

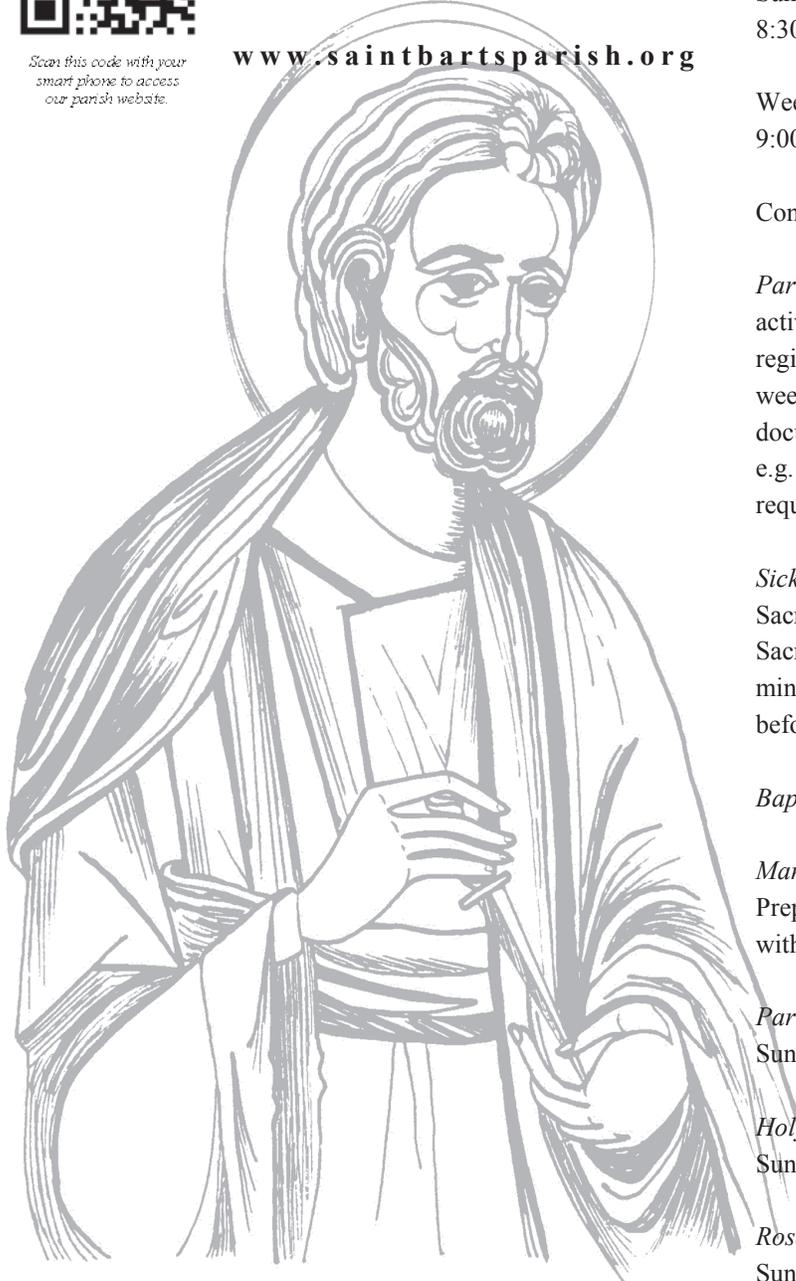
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

**TEACHER, DO YOU NOT CARE ....?**

Hmmm. What a beautiful, consoling, inspiring, timely, (etc.) reading we have this weekend in the gospel from Mark 4:35-41. It's the story of Jesus calming the storm out on the sea. Yes, we have heard it so many times, over the years. But our hearts still quake and fear, like the apostles, as many times as we run into the storms of life, or as many times as they crash onto us and occasionally try to drown us.

These past two weeks have been hectic and emotional for us here at St. Bart's. Some of us might have asked Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that we are hurting?" Aside from the things happening around the parish, I've also, within the same period, witnessed or worked with some of our families and individuals who are currently experiencing storms in their lives and families. It never ends! They say, *when it rains, it pours!* Sometimes these storms become overwhelming. Again, like the apostles, we may moan aloud, "Lord, don't you care that we're perishing?"

The good news is that most often we know the answer to that question already: Of course, He cares! At times we could even, if we listen well, hear Him say: "Of course, I care." He may even chastise us, as He did the apostles, "Do you not yet have faith?"

To all who are weathering the storms of this life, have courage! The Master will not tire calming the rough seas of life around and within us. He is abundantly able to deliver those who trust in Him? Remember the words of St. Paul, "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ..." (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

Finally, Isaiah reminds us that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint" (40:31).

**To everyone, stay strong and let's continue to encourage one another with love and prayers.**

**PARISH TID-BITS**

- ◆ Many thanks, once more, to everyone who helped to make Fr. Anthony's funeral Mass very beautiful and memorable. I thanked most of those who helped out at the funeral Mass. I just want to add a not of thanks to Robert Batac for the slides he compiled; Liz Mulvaney for arranging for the food; Tina Falcone and Teresa DiRodio for the flowers; Terry Buoninfante for the prayer cards she ordered to supplement the ones from MSP; Dominga Fermin for the poster boards, etc, etc.
- ◆ We did incur some expenses for the funeral totaling almost \$6,000.00 (flights & funeral expenses). Some parishioners generously volunteered to pay this cost through private donations. However, the idea of memorializing Fr. Anthony's name came up in different ways and it was agreed that the gardens by the ramp and on Ferro be dedicated to his name. Because of this, and because some parishioners do want to make a donation in his honor, we will take up a second collection next week to cover the cost. Finally, we will love to sponsor an MSP seminarian in Fr. Anthony's name for a year. The cost is \$3,000.00. There will be more details from the pulpit.
- ◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** to **LISA BILANCIA** and **VINCENT CHIARELLI** who wedded last Saturday. May the Lord continue the good work He has begun in you and bring it to fulfillment. Amen. Blessings upon you!

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the school building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.



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

**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 Children's Choir will sing at the Mass; and all children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



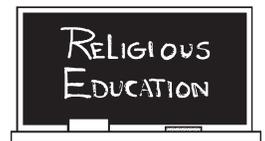
**FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA**



This Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, and will end on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 bring it to the Rectory Office as soon as possible.

**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.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Jessica Basa.

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL  
THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH –  
WE LOVE YOU ALL!**

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

The Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for **next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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 next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**.

One lucky participant will take home half of the proceeds. We have collected \$3,200 to date and it's still growing - just in time to kick off summer!

### PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

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 Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 914-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.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.

### 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.



**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.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

*Our hearts are made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You.*

~ St. Augustine of Hippo

✠ **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

	6/15/14	6/14/15	Difference
Adults	\$6,064.65	\$5,794.10	-\$ 270.55
Children	\$ 60.80	\$ 51.40	-\$ 9.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,125.45</b>	<b>\$5,845.50</b>	<b>-\$ 279.95</b>

The second collection to support the Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People totaled \$1,117.20.

**"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 Swiatkowitz, 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, and Randolph Castillo, Jr.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for dry goods, especially **pasta, rice, pasta sauces, cereal, macaroni & cheese, juices, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & condiments, such as mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup.** Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



JUNE 21, 2015

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**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

**Monday, June 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Roberto Capuano +  
Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Mary Flynn +

**Tuesday, June 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

**Wednesday, June 24**

**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

**Thursday, June 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Nicholas A. Falcone +

**Friday, June 26**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

**Saturday, June 27**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Carmela Sacchetta (living)  
Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Joanne D'Angelo +

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**Sunday, June 28**

8:30 AM Margaret F. Manning +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

11:30 AM Mary & Carmelo Terrusa & Family +

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

**JUNE 21, 2015**

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**ALOYSIUS GONZAGA  
RELIGIOUS (1568 ~ 1591)  
JUNE 21**

The Lord can make saints anywhere, even amid the brutality and license of Renaissance life. Florence was the “mother of piety” for Aloysius Gonzaga despite his exposure to a “society of fraud, dagger, poison and lust.” As a son of a princely family, he grew up in royal courts and army camps. His father wanted Aloysius to be a military hero.

At age seven he experienced a profound spiritual quickening. His prayers included the Office of Mary, the psalms and other devotions. At age nine he came from his hometown of Castiglione to Florence to be educated; by age eleven he was teaching catechism to poor children, fasting three days a week and practicing great austerities. When he was thirteen years old he traveled with his parents and the Empress of Austria to Spain and acted as a page in the court of Philip II. The more Aloysius saw of court life, the more disillusioned he became, seeking relief in learning about the lives of saints.

A book about the experience of Jesuit missionaries in India suggested to him the idea of entering the Society of Jesus, and in Spain his decision became final. Now began a four-year contest with his father. Eminent churchmen and laypeople were pressed into service to persuade him to remain in his “normal” vocation. Finally he prevailed, was allowed to renounce his right to succession and was received into the Jesuit novitiate.

Like other seminarians, Aloysius was faced with a new kind of penance - that of accepting different ideas about the exact nature of penance. He was obliged to eat more, to take recreation with the other students. He was forbidden to pray except at stated times. He spent four years in the study of philosophy and had Saint Robert Bellarmine as his spiritual advisor.

In 1591, a plague struck Rome. The Jesuits opened a hospital of their own. The general himself and many other Jesuits rendered personal service. Because he nursed patients, washing them and making their beds, Aloysius caught the disease himself. A fever persisted after his recovery and he was so weak he could scarcely rise from bed. Yet, he maintained his great discipline of prayer, knowing that he would die within the octave of Corpus Christi, three months later. He was twenty-three.

**COMMENT:** As a saint who fasted, scourged himself, sought solitude and prayer and did not look on the faces of women, Aloysius seems an unlikely patron of youth in a society where asceticism is confined to training camps of football teams and boxers, and sexual permissiveness has little left to permit. Can an overweight and air-conditioned society deprive itself of anything? It will when it discovers a reason, as Aloysius did. The motivation for letting God purify us is the experience of God loving us, in prayer.

**QUOTE:** “When we stand praying, beloved brethren, we ought to be watchful and earnest with our whole heart, intent on our prayers. Let all carnal and worldly thoughts pass away, nor let the soul at that time think on anything except the object of its prayer” (Saint Cyprian, *On the Lord’s Prayer*, 31).

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