

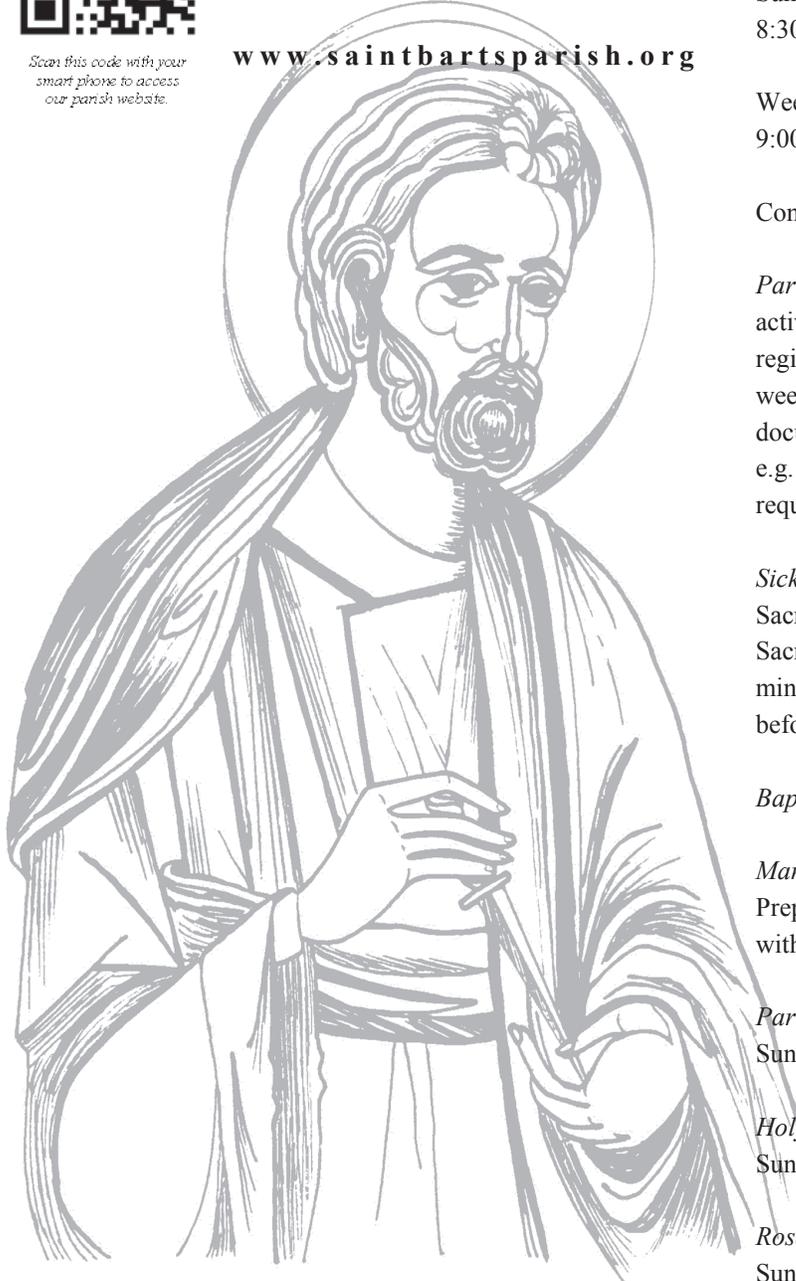
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT (I Corinthians 5:7)

I thought it would be good to have Fr. Anthony's biography in the bulletin for the sake of those who were not able to attend the funeral or read his biography elsewhere.

Our second reading this Sunday is one we often use at funerals, and one that sums up his life in a beautiful way: *He walked by faith, not by sight!* It took faith to become a priest, a missionary priest, with all that comes with it and it took faith to selflessly give of himself without counting the cost. His entire life was permeated by this faith. Christ promises us that "whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

Lord, may this promise be fulfilled for Fr. Anthony, Your servant and priest, our brother, pastor, and friend. Amen.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

FATHER ANTHONY'S BIOGRAPHY

Rev. Fr. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP was born of the late Mr. Charles Edet Effiong Bassey and Mrs. Martha Eno Bassey of Ikot Edet Nsa in the Akpabuyo Local Government Area of Cross River State Nigeria on June 27, 1964. He was the fourth child and third son in a family of eleven, seven boys and four girls. Two of his ten siblings already preceded Fr. Anthony to eternal life. He did his primary and secondary education at Sacred Heart Primary School, Calabar and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mfamosing, respectively. He started his training for the missionary priesthood with his entry into the National Missionary Seminary of St. Paul in November, 1982. He did his Spiritual Year at Iperu Remo Ogun State; and then did his philosophy and theology degrees at Gwagwalada Abuja. He was ordained deacon and simultaneously was received into permanent membership of the Missionary Society of St. Paul on December 8, 1990, and then was ordained a priest for the missions on June 22, 1991.

Fr. Anthony did his first year pastoral assignment at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ado Ekiti, Nigeria from 1991 to 1992. He was sent to the South African mission with two of his classmates in December, 1992. They were pioneer Missionaries of Saint Paul to a nation groaning with an immense sense of national awakening which marked the eve of the collapse of the apartheid regime. He stood up to the pastoral challenges posed by the upheaval of the time. He served as Pastor in three different parishes in the dioceses of Bethlehem and Kroonstad. He also served as the Director of Catechesis and Youth Affairs and as Diocesan Chaplain to the St. Ann's Women's Society. He was also Defender of the Bond for the Bloemfontain Inter-Diocesan Tribunal from 1994 to 2004. He received a Masters degree in Canon Law from the University of St Augustine, South Africa.

Fr. Anthony was sent to the United States mission in 2004. He served at St. Bartholomew's Parish, Yonkers in the Archdiocese of New York where he was the Associate Pastor from December, 2004 to January, 2006, and the Pastor from January 7, 2006, to June 30, 2013. On July 1, 2013, he was transferred to the Archdiocese of Chicago, where he served as the pastor of Corpus Christi Parish until his transition into glory on the morning of Friday, June 5, 2015, following the open heart surgery he had seven weeks earlier.

Fr. Anthony was a very devout priest who loved his priesthood and ministered to God's people with intense passion and love. He was very gentle and compassionate, yet principled and strong-willed. He was a dynamic pastor and administrator. He was greatly loved by his family members and a great number of people whose life he touched with his priestly ministry. The affection which he received from his wide circle of friends during the weeks before and after his surgery was just overwhelming. He preached love and advocated for peace and reconciliation. My intimate encounter with him during the last days of his life reminded me of the words of St John of the Cross. "In the evening tide of our lives, we shall be judged by our love."

Dear brother, Father Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP, we really love you, but our supreme Lord and Master, Jesus, loves you more and that is why He has called you to Himself.

Adieu beloved brother, may your gentle soul rest in peace.

~ Rev. Anthony C. Mbanefo, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, June 15th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.



FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

GREAT GIFT FOR

Father's Day

Sunday, June 21st, is Father's Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 21st, and will end on Monday, June 29th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office during the week. Remember, on Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year'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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



VISITING
PRIEST

Monsignor John Kennedy arrived this past Wednesday and will leave us to return to Rome, this Monday, June 15th. We want to thank him for sharing his priestly ministry with us. We wish him a safe flight and God's blessings on all his endeavors.

The Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th**, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day. To facilitate food planning, **advance purchase of tickets is required.** Be part of this family fun time!



Parish
Raffle

Have you returned your Raffle stubs for our Annual Parish Raffle? The winning ticket for our latest fundraising effort will be drawn at this year's **Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 28th**.

One lucky participant will take home half of the proceeds. We have collected \$2,900 to date and it's still growing - just in time to kick off summer!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.



 *Rest in Peace* Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially our former Pastor, Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, June 17th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 on the 1st floor of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their next meeting at **1 p.m.** on **Thursday**, June 18th, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 423-5331.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited. Because next weekend they are sponsoring a Luau Party for all parishioners on Saturday night in our parking lot, their next meeting date will be announced in a future bulletin.



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.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

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

	6/8/14	6/7/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,377.45	\$5,462.35	+\$ 84.90
Children	\$ 61.90	\$ 56.95	-\$ 4.95
Total	\$5,439.35	\$5,519.30	+\$ 79.95

The second collection to support our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,532.30.

**"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE
DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS
AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."**

- Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., and Jessica Basa.

Any children or young adults interested in becoming Altar Servers who meet these requirements:

- Have passed or are going into the 5th Grade in September,
 - Have made their First Communion,
- are asked to contact Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676). Training will begin shortly.



JUNE 14, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, June 14

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

11:30 AM Margaret Maccia (living)

5:00 PM James Dore, Sr. +

Monday, June 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Roberto Capuano +

9:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

Tuesday, June 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Loretta Dratch (living)

9:00 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +

Wednesday, June 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Thursday, June 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Marie Steele +

9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Friday, June 19

Weekday

7:00 AM A Needy Soul

9:00 AM Georgianna & Harold O'Mara +

Saturday, June 20

Weekday

9:00 AM Benjamin Filippone +

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Sunday, June 21

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Eleanor & George Tiplady +

11:30 AM Albert Baumeister +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

JUNE 14, 2015

**ROMUALD
ABBOT (950? ~ 1027)
JUNE 19**

After a wasted youth, Romuald saw his father kill a relative in a duel over property. In horror he fled to a monastery near Ravenna in Italy. After three years some of the monks found him to be uncomfortably holy and eased him out.

He spent the next thirty years going about Italy, founding monasteries and hermitages. He longed to give his life to Christ in martyrdom, and got the pope's permission to preach the gospel in Hungary. But he was struck with illness as soon as he arrived, and the illness recurred as often as he tried to proceed.

During another period of his life, he suffered great spiritual dryness. One day as he was praying Psalm 32 ("I will instruct you and show you the way you should walk"), he was given an extraordinary light and spirit which never left him.

At the next monastery where he stayed, he was accused of a scandalous crime by a young nobleman he had rebuked for a dissolute life. Amazingly, his fellow monks believed the accusation. He was given a severe penance, forbidden to offer Mass and excommunicated, an unjust sentence he endured in silence for six months.

The most famous of the monasteries he founded was that of the Camaldoli (Campus Maldoli, name of the owner) in Tuscany. Here he founded the Order of the Camaldolese Benedictines, uniting a monastic and hermit life.

His father later became a monk, wavered and was kept faithful by the encouragement of his son.

COMMENT: Christ is a gentle leader, but He calls us to total holiness. Now and then men and women are raised up to challenge us by the absoluteness of their dedication, the vigor of their spirit, the depth of their conversion. The fact that we cannot duplicate their lives does not change the call to us to be totally open to God in our own particular circumstances.

STORY: A Polish duke had a son in the monastery where Romuald was living. On behalf of his father, the son presented Romuald with a fine horse. Romuald exchanged it for a donkey, saying that he felt closer to Jesus Christ on such a mount.

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