

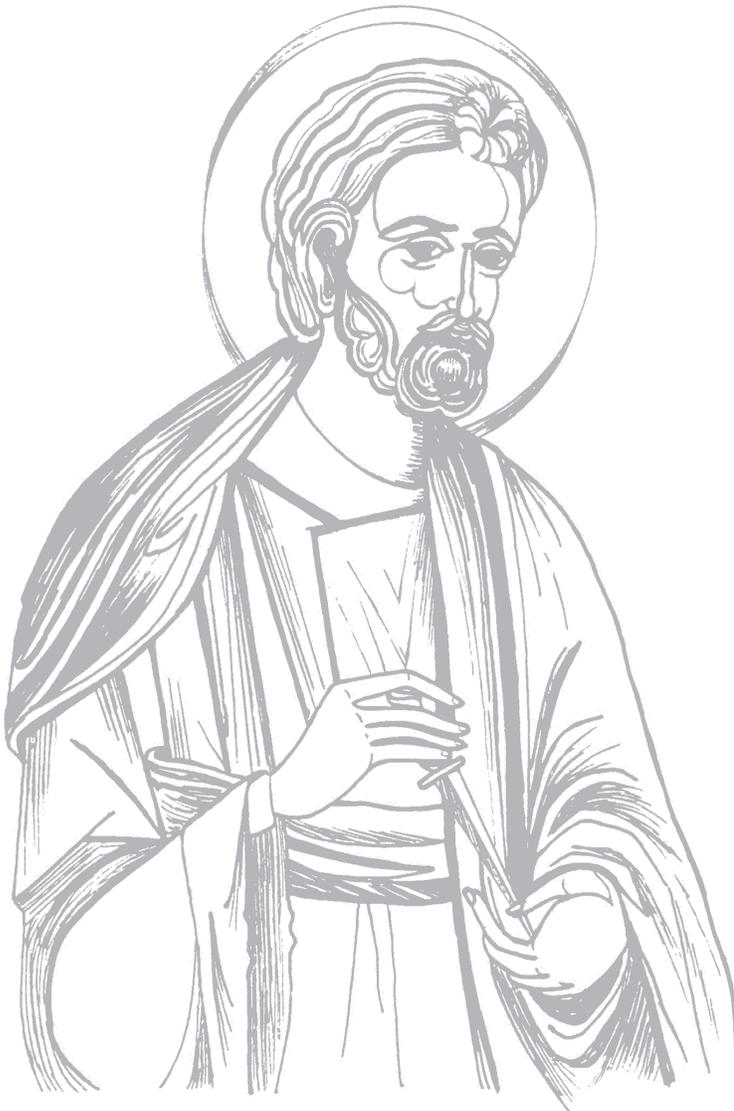
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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 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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

Special Thanks



I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped to make my 50th birthday and 20th Priestly anniversary a blast. Many, many thanks for all of your sacrifices, especially to Fr. Anthony and the Social Ministry members and other volunteers. I don't want to start naming names so that I don't get into trouble!! I deeply appreciate everything you did to make it a memorable day. Many thanks to everyone who gave me monetary or material gifts. I even got 10 scratch off cards. I didn't win but that's part of the fun.

We do have a wonderful parish. My visitors and even some Facebook friends in Nigeria commented on all you did for me. One other wonderful part of all that is that everything the committee put together was done without any cost to the parish due to your most generous donations. We even had Sylvester and Ndidi, who joined the parish recently, volunteer to do the video and pictures, all for free. Everyone was eager to help out. For these and many other ways you show me that you care, I remain eternally grateful.

Your actions encouraged me even more to continue to give of myself in the ministry here at St. Bart's. I am proud of you and happy to be here.

With Lots of Love and Appreciation, Father Raphael

I am also very excited as I leave for Nigeria. I'll be baptizing my 35 year old niece whom I've been encouraging to join the Catholic Church. I'll also be officiating at her wedding. Both will take place on August 26th and 27th respectively. I'll be attending the funeral of one of our priests at our Seminary in Abuja on August 30th and 31st. I'll be back to St. Bart's on September 2nd. Please keep me in your prayers. I'll do the same for each of you.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope declared this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians, and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, chapter 12 of Revelation speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey,

O.F.M

PARISH NEWS

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

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.

To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

A **Parish Pilgrimage** is planned for the Year of Mercy for Saturday October 15th to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. The cost for the day is \$75 per person which includes round trip bus transportation from our parking lot, a morning of reflection led by the Salesians of Don Bosco, lunch, a visit to the Holy Doors designated by the Archdiocese for the Year of Mercy, and Gift Shop.

Weather permitting, there are outdoor exhibits which include a 48 foot high Madonna, a replica of Don Bosco House, a Padre Pio shrine, life size Stations of the Cross and the Rosary Way (work of Enrico Arrighini in Italian marble). Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 and are on a first come basis.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!

Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still items available, (4) emerald green arborvitae. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH CELEBRATION



Our parish is planning a block party for Saturday, August 27th, 6 - 10 p.m. to celebrate the **Feast of St. Bartholomew**. Besides attending, we are asking for your help with this celebration by providing money donations toward the cost of food and drink.

Please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name. Donations can be given to Parish Office, or dropped in the collection basket. You can also help by volunteering your time to assist us in setting up, etc for the event. Thank you as always for your support!

Please mark your calendar now and plan on being part of this celebration of our Parish Patron, St. Bartholomew!! Hope to see you on Saturday, August 27th!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

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.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 18th at 1 p.m. at St Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on **Sunday, September 25th**. Mass will be at St. Ann's Church, Yonkers, at 10 a.m. Breakfast will immediately follow at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23.00 per person. Please call 914 423-5331.

VIP HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Free HHA Training (HHA'S and CNA's are welcome)

When: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: VIP Health Care Services,
459 Main Street
New Rochelle, NY

Call 914 654-6540 for more information



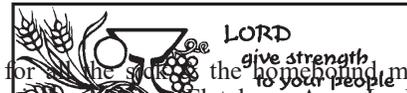
TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	8/9/15	8/7/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,545.20	\$5,183.00	+\$ 637.80
Children	\$ 58.75	\$ 26.10	-\$ 32.65
Total	\$4,603.95	\$5,209.10	+\$ 605.15

The second collection in support of our Building and Grounds totaled \$1,087.10

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially ~~Manson Fletcher, Ann Lactner,~~ Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Joseph Fletcher, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Rosalia Guzman and Bob Barry.

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

MASS FOR HEALING
St. Paul the Apostle Church
602 McLean Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10705

Tuesday evening—August 30th at 7:30 p.m.
Celebrant: Monsignor Jose Puthenparambil
Mission Diocese of Vijayapuram, Kerala, India
Please call 914 965-9333 for further information.

We wish Monsignor Kennedy safe travels back to Rome.
We enjoyed having you here for a visit. Come back soon!!

AUGUST 14, 2016

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 13 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Raymond James Cheron, Jr. +

Sunday, August 14

8:30 AM Rosemarie Yannicelli +
10:00 AM Leslie De Brocky & Margaret McGuirk +
11:30 AM Suor Maria Cira +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 15

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day
of Obligation)**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM David Pagliaroli +
12 Noon John & Ann Gaffney +

Tuesday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Michael Casey (living)
9:00 AM Barbara Shannon (living)

Wednesday, August 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Onofre Cancio +
9:00 AM David Pagliaroli +

Thursday, August 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Lois Burton +
9:00 AM Santo Nicoletti +

Friday, August 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dominick Sinopoli +

Saturday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Connie & Steven Bellissimo +

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 20 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM John Bryce +

Sunday, August 21

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Bernard Mistal +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

AUGUST 14 2016

**TAKE A CHANCE YOU
ONLY HAVE A FEW
WEEKS LEFT**

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle
\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets
Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast
Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the
collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

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.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office on 914 965-0566.

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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- I am interested in parish membership.
- 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.