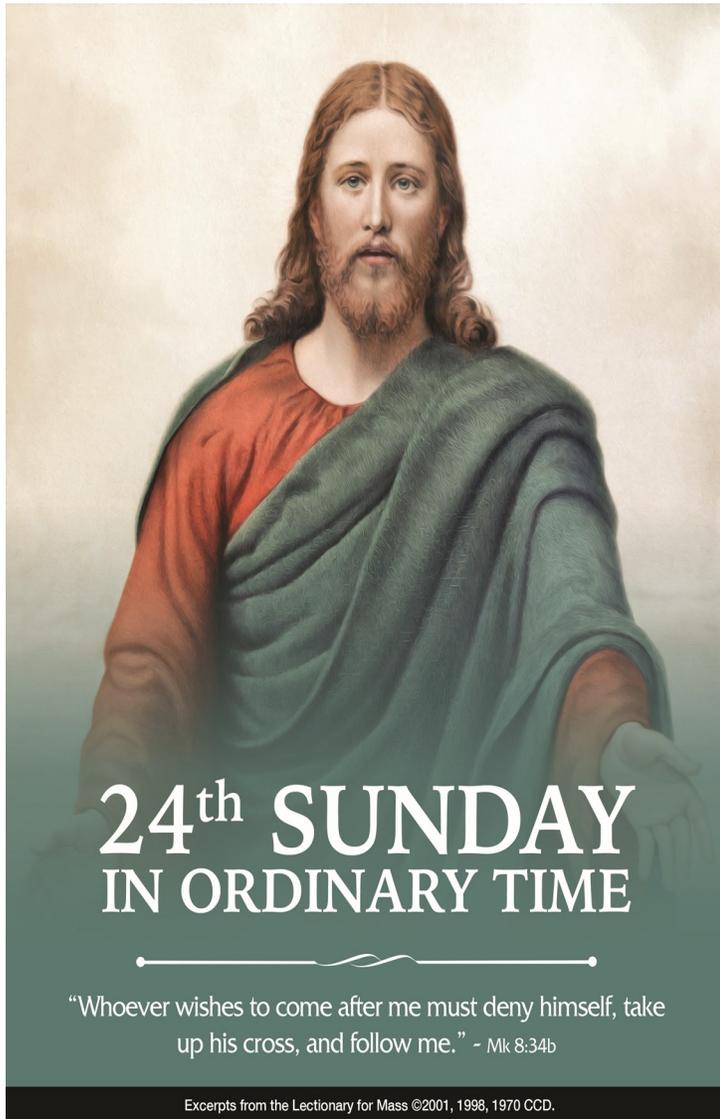


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

KNOW WHO JESUS IS

"You don't know me."

"You don't know who I am."

We have heard one of these or both versions many times from people, or maybe we have said them to others. This is most often said in a context where the addressee presumes to know enough or more than enough about the speaker. In frustration or even anger, or sometimes as a warning, the speaker informs the addressee that he/she is seriously mistaken. If someone says this to me, it means that I don't know what kind of person he or she is. As much as I may believe otherwise, I don't know much or even anything about his or her life, where he or she is coming from or heading to. I don't know what makes him or her who he or she is – his or her strengths and weakness, values, likes and dislikes. And because I don't know these, I misjudge him or her, to him or her 's detriment or mine.

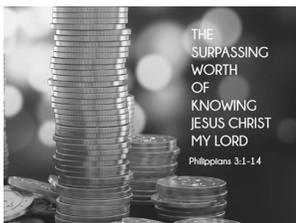
The foundation and even health of our human relationships depend a lot on what we know about each other, followed by how we act according to that knowledge. Thus, if I truly knew the lady speaking to me above, I would not misjudge her or what she is capable or incapable of doing.

The foundation and health of our relationship with Christ depends a lot on what we know about Him, followed by how we act according to that knowledge. Once, Philip said to Jesus, *"Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."* In obvious frustration, Jesus responded, *"Philip, I have been with you all this time, and still you do not know Me? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father."* (John 14:8-9).

The crisis of faith that confronts us Christians today is mostly because of this poor or inadequate knowledge about the One we follow – or claim to follow. Many Christians make do with half baked knowledge about Christ and important issues regarding their faith. We build our life long faith journey and vocation on the initial formative religious education or catechism we received. And when crisis and life storms hit us, we crumble and our faith could even be washed away in the waves of life.

Philip spoke for the rest of the apostles. And Jesus was not angry. Even when Peter proclaimed "You are the Christ", he did not fully understand who Jesus was. This understanding came later and that was what sustained them and the early Christians.

Truly knowing who Jesus is - God, love, forgiving, all powerful, everlasting, the Truth, Way, Life, patient, praiseworthy, compassionate, etc, etc – will most definitely make a huge difference in our faith as His followers. We'll trust Him enough to do what He asks of us. This knowledge is gained over time, through staying near or close to Him. And it happens in prayer.



WELCOME BACK

We welcome everyone back from Summer vacation. I hope you had some rest with your loved ones. We thank God for safety for everyone. Some of our parishioners lost their loved ones during this period. We extend our prayerful condolences to them. May your departed loved ones rest in peace – Amen.

We have a couple of things facing us as we begin this new pastoral year (Sept 2018 – Aug 2019). I want to thank each of our parishioners for your efforts to sustain our beloved parish through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. I want to appeal that you continue to do so. We'll be touching on this very soon as we shore up these three areas. The urgent one will be our tithe income which went down since we finished the Renew and Rebuild project. *Once again, welcome back.*

Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially, Deacon William F. Donaldson, Deacon Ignatius P. Venezia, Reverend Charles S. Szivos, Constance Daniele, Anthony Prunella, Jr. and Andrea Objay .

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Religious Education

Register now for September's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. **First classes began on this past Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**

Please call Cheryl Duda at 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.



For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



This weekend, parishes across the country will honor and pray for those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church . We thank our catechists and program assistants for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth and adults in this parish.

MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Practice will be held on Thursdays and will began on Thursday, September 13th. children's choir followed by adult choir. Come and join us!!!!



Please pray for all our young people returning to school. May God grant them success in their studies and a safe school year.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER



September 20th – Movie Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

September 21st – One in Christ Celebration, 7– 9 p.m.

September 26th – Healing Mass, 7 p.m.

September 29th – 9 a.m. Mass and Reflection following for all Ministry groups

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: jelly, canned corn, rice and coffee. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, September 16th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our 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 Sunday, October 14th.

Our CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

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.

LIFESCREENING AGAIN AT ST. BART’S

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here on Monday, December 3, 2018 at St Bartholomew’s Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your “Community Circle” discount and your Preferred Appointment.



TITHING - GOD’S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$4,826.35
Balance - \$2,173.65
*(Envelopes \$4,411.35 Online \$415.00)

Amount Needed for Month of September \$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far \$ 9,583.80

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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan and Clare Yaskovic.

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

2018 and 2019 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2019 Book is also open with 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.



Prayer to St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, September 21st

O Glorious St. Matthew through the grace of God Our Father you gave us the Holy Gospel, which brings us joy and life. Inspired by your example, I ask for your assistance in all my needs. Help me to follow Christ and remain faithful to His service. Amen

September 16, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, September 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Margaret Foley +
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

Monday, September 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM James De Rosa +

Tuesday, September 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dr. Nance Brittis +

Wednesday, September 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Philip Virga +

Thursday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Concetta Darretta +
9:00 AM Dianne Milder +

Friday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP (Living)

Saturday, September 22

Weekday

9:00 AM Helen Duda +

Saturday, September 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mildred & Michael Pollick +

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +
11:30 AM Giuseppe Rosario Barbieri +
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

September 16, 2018



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 would like to register, please fill out 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!

LOCAL EVENTS

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, September 20th.

The group is holding its annual Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on this Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. All are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New York at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 92 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10608, on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 6 p.m.**

Lawyers and Members of Law Enforcement and their families are invited to attend. (A Red Mass is a solemn Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Courts and on the endeavors of all members of the legal profession and law enforcement).

St. Augustine Church, Larchmont, New York, announces the next Bereavement Support Group, September 10 to November 5, 2018. This group meets every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please contact: Marilyn at 914-834-1220 x 23 or e mail srmuriel@staugustineny.org