

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.

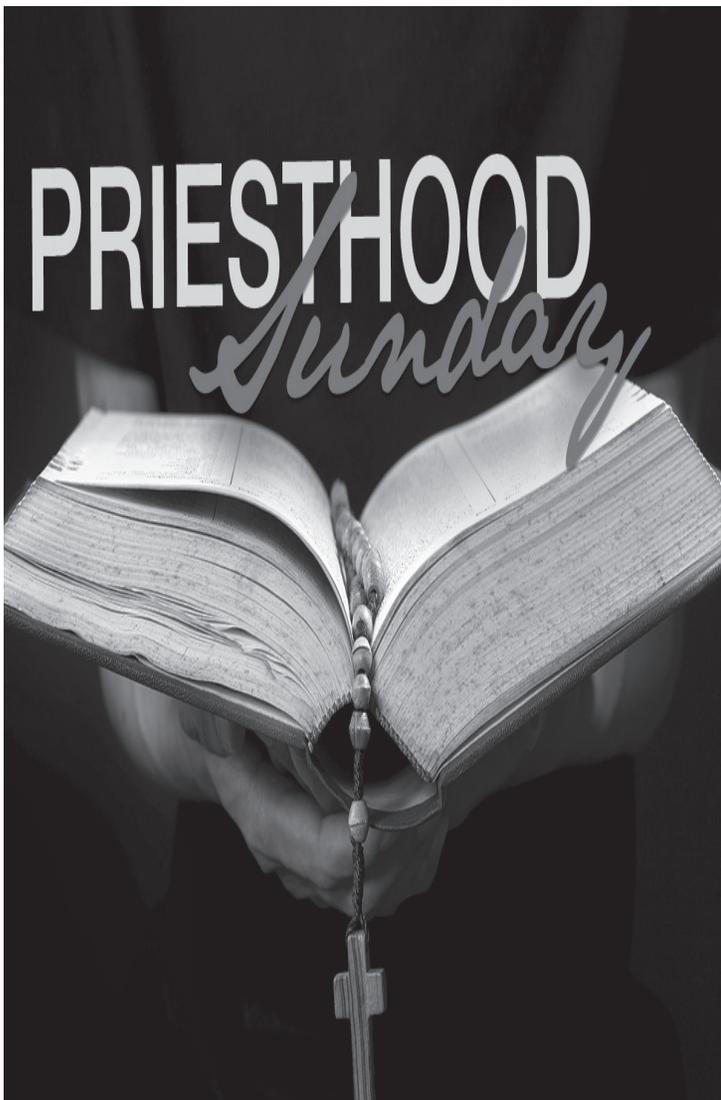
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

RESPONDING LIKE ZACCHAEUS

I have watched as people responded in various ways and with various emotions whenever I approach them for something. Some were surprised that I knew them or that I approached them. Some felt a little anxious – probably wondering, “what did I do, now”? Some felt special. Some felt embarrassed. The one I often get is suspicion. So, often I hear, “what do you want”? And that often came with a solid defense of why they would not be able to be part of any ministry or task I might propose to them, because of their heavy schedule.



Well, I smiled as I read the gospel today, wondering how Zacchaeus felt when Jesus called out to him. Which of these emotions rushed through him? Was he scared? Did he feel special? There were already hundreds following Jesus. He didn't call any of them. He called him. He stopped and addressed him. So, he must have felt special and surprised that Jesus knew his name. If he felt embarrassed or suspicious, those feelings must have been temporary.

Zacchaeus responded, swiftly, if I may add. The excitement was contagious and fruitful. I am sure he would have had thousands of excuses to give Jesus. Yet, he abandoned his old ways of life and answered the Master of Life.

We pray for the grace to always respond with excitement when the Lord Jesus calls us. And He does call us everyday. May we be attentive and open to that voice. And may we respond like Zacchaeus.

30 Days of Mercy

We're on the last stretch of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. November is the very last month. I hope you and your family have been able to experience God's mercy and love. I also hope that you have been able to extend that love and mercy to others. As a parish and as individual families we want to end our yearlong efforts with a simple but powerful 30-day program.

It's called "30 Days of Mercy 'Love in Action'". It's a daily call to actions that help us to show Jesus' love and mercy to the world through our daily actions, words and thoughts. So, for 30 days we are called to reflect on the CORPORAL and SPIRITUAL Works of Mercy. Each day we are presented with many opportunities to make God's mercy visible in the world, just as Jesus did.

We will distribute the printouts this weekend and we will start it this Tuesday, November 1st. We are trying to secure a speaker on the topic of mercy. We shall end our Year of Mercy on with a Mass of Healing on Wednesday, November 30th. Details will be communicated to you.

Tithe Increase Campaign

The Finance Council concluded last year that each year we should set aside one weekend to address tithing or how we share our gifts and support Saint Bart's financially. For this year, we have set aside next weekend for this very important aspect of our parish life. Our tithing went up last year after the campaign. Sadly, it didn't last long and went down again. I prayerfully hope that we will be able to nurture that sense of tithing or sharing God's blessings with our parish. And let's not get worried about the name, whatever you prefer to call it does not really matter. The goal is the same – sharing God's blessings so that the work of Christ will continue to be carried out by the Church of Saint Bartholomew, Yonkers!

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week are donated in loving memory of John and Eleanore Del Bene by the Del Bene Family.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Anthony Esposito. *Rest in Peace*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

It is not too late to register. Classes are available for children in 1st 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.



NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS: This Wednesday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Parish Officer by Monday, October 31st.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive.** For the weekends of November 6th and November 13th, 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 19th and 20th 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.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY:

Children in China need homes. More boys available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information call Barbara Salvesen on (845) 623-5277.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS



This **Tuesday, November 1st**, is the Feast of All Saints. On that day we remember the many great Christians who have gone before us, the unsung heroes of outstanding love, dedication, and commitment in life.

The Masses for All Saints Day are:

Monday, October 31st at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1st at 7 a.m., 9 a.m. 12 Noon and 7 p.m.

In observance of the Holy Day, the Parish Office will be closed.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join your fellow Seniors for Mass and Gathering, on **Thursday, November 3rd** At the 9 a.m. Mass followed by a gathering at McManus Parish Center after Mass.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This

Thursday, November 3rd, 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. Please keep up the good work! For more information, please call the Parish Office.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, November 4th, is First Friday. We will have our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. This Saturday, November 5th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Our next meeting is next Sunday November 6th and the youth will be having their Thanksgiving dinner celebration. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

CHILDRENS MINISTRY EVENT

TURKEY BOWL

Friday, November 4th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

McManus Parish Center

Admission: One Item for Food Pantry Games and Events for Children in Pre

K—4

Come join us and have some fun!!



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

| | 10/25/15 | 10/23/16 | Difference |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adults | \$5,118.53 | \$5,030.70 | -\$ 87.83 |
| Children | \$ 195.00 | \$ 174.85 | -\$ 20.15 |
| Total | \$5,313.53 | \$5,205.55 | -\$ 107.98 |

"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.parihpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound 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.

2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are a few dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a date.

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.

OCTOBER 30, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, October 30

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Robert Batac (living)
11:30 AM Donato Sacchetta +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 31

Weekday

7:00 AM Dina Legio +
9:00 AM Deacon Anthony Merchandetti +
7:30 PM Lourdes Torres +

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints

7:00 AM Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +
9:00 AM Nicholas Pezzente +
12 Noon Catherine De Muro +
7:00 PM Lourdes Torres +

Wednesday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

7:00 AM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano and Deceased Children +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Thursday, November 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Peter Objay +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Friday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Christel Miller +

Saturday, November 5

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Thirty-Seconds Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pisacreta Family

Sunday, November 6

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +
10:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco & Miguel Angel Ocasio +

OCTOBER 30, 2016

**ALL SAINTS
SOLEMNITY
NOVEMBER 1ST**

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some twenty-eight wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Bede, the pope intended "that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons" (On the Calculation of Time).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

COMMENT: This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their conscience, the church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step on placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last five hundred years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous - the saints each of us has known.

From Saint of the Day, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

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**ALL SOULS
NOVEMBER 2ND
PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Dear God,
Death as much as birth, is a part of the circle of life.
Hear our prayers for those who have died:
Those who have died suddenly;
People who have been victims of violence or war;
Men, women, & children who have died
Because of disease, famine, or neglect;
And especially our dear, departed loved ones.
Give us comfort in our grief, and hope in Your eternal
love.
May all those who have served You on earth
Share in the fullness of joy in Your heavenly kingdom.
Bring us all to the glory of the resurrection. Amen.