

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

RESPOND TO GOD

Samuel in the first reading and Andrew in the Gospel are both called by the Lord. But each needs the assistance of a more knowledgeable person to help with the summons. Eli, the aged priest of the temple, finally understands that it is God calling the boy and advised him to respond. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In the Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God," pointing out the Lord to his disciples (John 1:36).

The church year has moved into Ordinary Time and it is appropriate that these encounters occur on otherwise ordinary days. We are no longer visiting the manger, or are we at the empty tomb. Samuel was sleeping in the temple, as he apparently usually did. Andrew and John (John was likely the other disciple with Andrew) were hanging out with John the Baptist, who was baptizing in Bethany when Jesus happened to walk by. Their ordinary day [or night] has turned momentous.

Samuel's life was transformed, when he responded to God. So too were Andrew's, John's and Simon Peter's when they decided to follow Jesus. By giving themselves over to the Lord, they are no longer living for themselves. Samuel refers to himself as the Lord's servant; Andrew has already gone out and found his brother, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. Paul writes to the Christian community in Corinth, "Do you not know...that you are not your own?" (1 Corinthians 6:19). Samuel, knows this and so do Jesus' disciples.



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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How do I respond to God's call? Am I willing to change my life?
Pastoral Patterns, Winter 2018

Father, praise You for guiding us faithfully through this life. Fish live under the water, and though the wind chases the surface into a fury, schools of them swim peacefully under the surface. As the fish peacefully wait out the waves swimming under the water, we seek shelter under Your arms of pure love. Praise Jesus, who came to earth as a living reflection of Your love, to take us in His arms and show us how to weather the stormy seas of life.

Our great God, You are our rock. When our ship is tossed, we can throw anchor to the bottom and know that You will steady us. You will keep us from running aground as the storm passes through our lives without regard for the destruction left in the wake.

Christ came to earth and followed Your will wholeheartedly, never doubting and never straying. He knew what His purpose was in life. It's not as obvious for us, Father, and we struggle to find our trajectory on the surface of this globe. The earth shifts rapidly and we race to keep up. Forgive us, Father, for chasing after our own ambitions, goals, and fortunes. We confess the motives of our heart that steer us off of the path You have planned for us, the purpose You have placed in us. Each of us have been blessed with a gift that lights us up. Whether it's being kind, good at math, stringing words together, running fast, starting businesses, or building airplanes, the number of talents that You have knit into the body of Your church are as endless as the personality traits that harbor them.

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PARISH NEWS




MARTIN LUTHER KINGS, JR'S BIRTHDAY : This Monday, January 15th is a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed; and there will be one Mass at 9 a.m. on that day.

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass the rest of the Sunday's in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at this 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 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.

BE "INFORMED" FOR JANUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. On the 17th we remember St. Anthony of the Desert. Read: *The Book of Saints and Heroes or Holiness is Always in Season*. On the 20th we remember Sts. Fabian & Sebastian. Listen to: *Being All In, Stealing Home*, or *Swimming Upstream*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book has dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



MOVIE THURSDAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH AFTER THE 9 AM MASS

RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, see the flyer in today's bulletin.



ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 6 PM
Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.

YOUTH WEEK

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18TH, DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. *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. Their next meeting is **this Sunday**, January 14th.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. Their next meeting is **this Friday**, January 19th.

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.

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.

LOCAL NEWS

ALL ABOARD FOR LIFE

Reserve your seats NOW for the pilgrimage to Washington, DC, on this Friday, January 19th. The fee is \$40 per adult and \$20 per child (10 to 17 years old, must be accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission). Call St. Joseph's Church, at 914 963-0730. Any donation to help with the expenses of the trip would be most welcome.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is this Thursday, January 18th at 1 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,827.70
Balance	- \$2,172.30
*(Envelopes \$4,377.70 + Online \$450.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 4,827.70

"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.

Today we are taking up a collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, please visit www/isccb/prg/ccc.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, 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, Cynthia Mascetta King, and Matthew Fitzpatrick.

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

January 14, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Digno Alvarez +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Marialys Vega +

Monday, January 15

Weekday– Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

9:00 AM Joy Mathai +

Tuesday, January 16

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM James & Margaret Kelly +

Wednesday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gerard Monahan +

Thursday, January 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Denis Lavelle+

9:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +

Friday, January 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Justin Colon (Living)

Saturday, January 20

Weekday

9:00 AM Quincy & Theresa Venturino (Living)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Harold W. Smith III +

Sunday, January 21, 2018

8:30 AM Nicholas & Mary Maccia +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

January 14, 2018

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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.

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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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

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- I am interested in parish membership.
 - I am a visitor.
 - 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.