

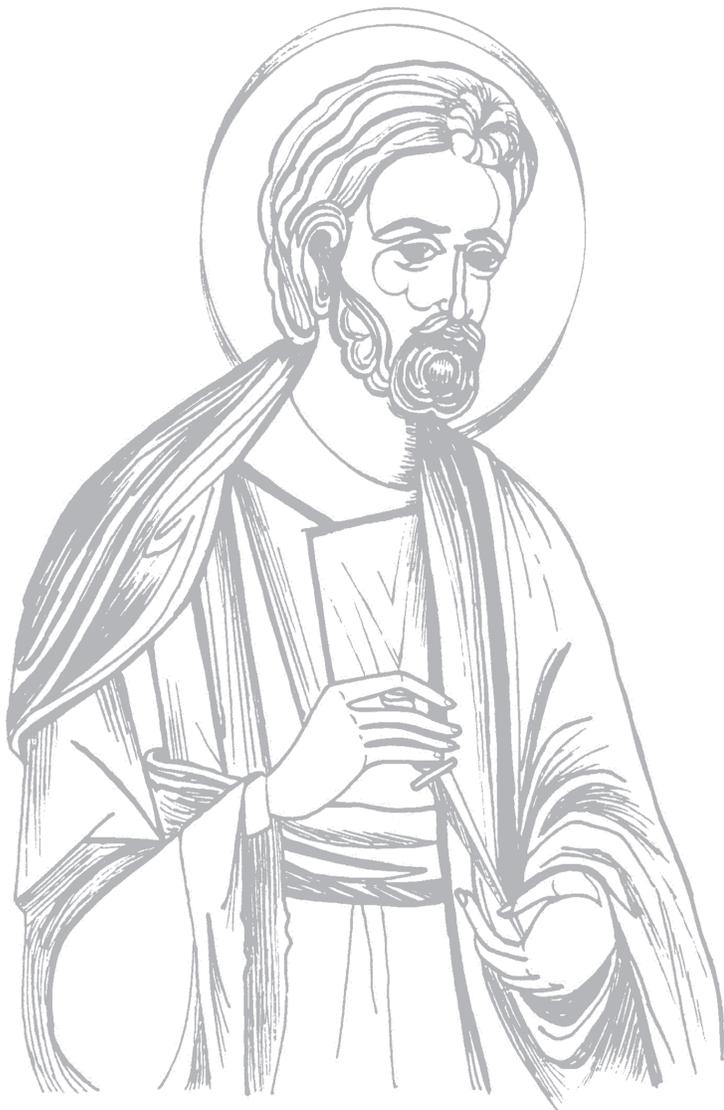
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. 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

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I once watched an episode of the show *Dumbest Daredevils or Partiers*. It was about two girlfriends atop a bungalow. Their idea of fun was to jump off the roof, sail over a 15 – 20 feet long concrete yard, and make it into this alluring swimming pool below. The first girl backed up, sped off and sailed into the air. She cleared the yard and splashed into the welcoming pool. Her friend backed up, half-heartedly ran forward and braked just in time before she could sail off. Her courageous friend cheered her on, reassuring her of how easy it was and instructing her on what to do. This scene was repeated over and over again. Finally, she backed off, a serious look of determination on her face. She ran forward and just when the viewers thought she was going for it, she hesitated. It was too late. She was already half way in the air. The crash was painfully disastrous to me who was watching. She was rushed to the hospital with multiple fractures.



I look around and I see so much indecision in and around us all and in society. And it seems to be growing more and more each day. Last Sunday's readings touched on how we use our intelligence when it comes to worldly things and how we must utilize the same intelligence in the more important area of our relationship with God, and in things that concern our future life (eternal life). I think we generally tend to be also very decisive when it comes to worldly things and then we dilly-dally in spiritual and moral things. Like the girl on the roof, we back up, ready to make the leap (change or whatever), only to break off, sometimes at the very last moment or even a little into the task. And it is not that we don't know what is required of us.

The scriptures say:

"For this commandment which I command you today, it is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over to the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it" (Deuteronomy 30:11-14).

So, we do know what is required of us, just like the girl knew what is required of her. And we do have people (friends, family members, co-workers, pastors, authority voices, even enemies, etc.) that remind us of what is required of us. Yet we dilly-dally. We hesitate. We grow cold feet or rather frozen feet.

But we're not alone. In the Gospel today (Luke 16:19-31) we have a very familiar story: the story of the rich man (or dives, as they were called in those days) and the poor man, Lazarus. I invite us to focus on the request of the rich man, now suffering in the flames of the netherworld. *"Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment."*

Abraham responded:

"They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them."

Notice how he protested further, filled with filial concern:

"Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent."

Abraham's final response is very pragmatic and shows a reality that we very often overlook.

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."

Sadly, Abraham was very right then. And he's still right today. You and I know what is required of us in worldly things and more so, in spiritual and moral things. Why do we very often hesitate like the girl on the roof; or worse still, why do we ignore them like the dives in the gospel, even when what is required of us stares us in the face. Are we waiting for someone from hell to come and warn us of what is waiting for us if we continue to ignore God's injunctions?

We pray for the grace to do what is good always.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



The SANCTUARY LAMP will be lit this week in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fasanella by Barbara Troutman.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Tessie Yurkowski, Ann Yarina, Michelino Venditelli and Josephine Apuzzo. *Rest in Peace*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN LAST WEEK



Religious Education

Classes for Religious Education for public school children, running September through June, began on Tuesday, September 6th

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.

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Rehearsals are every Tuesday - **children beginning at 5:45 p.m.** and the **adult choir at 6:45 p.m.** Come join us!!

~ Erika

Podoprigrora

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces canned fish, canned corn, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, rice, paper products such as paper towels, tissues, etc. The food pantry services our community all year long.



BIBLE STUDY

Come join your fellow parishioners and learn more about God's Holy Book every Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. in the school.

TWENTY - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME BACK FAMILY FUN BINGO
 This Friday, September 30th in McManus Center
 \$5.00 Admission- Pay at the Door
 Kitchen opens at 6 p.m.
 Hot Dogs, Sodas and Snacks can be purchased.
 Games begin at 6:30p.m. **Win Prizes, come and have some fun!**

THE HOMEBOUND: St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of health or infirmity cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all parishioners who are homebound, permanently or temporarily, to be visited by a Priest and/or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Often we will hear of someone who is homebound and has not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time, although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person didn't want to "bother anyone" or "put anyone out." Often these individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.

We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. **However, we need your help.** These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and telling them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules. If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist please contact Cheryl Duda at 476-6676 or the Rectory at 965-0566.

From time to time, we receive calls inquiring about "companions and aides" for the elders in our community. If you are or someone you know is qualified and can help "seniors", please contact the Parish Office.

On Saturday, October 1st, 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.



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

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

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 is Sunday, October 2nd.** All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

OKTOBERFEST
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 6:00 p.m.
 MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey.



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

	9/20/15	9/18/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,769.35	\$4,901.35	+\$ 132.00
Children	\$ 184.90	\$ 153.95	-\$ 30.95
Total	\$4,954.25	\$5,055.30	+\$ 101.05

Next week's collection will be in support of our building and grounds.

"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.parihsppay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., 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, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz and Giovanna Robinson.

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

Sunday, October 2nd, is Respect Life Sunday.

Hundreds of Westchester and Putnam residents will again be participating in the **National Life Chain** for an end to abortion. Led by pastors and community leaders, participants will stand, holding signs (available along the route) and quietly pray for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is a legal, peaceful and prayerful witness that abortion is morally wrong. Life Chains will be held rain or shine at the following location:



St. Joseph's Church, 141 Ashburton Avenue - 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Please show your support for life by being a link in the chain and bringing along your family and friends!

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

Sunday, September 25

8:30 AM Mildred & Michael Pollick +
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

Monday, September 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Roman Silva Montalvo +
9:00 AM John & Emilia De Rosa +

Tuesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Genevieve Mary Shandor +

Wednesday, September 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Earl Lewis +
9:00 AM Carole Pollock +

Thursday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Bishop Hyacinth and Family (Living)
9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Friday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Dina Legio +
9:00 AM Marilyn Lynch +

Saturday, October 1

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

Sunday, October 2

8:30 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +
10:00 AM Stephanie De Rosa & Timothy Shannon (Living)
11:30 AM Chris Amendola +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

COME. JOIN US!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society, the very first committee formed in St. Bart's, was founded in 1943, for the purpose of promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among all, but especially among the women of the parish. For 70 years, the Society has played an active role in promoting spiritual growth among its members and the Parish.

The ladies of the Society, apart from cleaning the sacred linens used at Masses, also clean the Altar and Church at Christmas and Easter, and make available items necessary for the Altar and the Sanctuary, thereby, enhancing our liturgical worship.

Members of the Rosary Altar Society gather to worship as a group on the first Sunday of every month (September through June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the first Sunday to discuss and plan upcoming activities sponsored by the Society, for our Parish. Their meetings are always closed with a prayer before coffee/tea, desserts and fellowship.

The Society is looking for additional members; therefore, we encourage any woman of the parish who is interested in joining this illustrious group of women to call **Liz Mulvaney at 914 403-8844 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Society of the Holy Name of Jesus was founded in 1945, with the objective of promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish and also promoting greater participation in parish life and cooperation among men of the parish.

For 66 years, the Society has helped by donating material assistance to the needy members of our community. They also organize various social events that often bring the parishioners together as a family.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the second Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the second Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. The meeting always ends with dinner and other social activities. These are men who like to have fun. Come join us!

The Society is looking for additional members. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, who would like to "hang out" with men that will help him feel a sense of belonging in the parish family of St. Bartholomew. For further information contact **Tony Martelli at 914 760-1640 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Bart's is pleased to announce the creation of its new children's ministry. This ministry is designed to serve children of ages **5-9** in our parish, providing them with a place to have fun, make friends and grow in faith. The children's ministry will be holding events each month. Look for upcoming dates in future bulletins. **See the collage at the rear of the church from their first event.**

If you need any information on the above ministries or would like to join any of our ministries, please call the Parish Office at 914 965-0566