

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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



PENTECOST

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.

COME O HOLY SPIRIT

In Acts, the coming of the Holy Spirit is described as “a noise like a strong driving wind” (Acts 2:2). The wind is an appropriate image. We cannot see wind, but we can feel it. We can see its effects, from gently blowing leaves on a tree to the heavy winds of a tornado. Similarly, we cannot see the Spirit. But we feel the effect of the Spirit, whether a gentle nudge to reach out or speak out when we're reluctant to do so or a momentous decision to change our life.



In John's Gospel, Jesus uses the word Advocate when referring to the Holy Spirit during the Last Supper. He also tells the apostles that “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now” (John 16:12). One gets the impression of a true friend, an ally, who will gently confide in you what needs to be said and will be reassuring and sympathetic as you struggle with what is difficult to bear.

John's account of the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles is not of a strong driving wind and tongues of fire. Instead, John speaks of the Holy Spirit coming with the breath of Jesus. Such a gentle image! It recalls the breath of life that God breathed into the first human in Genesis. It is a very intimate action. Also, it is a creative action, an action that gives life. It gave life to the small band of disciples, driving them from a locked room where they hid in fear to their mission of witnessing and baptizing to the ends of the earth.

Question of the Week

Can I sense the movement of the Holy Spirit in my life right now? Does it feel more like a gentle breath or a strong driving wind?
(*Pastoral Patterns – Summer, 2018*)

Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Part II

I hope you've been able to join us in our 9-day novena to the Holy Spirit. We'll end it this Sunday – as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

I reflected on the spirit of the Fear of the Lord, Piety and Fortitude. Let's continue with the remaining ones.

The spirit of **Knowledge** helps us to know God, to know ourselves and to grow in holiness. Sometimes, I really wonder how many of us know ourselves. We practically have no time for ourselves, not to talk of having time to spare on such abstract thing as reflecting on this person called “Me”. Yet, it's in doing so that we realize our full potential and then grow in our relationship with God, our loved ones and with one another. So, maybe this is a great time to pray for the gift of knowledge.

I'll skip the spirit of **Understanding**, as I plan to reflect on that during the Homily this weekend. The gift of **Counsel** helps us in our choices. It helps us to choose the best ways of doing God's will, seeking first the Kingdom of God before all else.

I do hope that we have and will continue to pray for these gifts. God equips us with these gifts when He calls us to a mission. Indeed, He has called each of us to a mission. Let us always ask Him for the gifts and the capabilities we need to carry them out.

May the Holy Spirit descend upon you and fill you with His grace, renewing you and your loved ones just as He did on that very First Pentecost day. Amen.

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS

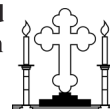


The Parish Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, May 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially  *Rest in Peace* Isadore Heit.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE and SANCTUARY LAMP have been donated in loving memory of Sofia Gogola by Joanne Pragana.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR CANDLES have been donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Lou and Angela Brusco.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Religious Education

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. 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. 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.



TAG SALE

We need volunteers for the tag sale on June 2nd. We need help setting up beginning on Wednesday, May 30th, Thursday, May 31st, Friday, June 1st and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2nd. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m. **Also donations are needed. We will begin to take donations Monday, May 13th until Friday, June 1st.** All



donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. **For further information, please call Cheryl at 914-476-6676.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

MAY EVENTS

LIFE LINE SCREENING

This Friday, May 25th, McManus Parish Center
Pre-registration is required. Please call 1 888 653-6450.



JUNE EVENTS

TAG SALE

Saturday, June 2nd, 9a.m. to 4 p.m.
RAIN OR SHINE, GREAT ITEMS!!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 3rd after the 10 a.m. Mass

MONSIGNOR KENNEDY ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 9th, beginning with the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a reception in McManus Parish Center. Please sign up after each of the Masses.

CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, June 10th, 11:30 a.m. Mass and Reception After

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, June 13th at 7 p.m.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 16th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

MOVIE THURSDAY

Thursday, June 21st after the 9 a.m. Mass

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR PARISH DIRECTORY

Friday, June 22nd (2-9 p.m.) and Saturday, June 23rd (9-4 p.m.)

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 24th sponsored by the Holy Name Society

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant

The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018.

All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. **Please call the Parish Office, no later than Friday, June 1st to register** your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,958.50
Balance	- \$1,041.50
*(Envelopes \$5,643.50, Online \$315.00)	
Amount Needed for Month of May	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$11,613.10

"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!

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, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., 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, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Mamcu (Candy) Viola and Lou De Muro.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The next meeting is this Sunday, May 20th with the Edge Group for an Improv Workshop from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** 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. **They are joining the Youth Group, this Sunday, May 20th for the Improv Workshop from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

May 20, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, May 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +
5:00 PM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

Monday, May 21

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

Tuesday, May 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

Wednesday, May 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Renee Capuano (Living)
9:00 AM Rosalie Chimenti +

Thursday, May 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

Friday, May 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Louis Di Nardo +
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

Saturday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

9:00 AM Ralph & Mary Criso +

Saturday, May 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

Sunday, May 27, 2018

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of Lucchetti & Capuano families
10:00 AM Frank Schweizer +
11:30 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +
5:00 PM Linda Wojda Skelly +

May 20, 2018



SYMBOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Water: The symbolism of water signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism, since after the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth.

Anointing: The symbolism of anointing with oil also signifies the Holy Spirit, to the point of becoming a synonym for the Holy Spirit.

Fire: While water signifies birth and the fruitfulness of life given in the Holy Spirit, fire symbolized the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions.

Cloud and Light: These two images occur together in the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in both Old and New Testaments.

The Seal: is a symbol close to that of anointing. "The Father has set his seal" on Christ and also seals us in Him.

The Hand: Jesus heals the sick and blesses little children by laying hands on them. In His name the apostles will do the same.

The Finger: "It is by the finger of God that (Jesus) cast out demons".

The Dove: At the end of the flood, whose symbolism refers to Baptism, a dove released by Noah returns with a fresh olive-tree branch in its beak as a sign that the earth was again habitable.

Excerpt from Catechism of the Catholic Church

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT



Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt on one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me.

Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in all afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen.