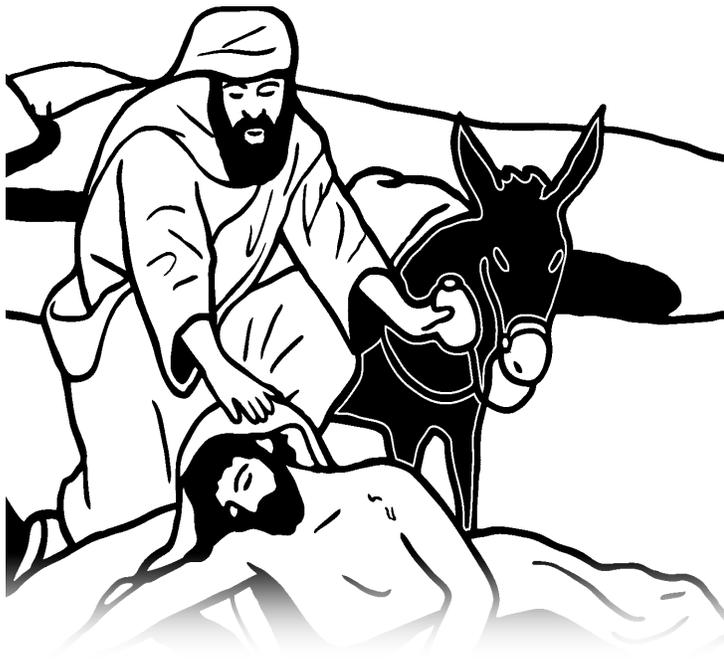


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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight."

Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

Ours Is A Patient and Generous God!

“My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11). Given that the average seed yields 7.5-fold, Jesus’ opening prediction of a hundred fold is radically optimistic indeed, especially given last week’s Gospel: rejection by the “wise and learned” with unseeing eyes, unhearing ears, unresponsive hearts. Wouldn’t we settle for average? A few strong, promising plants.



For that matter, look at us! Very much Jesus’ mixed terrain – hearts trampled by hordes of superficial acquaintances, caravans of tradespeople, armies battling for our limited loyalty. Could anything grow on such a life-weary surface? Think too of those rocky edges of personality, our lack of depth, defying anything or anyone to take root. Thorns of “worldly anxiety,” “lure of riches,” other things we’d rather not mention (Matthew 13:22). Could any living thing breathe, let alone flourish, in the jungle of our hearts?

But wait! Without denying what unreceptive soil we are much of the time, don’t we sometimes surprise even ourselves by sensing Jesus’ word unexpectedly triggering rebirth within? If even ourselves, then why not the wider Church or even our warring world? In God’s maddeningly patient time, of course, and in God’s hidden, silent way. What if, with Paul, we dared believe that all “creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God” (Romans 8:19)? What if we offered our humble efforts, our very selves to Jesus’ work of patient, persevering sowing, and did so with the same spendthrift generosity and daring optimism the Divine Sower lavishes on us?



What kind of soil have I been this week? How can I become better soil this week?

(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

Blessings!!!!

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FR. ANTHONY

I, Father Anthony Mbanefo, MSP want to thank the parish family for the wonderful celebration



organized for the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of my priestly ordination on Saturday of last week.

Special thanks to our pastor, Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, to Christine Fitzpatrick and to the

committee that organized the celebration; to all those who contributed in cash and kind towards the success of the celebration, to all those who attended the celebration and to all those who offered personal gifts to me. May the Good Lord who could not be outdone in generosity reward all of you abundantly.

PARISH NEWS



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



St. Bart's and Hudson Valley Blood Services express sincere appreciation to the 78 donors and 12 volunteers who came down to the 87th Blood Drive on 7/7/17 to donate 77 pints.



Once again, Hudson Valley Blood Services can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

53 donors gave a regular donation. 12 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system. 13 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 4 new donors and 19 walk-ins.

29 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 29 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 7747. We have scheduled our next drive for the day after Thanksgiving 2017 and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all!
Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson
914-423-3592

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



FOR THE YOUTH
Steubenville 2017
July 21-23

Pray for our Youth as they attend this wonderful retreat!!

Contact Ellen Chimenti for more information.



PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Saturday, August 26
6-10 p.m.

Please join us for a fun filled evening.
More details to follow in upcoming weeks!!



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

CELL PHONE ALERT:



As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please **TURN OFF** your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@arch.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

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. New Members are welcome. Their next meeting is Thursday, July 20th at 1 p.m.

The group is also holding its annual Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY on September 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

MASS OF HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church, 602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705
Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 p.m. Celebrant is Monsignor Jose Puthenpapambal



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,054.80
Balance	+ \$ 54.80
*(Envelopes \$5,399.80, Online \$1,655.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of July	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$12,695.80

The second collection in support of Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa totaled \$1,159.05

"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!



As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!!



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, 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., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola and Angela Lutomski.

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

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Frank W. Bassett, III.



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

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.

July 16, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Fletcher +

Sunday, July 16

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Stephen Hickey +

5:00 PM Carmine & Angela Emilia Di Carlo +

Monday, July 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Sarich +

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Tuesday, July 18

Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:00 AM Margherita Di Popolo +

9:00 AM Frank Paliotta +

Wednesday, July 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Linda Wojda Skelly +

Thursday, July 20

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III +

First Friday, July 21

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria & Gerardo Marchetti +

Saturday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM Mary De Stefano +

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito+

Sunday, July 23

8:30 AM Dr. Louis Loscalzo +

10:00 AM Susie & Vincent Strega +

11:30 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

