

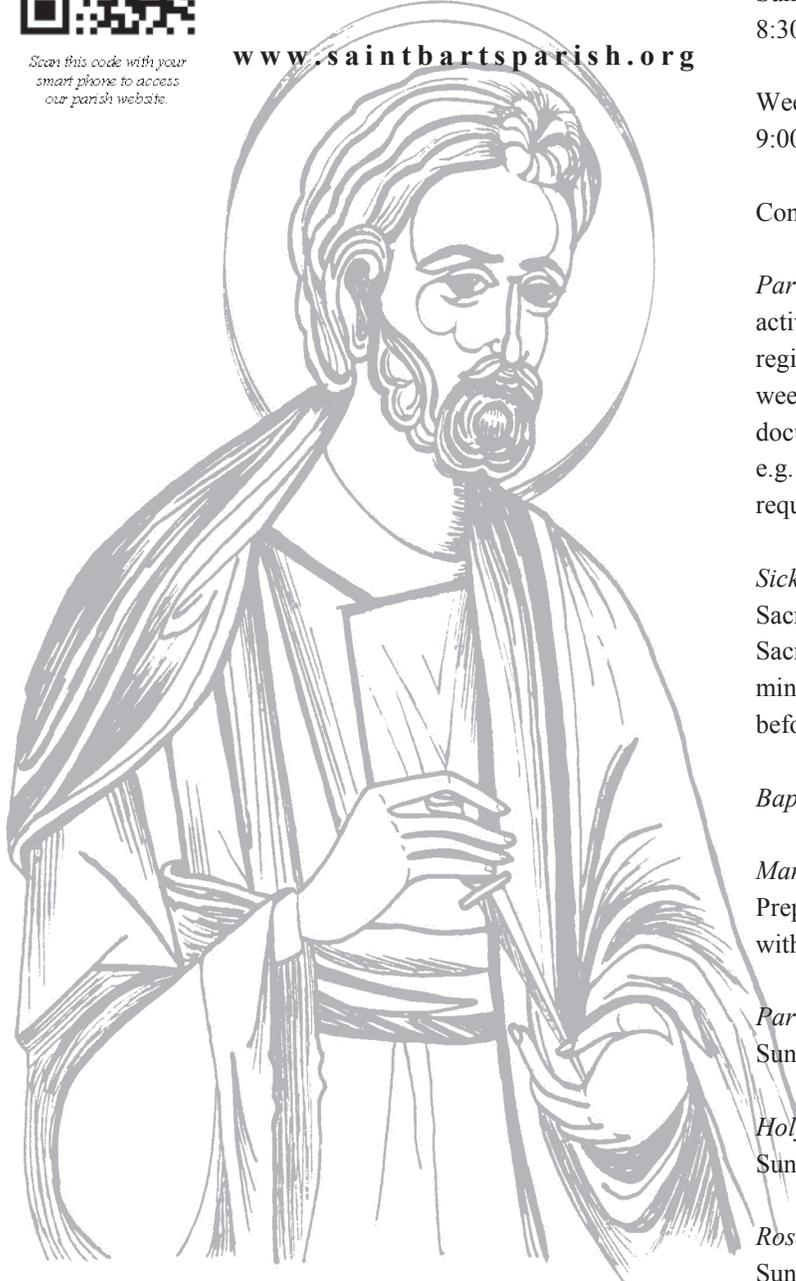
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

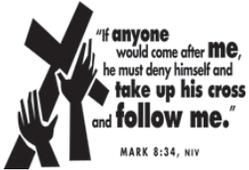
*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**Suffering and Sacrifice**



Peter! Peter! Peter! The impetuous guy is at it again. This time he wants to save Jesus from suffering. Imagine that! He wants to save Jesus from Himself. The disciple (one still in training for that matter) is trying to direct and counsel his Master. It's all in today's gospel from Mark 8:27-35. I mean, there's nothing wrong in correcting or advising one's boss or teacher but the topic matters a lot and you really have to know what you're talking about. If Peter was advising Jesus on how to fish on the Sea of Galilee, that would be a little bit understandable. Even at that, recall that Jesus once told a tired and worn out Peter and his companions to cast into the deep, after fishing all night with not even a single fish to show for it (Luke 5:5-10).

However, there's enough reason and evidence for us to be careful as we disapprove of Peter's action. Many of you who are parents have been there! Many of us who are not even parents have been there! I'm talking about those situations when we long or yearn to protect a loved one from suffering. Often it's a son or daughter, a spouse, a brother or sister, a father or mother, a niece or nephew or cousin, a friend or even a stranger. And like Peter, we do so with the best of intentions.



Firmly, without mincing words, but also lovingly Jesus let Peter know that His work/mission had been cut out for Him and that carrying His cross was a key component. He was basically saying to Peter: It is what it is.

A lesson for us today could be, among others, to remind ourselves that there is a time for everything. There will be a time to save or rescue others, especially our loved ones. And if we fail to do so, it becomes a sin – at least a sin against charity. And there will be a time to let others, including our very loved ones, suffer or as Jesus says, carry THEIR cross. We may, or rather should, be there to support them as they carry their cross. But carrying it for them or preventing them from carrying it might also be a sin or at least a disservice to them, no matter how well intentioned we might be.

So, as we get down to business after the summer break and Labor Day holiday, things will get tough, probably sooner than we'd like. Our loved ones will be, if not already, facing one situation or another. Be sure to be there for them.

If it is a situation that they should really be embracing, be slow in hindering them from doing so or even in aiding them. For instance, our kids should be growing in their relationship with God and this takes time, energy and sacrifice. It involves coming to Mass and attending religious education classes every week and doing their homework. To many of them this is a big cross they'd love to give up entirely or at least avoid.

If it is a situation they should really be avoiding, be slow in indulging their tendency to embrace it, just because avoiding it will be a big sacrifice or worsen things temporarily. Some examples are: keeping bad company, holding onto a bad habit, or holding onto an old grudge.

As difficult as these and other sacrifices may be, it is moments or situations like these that build character. Better still, by doing so, they too, like Jesus, will be fulfilling their own mission.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**MEETING:** This Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**, for this week has been donated in loving memory of Catherine Lehane by Eileen McVann.



**OUR CHILDREN'S MASS**

We urge parents to please make it a point to bring their child to the Children's Mass at 10 a.m. every Sunday with the exception of the first Sunday of the month, which is the Family Mass. We also ask parents to encourage their children, who are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above, to sign up to join the Children's Choir to sing at the Children's Mass.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

**It is not too late to register.** Religious Education classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**

Welcome back from your summer break! We hope you bring renewed enthusiasm as we begin this new year of choir rehearsals this **Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - children's practice begins at 5:45 p.m. and adult's practice begins at 6:45 p.m.**

We look forward to this wonderful opportunity to express our faith by singing the Lord's praises. Come join us!

~ Erika Podorigora

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Monsignor Timothy S. Collins, Emily Lavelle, Louis J. Pucca and Mary Ann Tolli.



*Rest in Peace*

**DAY OF RELECTION**

On Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a Reflection for those members of the Parish Council, Parish Finance Committee, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Hospitality Ministers and all other Ministries and Committees. Although the reflection is targeted toward the Ministries and Committees of the parish, all parishioners are welcome.

The celebrant and leader of the reflection will be the dynamic Fr. Freddy Washington, CSSP, of St. Mark the Evangelist Church in New York.

# MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/holy orders radiate the glory of Christ. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.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.

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** of Yonkers will hold their **Annual Mass & Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers. Breakfast will follow immediately at Dunwoodie Golf Course for \$23 per person. For reservations and information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

### WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC CEMETERY?

Our Catholic faith and Order of Christian Funerals provide incredible comfort to bereaved families. Our time-honored rites give mourners a familiar structure in the bewildering days following a death. The final goodbye at the Catholic Cemetery is a poignant beginning of the next phase of grief.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery, a Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese of New York, located at 10 West Stevens Avenue in Hawthorne, has been operating for almost 100 years. It is a beautiful and historical cemetery. There are still over 60 acres of space remaining to be developed to accommodate the burial, entombment and inurnment (for cremated remains) of Catholics and members of their families throughout the greater New York area.

Please feel free to contact them on 914 769-3672, visit their website at [www.gateofheavenny.com](http://www.gateofheavenny.com) or stop by for a visit.

**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.

### SAVE THE DATE

Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey. See the flyer in the bulletin for further details.

**Come join us and have some fun!!!**



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

	9/7/14	9/6/15	Difference
Adults	\$6,107.60	\$5,374.20	-\$ 733.40
Children	\$ 42.00	\$ 41.95	-\$ .05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,149.60</b>	<b>\$5,416.15</b>	<b>-\$ 733.45</b>

The second Collection in support of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,340.00

**“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 Swiatkiewicz, 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, 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., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Sister Eileen Burns, OSF, Mary Ann Klobosits, and Theresa Venturino.

The **YOUTH GROUP** normally 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. The next meeting will be Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are welcome.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, September 13**

8:30 AM Louis & Phyllis Martelli +  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Joseph Family  
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +  
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

**Monday, September 14**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:00 AM James Cusack +  
9:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

**Tuesday, September 15**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 AM C. Hardy & George Hamilton +  
9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

**Wednesday, September 16**

**Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

7:00 AM Catherine Lehane +  
9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

**Thursday, September 17**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Reginald Lockwood+

**Friday, September 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention +  
9:00 AM Aldo Nastasi +

**Saturday, September 19**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Gaetano Brucculeri +

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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, September 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

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**Sunday, September 20**

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +  
11:30 AM Yolanda Cannella +  
5:00 PM Concetta Darretta +

