

# 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.

*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



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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.

**Witnesses In A World of Confusion**

What is a Christian to do in these days of confusion, excitement, doubt, hope, anger, and a host of other emotional potpourri? How are we to respond or act? We look to the readings of this Sunday for an answer from the Prophet Malachi (Chapter 3:19-20), the Apostle Paul (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12), and from Jesus Himself (Luke 21:5-19).

As usual, we are neither alone in this nor are we the first to go through such a period. The earlier Christians had problems interpreting Jesus' response to Peter in John 21:22. After asking Peter three times if he loved Him, Jesus asked him to follow Him. Well, for whatever reason, John, the disciple Jesus loved, followed both, obviously without invitation. To Peter's complaint about the uninvited guest, Jesus responds: "If I want him to remain until I return, what is that to you?.." This response prompted them to believe that John would not die until Jesus returned, which meant that Jesus was returning real soon.

The Jewish stock market must have crashed the next day! More than that, years later, the Christians believed that since the world was coming to an end, there was no need to work or to do anything at all. Thessalonians seemed to be the worst hit. Paul was alarmed and wrote to warn them and direct them on what to do in such a time of doubt, confusion, etc. In the gospel Luke confronted his community's fears and worries in the midst of persecution for being Christians. He reminded them of what Jesus once told His worried audience: "By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

So, where do all these leave us, 2000 years later and thousands of miles away from these biblical places?

The election has come and gone. The beautiful process of electing our president turned very ugly. Coming from a country with a poor democratic process, I do admire what we have here. Yes, it could become ugly but it does bring or crystalize the issues dear to the heart of every citizen and non-citizens alike. These are issues that cannot just be dismissed, from political to immigration, religious to cultural/social, from moral to social life, from economy to security, from jobs to health, from freedom to opportunities, etc.

These are tough issues, made tougher be the fact that we do disagree on the best ways to approach and resolve them. We also have candidates, both imperfect (and who is not?), who have different personalities which will affect how they approach the issues. So, at the end of the day, the entire country was/is worried. The climax was the Election Day results that not only showed this reality but showed how divided we have become. The issues and the tone of the campaigns divided us. So, we now have a host of tangled up emotions waiting to be sorted out.

This is also a global phenomenon. Britain had BREXIT recently. Nigeria had hers already. The aftermath is a different story. Canada had hers recently. France had some too.

So, what are we to do as good citizens? What are we to do as Christians? What are we to do as members of St. Bart's whose members are both Democrats and Republicans? I know (spoke with many of us) that we all share the same concerns mentioned above but differ on how and who would do a better job. And as excited or worried or indifferent as we may be, we must ask 'what next?' How can I help?

Jesus would respond: "Persevere in your good works and you will not only save yourself but others". Each of us must begin the healing process by remaining concerned for the other and for one another, no matter the party. We must extend this to the society. And our good deeds will definitely help another hurting child of God. We must pray for President elect, Donald Trump and his team. We must pray for the outgoing President. We must pray for those that will need to work together to move us forward. Above all, we must pray that we, as a nation will return to God who made us who we are today.

**Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



**MEETING:** This Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** has been lit in loving memory of Anthony Esposito by the Catechists.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**It is not too late to register.** Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation**

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**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive** for the **weekend of November 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of Thanksgiving week. We can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

**MASS OF HEALING**

On Wednesday evening, November 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Mass of Healing at the Church at 7 p.m. with a special anointing. All are welcome especially those in need of healing of mind, body and spirit.



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 1:30 – 7:30 PM  
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

Please plan on participating in St. Bartholomew's Blood Drive the day after Thanksgiving. More Details to Follow.



**NOTE** to those who left pictures of their loved ones for the All Souls Day Mass Remembrance, please pick them up at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thank you!

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts\_youth.**

**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.

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

**LOCAL EVENTS**

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** will hold their next meeting on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony's Hall, 31 College Avenue, Yonkers. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

**Saint Casimir Church**

Saint Casimir Auditorium— 239 Nepperhan Avenue  
"Andrzijki" Party—Buffet and Full Dinner- "Polish Table"  
Music , Lotteries and Raffle—\$50 per person  
For information and reservations, please call 914 963-1254

**Sacred Heart High School Drama Club**

Presentation of: **The Diary of Anne Frank**  
Sacred Heart Church Hall, Convent Avenue  
Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.  
Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.  
Tickets: \$10 general admission and \$8 for students and seniors  
For information and tickets, please call 914 965-6953

**Stepinac Theatre**

Archbishop Stepinac High School Drama Club presents:  
**ALL THE WAY**  
Show Dates are November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.  
Tickets: \$20 for adults and \$15 for children under 12 and seniors  
For information and tickets, please call 914 946-4800, ext. 200.

**Saint Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum**

**Advent and Christmas Concert**  
The Schola will be performing 2 of their concerts at St. Patrick's Cathedral on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. and St. Joseph's Seminary on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. with a reception after. His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be attending the December 4<sup>th</sup> concert.  
Tickets are \$25 general admission and Reserved VIP seating for \$50.00.  
Visit [www.Dunwoodiemusic.org](http://www.Dunwoodiemusic.org) for more information.



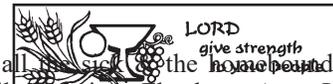
**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
*Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison*

	11/8/15	11/6/16	Difference
Adults	\$7,285.65	\$5,260.45	- \$2,025.20
Children	\$ 256.75	\$ 191.55	- \$ 65.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,542.40</b>	<b>\$5,452.00</b>	<b>- \$2,090.40</b>

**The All Saints Day Collection totaled \$1,798.80**  
**The Building and Grounds Collection totaled \$1,268.05**

"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.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.**



Please pray for all the 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, 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, Giovanna Robinson and Daniel Pezzola.

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

**PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION**

God of all nations,  
Father of the human family,  
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise  
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy  
in these United States of America.  
We ask for your protection and guidance  
for all who devote themselves to the common good,  
working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants,  
those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges,  
those in the military and law enforcement.  
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,  
with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and  
justice in the years ahead for all people,  
and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers

**NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

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*Mass for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week*

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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday, November 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

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**Sunday, November 13**

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +  
10:00 AM Joseph Forlini +  
11:30 AM Helen Clemens +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, November 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & Del Bene Families

**Tuesday, November 15**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jennifer Batac (living)  
9:00 AM Vincent Principe +

**Wednesday, November 16**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Theresa Nguyen +  
9:00 AM Jan Stevenson (living)

**Thursday, November 17**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

7:00 AM Madeleine Savard +  
9:00 AM Theresa Sarich, Anna Lawrence & Alfred Falcone +

**Friday, November 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph Hiep +  
9:00 AM Diane Simenson +

**Saturday, November 19**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Angelica Blanco (living)

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Saturday, November 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana+

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**Sunday, November 20**

8:30 AM Antonio D'Addario +  
10:00 AM Helen Clemens +  
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

