

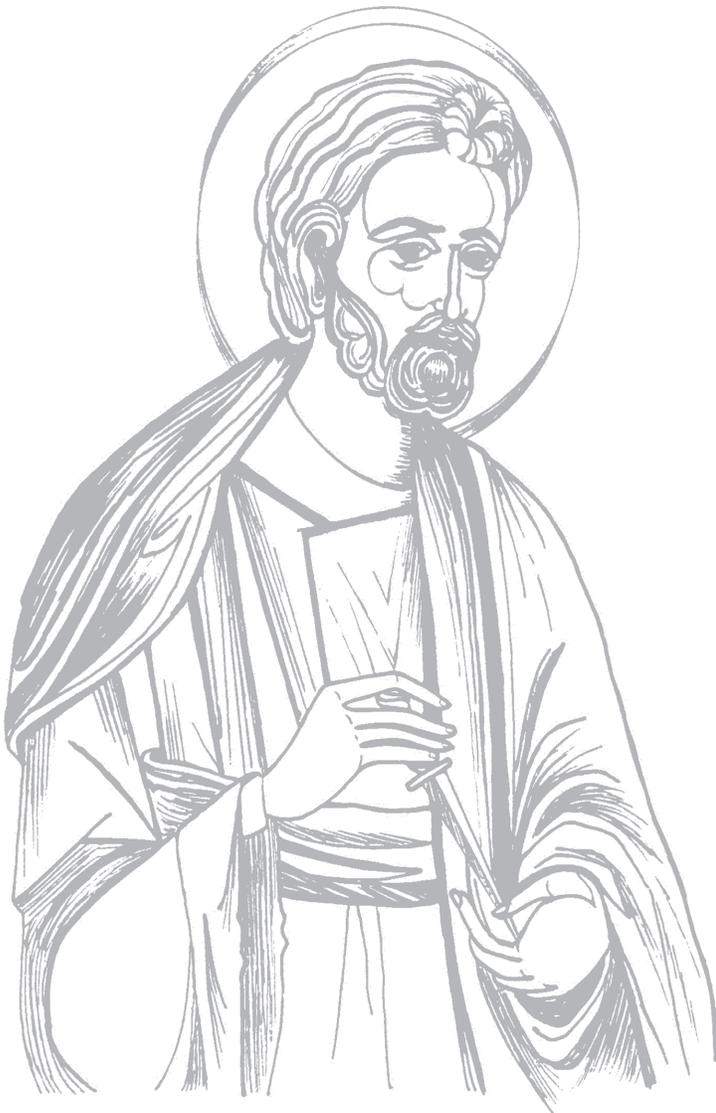
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*  
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

**For love of Christ,  
Paul bore every burden**

We celebrated the Feast of St. Paul on Wed. Jan. 25. Of course, that's our MSP Feast Day. I read a homily by St. John Chrysostom on St. Paul. I thought I'd share that with you. It also fits well with our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (1 Corinthians 1:26-31), where St. Paul invites us to consider our calling, and Gospel (Mt 5:2), where Jesus teaches us to live the beatitudes.



*Paul, more than anyone else, has shown us what man really is, and in what our nobility consists, and of what virtue this particular animal is capable. Each day he aimed ever higher; each day he rose up with greater ardor and faced with new eagerness the dangers that threatened him. He summed up his attitude in the words: I forget what is behind me and push on to what lies ahead. When he saw death imminent, he bade others share his joy: Rejoice and be glad with me! And when danger, injustice and abuse threatened, he said: I am content with weakness, mistreatment and persecution. These he called the weapons of righteousness, thus telling us that he derived immense profit from them.*

*Thus, amid the traps set for him by his enemies, with exultant heart he turned their every attack into a victory for himself; constantly beaten, abused and cursed, he boasted of it as though he were celebrating a triumphal procession and taking trophies home, and offered thanks to God for it all: Thanks be to God who is always victorious in us! This is why he was far more eager for the shameful abuse that his zeal in preaching brought upon him than we are for the most pleasing honors, more eager for death than we are for life, for poverty than we are for wealth; he yearned for toil far more than others yearn for rest after toil. The one thing he feared, indeed dreaded, was to offend God; nothing else could sway him. Therefore, the only thing he really wanted was always to please God.*

*The most important thing of all to him, however, was that he knew himself to be loved by Christ. Enjoying this love, he considered himself happier than anyone else; were he without it, it would be no satisfaction to be the friend of principalities and powers. He preferred to be thus loved and be the least of all, or even to be among the damned, than to be without that love and be among the great and honored.*

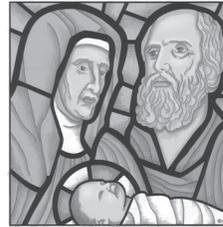
*Death itself and pain and whatever torments might come were but child's play to him, provided that thereby he might bear some burden for the sake of Christ.*

This is how Paul lived out his calling and how he lived out the Beatitudes. We pray for the grace to do the same in our own lives. Amen.

**Blessings and peace.**

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

# PARISH NEWS



This **Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is the Feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**. It was ancient Jewish custom that on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after childbirth, parents brought their infant to the Temple to present the child to the Lord and to purify the mother. Luke's gospel highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and

experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, is also known as Candlemas Day.

The **ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE and SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated for this week in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia & Karen & John McKenna.



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday 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.

**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 at (914) 476-6676.

**REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD**  
The Mass Book for 2017 is open and has some availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. or 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 Parish Office, **Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about date availability.

**ST. BLAISE'S FEAST DAY:** This Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Feast of St. Blaise. We will have the **Blessing of Throats** only during the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses.

**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.



**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

**CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!**

**Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m., ending at 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. This Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

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. Their next meeting is next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>.**

*Stay tuned for further details.*

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

**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.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT  
February 10 - 12  
Marianist Family Retreat Center**

Cape May, NJ 08212  
Call 609 884-3829, Anthony Fucci, Center Director or  
[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://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: \$130 per person, double occupancy, (Financial Aid available)

**ST. AUGSTINE CHURCH, LARCHMONT, NY  
Bereavement Support Group  
January 23 to March 20, 2017**

Every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact Sister Muriel at 914 834-1220, ext. 23 or  
[srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org)



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

Amount Needed Weekly \$8,000.00  
Actual Received Last Sunday \$8,679.25\*  
**Balance +\$ 679.25**  
\*(Envelopes \$8,114.25 Online \$370 (1/15) and \$195(1/22).

Amount Needed for Month of January \$40,000.00  
Amount Collected Thus Far \$28,098.45

"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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.**



Please pray 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, Daniel Pezzola, and Al Dio Dati..

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

"Nations shall walk by your light ..." We as Catholics must be a light to the world. Spend a weekend growing closer to your spouse and to God and make your marriage/Holy Orders to be a "light" shining brighter than ever. For more information on

Worldwide Marriage Encounter or for upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or go to [www.wmenc.org](http://www.wmenc.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.



**JANUARY 29, 2017**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, January 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

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**Sunday, January 29**

8:30 AM Marie Caloia +

10:00 AM Batac Family (living)

11:30 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, January 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Frances Grabowski +

**Tuesday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 AM All Young Men of the Parish

9:00 AM Oreste Parente +

**Wednesday, February 1**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Francis Sr. & Francis Jr. Yaskovic +

**Thursday, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Amedeo & Angela Lepore +

**Friday, February 3**

**Weekday - Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Sister Mary Sygne +

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

**Saturday, February 4**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Anne Morrisey +

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM George Goresen +

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**Sunday, February 5**

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Gino & Ann Coniglio +

11:30 AM Josephine Frances Confalone +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- ◇ 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.

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**FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE**  
**January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 5<sup>th</sup>**

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 will be joined this year by the United Jewish Appeal Federation (UJA); we are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry neighbors.



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!