

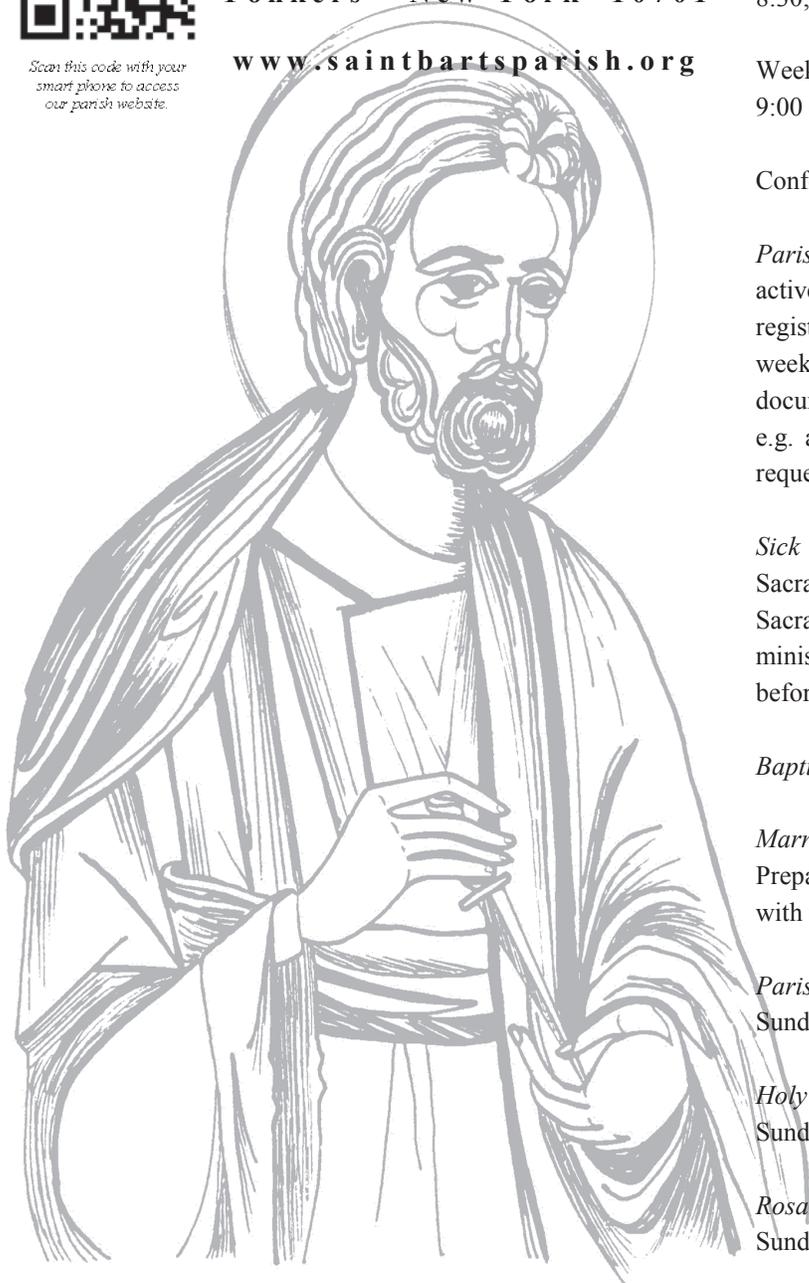
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*
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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



We want to try another first – celebrate a Valentine's Day party for our married couples and another one for our single men and women. The Parish Life Commission, which will be overseeing and promoting all our family related events, activities and concerns, will be spearheading these two events. Babysitting will be provided so that couples and singles can have those evenings to themselves. Very often singles/couples work so hard and have no time for themselves/each other. And that's not good by any standard. As a Church community, we should be promoting the spiritual and emotional health of couples, singles and our families. We want to teach and inspire them, through example, to create time for themselves to relax and cherish each other. God has called married couples to the vocation of marriage and family life. In any vocation we find ourselves, we must ready ourselves for the work through various means. These are some of the reasons for the Pastoral Plan and for asking for more volunteers for our ministries. May the Lord continue to bless our efforts. Amen.

MUSIC@ OUR MASSES



We thank Erika and all our current choir members and soloists, children and adults alike. The saying that the more the merrier is definitely appropriate when it comes to music. So, as part of the overall Pastoral Plan, we have started working on getting more voices to help sing at all our Masses. It was good to see that a good number mentioned in the parish survey that they are interested in exploring singing at Mass. The Stewardship Committee and Liturgy Commission will be following up very soon. I'll be personally calling on the volunteers, too. Please, if you can sing or play any musical instrument, we really need you to help build up our music ministry.

MASS FOR THE SICK

I constantly worry about, and question why there are more and more cases of cancer in the society and in our community. A good family friend of mine, Nigerian, living in Houston was just diagnosed with breast cancer. Here at St. Bart's we have parishioners who have gotten the bad news that they have cancer. They and their families go through traumatic experiences, and with prayers re-adjust to the realities of life. We can only imagine what they go through. I was thinking of ways we, as a parish community, could do more to assist them. Top among the list is prayer, which happens to be the most important anyway. So, we are planning to have a **Mass for the Sick** with **Anointing** within the Mass on February 11th (tentatively at 7 p.m.), which is the Feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes. St. John Paul II designated the date as World Day of the Sick. Please join us on that day and invite anyone you know who is sick. Hopefully, we can do it every quarter. In addition to that, I am hoping that once we build up the day-long First Friday and First Saturday Eucharistic adoration, then we could get into more focused prayers for specific individuals with problems. That way, we can go beyond words of sympathy and empathy. What better way to show love and concern!



**Our Lady, Help of the Sick,
Pray for Us!**

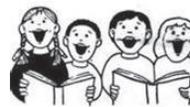
~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S BIRTHDAY: This Monday, January 19th, is a legal holiday; the Rectory Office will be closed; and there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m. that day .

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, January 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the rest of the Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.



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.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Ugo Gentile and Anna Bruculeri.

Our newly formed **Fund Raising Committee** has started selling chances to win a second set of 100 five dollar New York Lottery Scratch-Offs. You know those 100 scratch-offs have to contain some winners! The winner of the first set of tickets purchased multiple chances and still more than doubled her investment.



There are only 200 of the \$10 chances to win the *scratch-offs*. They will be sold after all Saturday night and Sunday Masses, as well as in the Parish Office during the week. The drawing for the winner of our second set of 100 *scratch-off tickets* is scheduled for Sunday, February 8th, following the 10 a.m. Mass.

ADOPTION: Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls from ages two & up. Older parents & single women are welcome. For more information, call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE

January 26th – February 2nd



Catholic Charities is once again running its *Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign* to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry

neighbors.

Expect the large donation box to appear the weekend of January 24th – 25th. Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Our Parish is planning a **Sweepstakes Social on Saturday, March 14th**, doors open at 6 p.m. The Sweepstakes Social Committee can use your donations and your help! Please start collecting new, appropriate items to be dropped off as early as the beginning of February. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this fundraiser is asked to leave their name and phone number at the Parish Office during the week.



YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 13 - 15 (Friday dinner to Sunday 1 p.m.)

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May, NJ 08212

609 884-3829 or www.capemaymarianists.org

This weekend is for young adults (ages 22 - 35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers, and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Cost: \$125 per person, double occupancy *Financial Aid available*

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this **Wednesday, January 21st**, at **7 p.m.** in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information..

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care Office in Scarsdale, will begin January 26th. Please see the flyers in the rear of the church on the tables or bulletin boards for further information.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING – GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	1/12/14	1/11/15	Difference
Adults	\$6,530.70	\$5,063.05	-\$ 1,467.65
Children	\$ 139.35	\$ 170.10	+\$ 30.75
Total	\$6,670.05	\$5,233.15	-\$ 1,436.90

The Second Collection to support Catholic Communications and the Catholic University totaled \$1,251.55.

***"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 Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, 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, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Daniel DeRosa, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, and Dominick Gravino.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2015 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about a particular date.

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 next Sunday, January 18th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

Sunday, January 18

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Denis LaValle +

11:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, January 19

Weekday - Martin Luther King, Jr.

9:00 AM Tiffany Nguyen (living)

Tuesday, January 20

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret Foley +

Wednesday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Christian Anthony "Sonny" Carretta +

Thursday, January 22

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Edith Sanchez +

Friday, January 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +

9:00 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +

Saturday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

Sunday, January 25

8:30 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

10:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

11:30 AM Anthony DiVenuto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

42ND ANNIVERSARY OF ROE vs. WADE



As we mark the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling on Abortion (the Roe vs. Wade case) this Thursday, January 22nd, we think of the adverse effects the practice of abortion is having on us as individuals and as a society. This decision has enabled the elimination of about 57 million pre-born children in America. It

provides a legal basis for a “culture of death” (Pope Saint John Paul II) in America. This culture sees death and dehumanization as solutions for today’s problems, thus accepting abortion, euthanasia, unjust war, torture, neglect and abuse of the poor and needy.

The United States, avowedly a defender of the weak, has one of the highest legal abortion rates and the most extreme abortion policy of any industrialized Western nation in the world. To offer penance to Almighty God, for affronts to the dignity of the human person due to abortion and to pray for the full restoration of the legal right to life, the U.S. Catholic Bishops ask us to observe Thursday, January 22nd, as a day of prayer and penance.

*One of our neighboring parishes, St. Joseph’s Church, 141 Ashburton Avenue, Yonkers, has reserved a bus for the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C., on this Thursday, January 22nd. The cost to reserve a seat is \$45 per person (\$20 for youths age 10 to 17). **Call (914) 963-0730 for reservations or more information.***

SCHEDULE: *Bilingual Holy Mass at 5 a.m. in St. Joseph’s Church. Bus leaves their parking lot at 6 a.m. SHARP, and aims to return to their parking lot by 9 p.m. Dress appropriately for winter and bring I.D. and sufficient money for lunch, snacks, and other needs.*

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Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that You have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!