

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

CHRIST, THE KING OF MY HEART



A few tribes in Nigeria still have very powerful kings whose words carry power and authority. Some of their people still believe that the gods speak through them. This is not quite so in my part of the country – the Igbo tribe. I remember the last time I went home – to the village. It was convenient for me to be part of my town's New Year celebration. I sat a few seats from the King. I remember his regal attire – the beaded staff, the jeweled crown, the colorful flowing robes, his shiny shoes, etc. Of course, everyone would acknowledge him and pay him respect. But I know that people have challenged him in the past and even disregarded him and his words. I wondered how he felt.

This Sunday we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. His was not and is still not a worldly kingship. He had no decorated staff, no jeweled crown, no flowing robes or shiny footwear. More than my town's king, many disregarded Him, and some outright dismissed Him and His message, like Herod. Some went further to insult Him. And some went to the extreme to betray Him, falsely accuse Him, scourge Him, torture Him, and ultimately crucify Him. Luke 23:35-43, this Sunday's gospel gives us a good snippet. A man of peace and great self sacrifice, God above all - all Jesus ever wanted was to teach us how much He (God) loves us and wants us to be with Him at the end of our lives. **He still wants the same for us today. He desires to be truly the King of our hearts.** But over 2,000 years later, many still respond as our brothers and sisters responded to Him then. May you and I be different, sincerely accepting Him as our King. Amen.

Blood Drive

Often we focus on the things we are not doing well more than the things we are doing well. We fail to acknowledge well enough our good deeds and our capabilities. Tony Sciacca shared with us what we have accomplished as a parish over the years. Impressive to say the least! Thanks to him and his helpers for representing us very well. Thanks to the various donors, especially those from St. Bart's. This is a case of acknowledging what we do well so we can do even better in that area. Such encouragement also inspires us in other areas of our parish life. Tony told me that we had about 7 new donors who signed up last weekend and that's a big deal. Thanks in advance to those who will donate blood this coming Friday, November 29th. What a wonderful way to really thank God this Thanksgiving. May the Lord continue to bless our good efforts. Amen.

Death In MSP Family

One of our young priests, Fr. Joseph Braimoh, ordained June 22, 2013, and assigned to work with a classmate of mine in Abuja, Nigeria, had an auto accident last week and died a few days later. Please pray for the repose of his soul and God's peace and consolation for his blood family and our MSP family. May his soul rest in peace. Amen. Fr. Daniel and I will celebrate Mass for him on a later date. We hope you can join us, especially the members of the Associate Missionaries of St. Paul, AMSP.

Blessings on you and your loved ones. Amen.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on Monday, December 2nd, for a special 6 p.m. Mass and their Christmas Dinner at Reno's Restaurant, 33 Lockwood Avenue, Yonkers. The cost is \$30 per person. Please call Carolyn (914 963-2622) or Joan (914 476-6860) for reservations.

The members of the **Rosary Altar Society** will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 1st.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, AND SANCTURAY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Lou & Angela Brusco.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

1:30 – 7:30 PM

MCMANUS PARISH CENTER



St. Bart's will be conducting its 76th Blood Drive in the 32 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5632 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 on 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends, too.

ADVENT MORNING REFLECTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH



All parishioners are invited to attend a morning reflection, *Being a Crib of Patient Waiting*, with Father Michael Connolly, OFM Cap. to prepare us for a fruitful Advent. We will begin with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a light breakfast in the McManus Parish Center. Father Mike will then lead us in a reflection that will conclude by 12 noon. **A "free will offering" will be taken to defray that morning's expenses.** Please call 914 476-6676 to make a **reservation** to allow for breakfast planning **by this Monday, November 25th.**



OUR FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday, December 1st, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. Every family is encouraged to attend and to sit together during Mass. "Family Breakfast" will take place at the McManus Parish Center after the Mass. Come and celebrate the Eucharist as a family.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

This Thursday, November 28th, is Thanksgiving Day. There will only be one Mass at 10 a.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come and give special thanks to God for all His blessings at the annual Thanksgiving Day Mass.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Our **Social Ministry Committee** will be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters this Monday morning. If you plan to drop off a **frozen turkey, fresh / frozen pies, desserts or fruit**, please do so **Monday (November 25th) morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** Thank you for your generosity!

INTERGENERATIONAL FAITH FESTIVAL

Make your reservations today for the Advent Faith Festival. The Festival will take place on Saturday, December 7th, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. Food, prayer, and an enjoyable learning activity are sure to delight all ages. Call 914 476-6676 for reservations. Space is limited - first come basis.



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.

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

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✠
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

November 18, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$6500.60
Children's Contribution	\$148.10
Last Year's Total	\$6648.70

November 17, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5163.90
Children's Contribution	\$152.25
This Year's Total	\$5316.15

The collection to provide relief to the victims of the typhoon that struck the Philippines and Vietnam totaled **\$2500.00**.

PARISH SUPPORT: Next Sunday, December 1st, we will take up a second collection in support of our Parish buildings and grounds. Please endeavor to donate generously.

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!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, 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, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Pasquale Cercone, Gail Villafana, and Joe Forlini.

It's never too late! If you know of a school age child who has not prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Religious Education Office on 914 476-6676. We have **Religious Education classes** for public school children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should be enrolled in a Religious Education program.**



November 24, 2013

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

Sunday, November 24

8:30 AM Antonio D'Addario +

10:00 AM Aureo Pinto, Sr. +

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Ann Trancynger +

9:00 AM Joseph Tocco +

Tuesday, November 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Lorraine Sacchetillo +

9:00 AM Frank G. Nanoia +

Wednesday, November 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Sallianne DeVito +

9:00 AM Joseph Frischman +

Thursday, November 28

Weekday - Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 29

Weekday

7:00 AM Genevieve Ann Nuzzo +

9:00 AM Roberto & Pasquale Capuano +

Saturday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving for the Pisacreta Family

Sunday, December 1

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +

5:00 PM Ann Trancynger & John Winston Ono Lennon +

November 24, 2013

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING



*Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe.
All that has been created has been made for You.
Make full use of Your rights over me.*

*I renew the promises I made in Baptism,
when I renounced Satan and all his pomp and works,
and I promise to live a good Christian life
and to do all in my power to procure
the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.*

*Divine Heart of Jesus,
I offer you my efforts
in order to obtain that all hearts
may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty
and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace
may be established throughout the universe.
Amen!*

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Dear God,
In a world where much is available
Yet so many still go wanting
We thank You for all You have given us.
In a time when family life
Is often fragmented and chaotic
We thank You for the family we have with us today.
In a time when so many cannot express their faith
We thank You for our freedoms.
In a world that moves ever more quickly,
We thank You for this time today
To share a meal with loved ones,
And to rest, reflect, and refresh ourselves
On this Thanksgiving Day.
Amen.