God will forgive them. The forgiveness of God has no bounds. It is not just given to Israel after each time they repent; it can even be given to their most terrible enemy. It can be given to anyone who turns to God.



God changes course on the promise to smite Nineveh. This disappoints Jonah, for Nineveh is a sworn enemy. But God would rather forgive than punish. It is difficult to resist punishing those who have done us wrong. Jonah can't accept this. But this is exactly what God is willing to do.

Last week, we heard John's account of the call of Andrew and Simon. Today we hear the noticeably different version from Mark. Andrew and Simon are now fishing. This gives Mark the opportunity to have Jesus refer to their profession when he calls them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mark 1:17). Discipleship demands both things—following Jesus and sharing the good news with others.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I live my life as a disciple of Jesus? Do I share the good news through my words and actions?

FORGIVENESS PRAYER

Dear Merciful Lord,

Thank you for your gift of forgiveness. Your only Son loved me enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so I could be forgiven. Your mercy flows to me in spite of my faults and failures. Your Word says to "clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Col. 3:14) Help me demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt me.

I understand that even though I feel scarred, my emotions don't have to control my actions. Father, may Your sweet words saturate my mind and direct my thoughts. Help me release the hurt and begin to love as Jesus loves. I want to see my offender through my Savior's eyes. If I can be forgiven, so can he. I understand there are no levels to Your love. We are all Your children, and Your desire is that none of us should perish.

You teach us to "let the peace that comes from Christ rule in our hearts." (Col. 3:15) When I forgive in words, allow Your Holy Spirit to fill my heart with peace. I pray this peace that only comes from Jesus will rule in my heart, keeping out doubt and questions. And above all, I am thankful. Not just today, not just this week, but always. Thank You for the reminder, "Always be thankful." (Col. 3:15) With gratitude I can draw closer to You and let go of unforgiveness. Help me find the compassion that comes with true forgiveness.

And when I see the person who hurt me, bring this prayer back to my remembrance, so I can take any ungodly thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5) And may the confidence of Christ in my heart guide me into the freedom of forgiveness. I praise You for the work You are doing in my life, teaching and perfecting my faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen..

- Kristine Brown/Crosswalk



PARISH NEWS


**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed

especially Marlene (Mel) Verno.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Carol Swetz by Tom Swetz.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the rest of the Sunday's in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at this 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 Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

BE "INFORMED" FOR JANUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. Tomorrow is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Study: *Reborn* or *YDisciple: ProLife*. Watch: *The Value of Life* or listen to: *There is Life in the Womb, Changed Forever*, or *Aborting America..* Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

**FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE
JANUARY 20TH THROUGH JANUARY 28TH.**

Catholic Charities is once again running its Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry neighbors.

Expect the large donations box to appear this weekend, January 21st and 22nd through next weekend January 27th and 28th. Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

MOVIE THURSDAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS



ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 6 PM
Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.



YOUTH WEEK

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18TH, DETAILS TO FOLLOW



NOTE: THE RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is **this Sunday**, January 21st. *Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.*

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building

LOCAL EVENTS

The Sierra Club of the Bronx and Westchester: Luncheon with guest speaker Sr. Shyne Mathai, OBT. Topic: Adoration Reparation and Apostolate. The Sierra Club is an international organization, whose mission is to foster and promote vocations. Luncheon is on Wednesday, January 24th at Noon at Eastwood Manor at 371 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY. Cost is \$30. Please call 718 671-8915.

Annual Retreat Day for Catholic Teachers in Public Schools: The Archdiocesan Catechetical Office is sponsoring An Annual Retreat Day on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, at 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Please join our Catholic Teachers in Public Schools both active and now retired across the Archdiocese of New York. Deepen your appreciation of your ministry as a teacher, share with colleagues and pray and reflect upon Jesus' connection with each of us. A suggested donation of \$25 is requested to help defray the cost. For more information, please contact Regional Office at Zelide.Ceccagno@archny.org or 914 965-0490.

Young Adult Retreat: February 9-11, 2018, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Ages 22-35, Single or Married. Examine your personal faith and relationship with God. Cost: \$130 per person. For further information, please contact Anthony Fucci, Center Director at 609 884-3829.

The Ursuline School cordially invites girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 to attend the Middle School Entrance Test (at 9 a.m.) and Open House Reception (at 12 p.m.), on Saturday, February 3, 2018. Please visit the web site at www.ursulinenewrochelle.org or call 914 500-6212.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,671.50
Balance	- \$ 328.50
*(Envelopes \$,+ Online \$1,130)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$11,499.20

The Collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign totaled: \$892.65.

Thank you for your generosity. Your support will help the CCC connect millions of people with Christ and spread the gospel message.

"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 take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, and Matthew Fitzpatrick.

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

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

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.

January 21, 2018

Mass Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Harold W. Smith III +

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:30 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

Monday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Child

7:00 No Intention

9:00 AM Gage D. Bellitto +

Tuesday, January 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +

9:00 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +

Wednesday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Thursday, January 25

The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antoinette McDermott +

Friday, January 26

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marlene Verno +

Saturday, January 27

Weekday

9:00 AM Ed & Rose Bell +

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

Sunday, January 28, 2018

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

11:30 AM Maddalena & Paul Coniglio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

January 21, 2018

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 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!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

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 I am interested in parish membership.
 I am a visitor.
 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.