

St. 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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

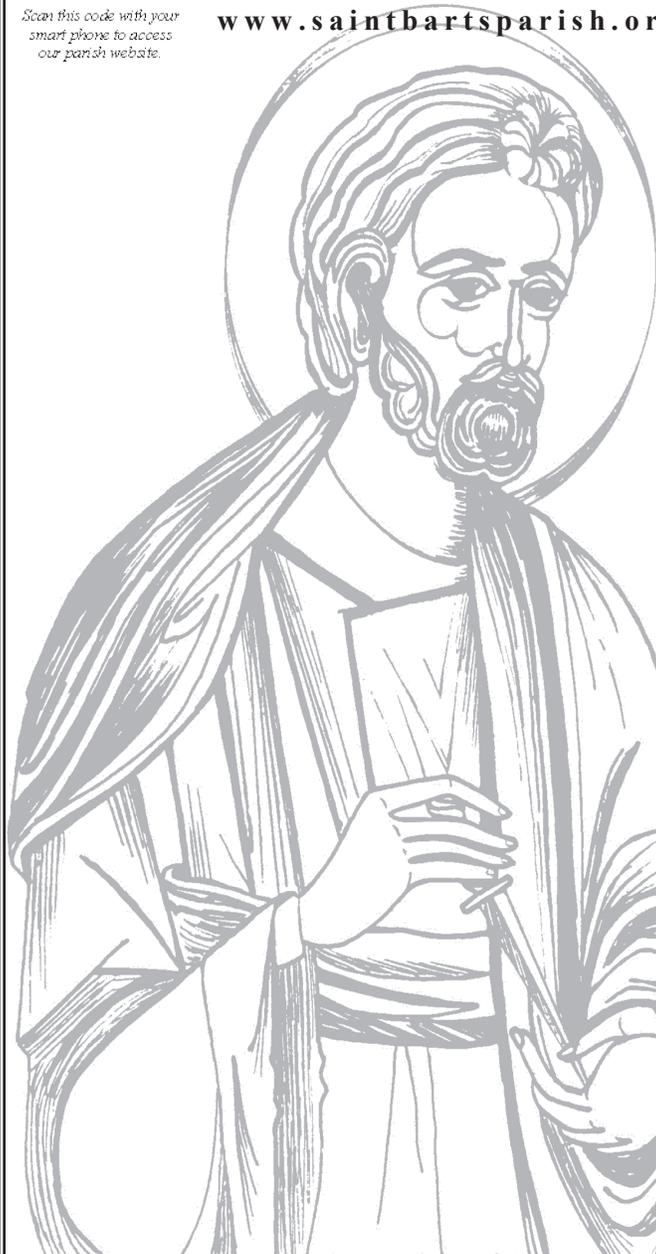
Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

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

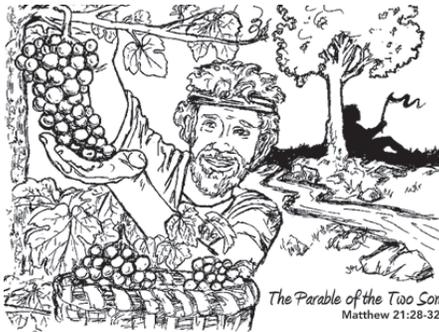
Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.



WHAT FOLLOWS OUR YES AND OUR NO?

Last Sunday I mentioned the pressure vineyard owners in Jesus' time went through during harvest season. They had so much to harvest and very little time and not enough workers to do it. So the vineyard owner in last Sunday's reading had to go out five times to hire workers just to get it all done and in time (Matthew 20: 1-6). This Sunday we have another vineyard owner in need of workers. Maybe he too was racing against time. This time, maybe in addition to hired workers, he asked his children to help out. One said no, but changed his mind and did it, while the other said yes but never bothered to do it (Matthew 21:28-32).

As I read the story my initial reaction was "Wow, what perfect timing". Indeed, God speaks to us all the time and in every situation. If only we listen.



We just rolled out our parish pastoral plan. We're in the process of asking and encouraging parishioners to consider helping us to fill some of the needs we identified through the surveys and meetings. I never for once feared or doubted

that we will get enough volunteers to help St. Bart's. My fear and doubt is really more of how many will follow through. And this is not unique to St. Bart's. Pretty much every church struggles with this problem. I don't think that most people purposely say yes and then become a "no-show" like the second son. Often we're pulled in so many directions with very limited time. Then there are some of us who don't know how to say no. Then, truth be told, there are some of us who don't want to be disturbed. Next, there are those who believe that others will do it. Finally, there are those who believe they are not cut out for it or that they won't be able to do it. But whatever the case, Jesus invites us to review our response to the demands made on us daily or even hourly, at home, at school, at work, at the church, at sports, and all the other extra curricular activities and events. With a spirit of generosity and knowing that we're called to build the kingdom of God wherever we are, we must strive to give an appropriate response to the demands we receive daily. Then we must follow up with action.

May the Lord bless us with the grace to say and mean what we say. Amen.

PASTORAL PLAN UPDATE

This week we continued implementing the Pastoral Plan and we're making progress.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) – This past week we had our first meeting for the pastoral year 2014-2015. The Council reviewed and approved the new Membership Guidelines submitted by a review committee. The Council will now have 6 voted-in members, 3 appointed members, the chair or co-chair of each of the 4 Commissions, a representative from the Finance Council and 4 ex-officios.

Please send in your nominations or your name if you want to volunteer. Elections will be held on October 12th, if we have more than 6 names. The names of the new Council members will be published on October 19th.

St. Bart's Growing From Strength to Strength through the grace of God.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Andrew T. McCormack by the McCormack family.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Stanis Buoninfante by Louis & Angela Brusco.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, October 2nd, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering Thursday, October 2nd

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, October 3rd, is First Friday. We will resume our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. On Saturday, October 4th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

OUR FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday, October 5th, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



God, You enabled St. Francis to imitate Christ by his poverty and humility. Walking in St. Francis' footsteps, may we follow Your Son and be bound to You by a joyful love. Amen.

This coming Saturday, October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, well known for his great love of animals. That day at 12 Noon, we will have a blessing of animals in our parking lot. Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

It is not too late to register. Classes are available for children in 1st 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.



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.



OKTOBERFEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
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.

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



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

	9/22/13	9/21/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,162.90	\$5,023.60	-\$ 139.30
Children	\$ 179.95	\$ 126.90	-\$ 53.05
Total	\$5,342.85	\$5,150.50	-\$ 192.35

Next Sunday, October 5th, is the first Sunday of the month. We will take up a second collection at all the Masses in support of our buildings and grounds.

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



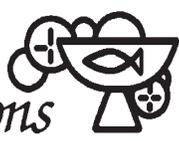
Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, 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, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, and Daniel Pezzola.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, October 5th.



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

September 28, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 27 (Anticipated Mass)

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

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 DiStefano +

Monday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Jule Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Betty Sapko +

Tuesday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Wednesday, October 1

Saint Theres of Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John DelBene +

Thursday, October 2

Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM Jule Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Stephanie DeRosa (living)

Friday, October 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

9:00 AM Maria & John Spagnola +

Saturday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rocco Campana +

Sunday, October 5

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM Carol DiVenuto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

