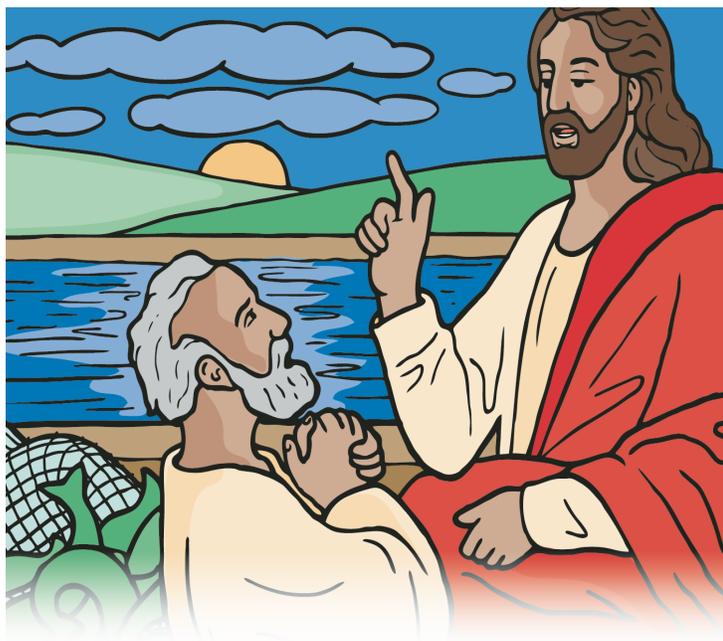


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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. *Lk 5:10-11*

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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 Ezech, 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.

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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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

PREACHING THE GOOD NEWS TO EVERYONE

“The whole town was gathered at the door” (Mark 1:33). Jesus was curing people all evening, healing illnesses and driving out demons. He probably could have stayed there for weeks as word spread throughout the region. After all, people of Capernaum were already coming to Him rather than the other way around. And last week we heard that His fame spread throughout all of Galilee. But the Jesus portrayed in Mark is not one to stand still.

Sure enough, the next morning, Jesus retreats to a deserted place and prays to His Father. He returns, telling His disciples, “let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come” (Mark 1:38). Jesus had a mission, a mission from God, and this mission meant going out to others and spreading the gospel.

Jesus’ mission to go out and preach impacts those who encounter Him. Saint Paul takes the mission to preach the gospel to heart and it becomes his life’s calling. Simon Peter’s mother-in-law, when cured of her fever, immediately gets up to serve her guests. The word Mark uses to describe her action is diakoneo, a word also used to describe ministry or discipleship.

Question of the Week

What does it mean to be a disciple? How do I serve God and serve others? *(Pastoral Patterns – Winter 2017)*

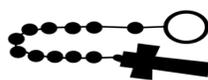
Pope Francis has called us to leave the comfort of parish buildings and go out into our communities to share the gospel with others. Sadly, most Catholic parishes have unconsciously settled into the comfort of dedicating almost all resources and energy to serving parishioners. Occasionally, we may do something for those outside. We fail woefully when it comes to bringing the Good News to our neighbors. We even shrink from the idea. We take it for granted that they are the ones to come to us. But Jesus shows us by example that even when we have so many coming to us, we still have to get up and go to those who, for many reasons, are not looking for us, but who need to hear about God’s love and His message of salvation.



I wonder if Jesus ever thought he was going to disturb people’s peace and privacy. He literally invited himself to Zacchaeus’ home. Considering the importance and urgency of bringing the Good News to everyone, we should indeed be doing more to imitate Jesus, and worry less about our comfort and others’ privacy. The worst will be that we’ll be rejected. Our Master was also rejected and treated even worse than we might ever be treated. Maybe this year, we (St. Bart’s and you, as a person) could consider doing more in sharing the Good News with others, even if it makes us uncomfortable.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



MEETING: The Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held this Monday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, is donated in loving memory of Carmine and Margaret Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed

especially Antoinette Persico and Deacon Joseph Pino.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our 23 children who made their First Confession and to their parents as well.

Congratulations and thank you also to our new Lectors, Michael Lewis and Fanny Vargas.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!

Next Sunday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and for their caregivers. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Healing Mass

This Friday, February 9th at 7 p.m.

All are welcome. Come join us in prayer for health in mind, body and spirit.

LENT IS ALMOST UPON US



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday

The start of LENT is **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**.

Ashes will be distributed during the 7 A.M., 9 A.M. 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m. Masses. Ashes will also be distributed at a Prayer Service at 4 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, beginning on Friday, February 16th at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and “soup” afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



UPCOMING FEBRUARY PARISH EVENTS

MOVIE THURSDAY

THURSDAY, FEB. 15TH AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS



ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEB. 17TH AT 6 PM
Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.

YOUTH WEEK
WEEK OF FEB. 18TH



BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. On the 8th is the Memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin, Watch: *Bakhita: From Slave to Saint* or listen to: *Saved in Hope*. On the 10th we remember St. Scholastica. Study: YDisciple: Called, session 4: *Called to Consecrated Life*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The Youth Group will not meet this Sunday, February 4th but will meet on Sunday, February 18th.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ *St_Barts-Youth*.

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is next Sunday, February 11th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, February 16th.**

LOCAL EVENTS

Young Adult Retreat: February 9-11, 2018, Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Ages 22-35, Single or Married. Examine your personal faith and relationship with God. Cost: \$130 per person. For further information, please contact Anthony Fucci, Center Director at 609 884-3829.

Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy: Eucharistic Adoration Seminar at St. Joseph's Seminary, on Friday, February 16th at 7 p.m. Presentation is by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more information and registration, go to nyliturgy.org/workshops or contact: liturgy@archny.org or 914 968-6200, extension 8177.

A Night Under the Stars: The St. Barnabas High School Parents Association is holding their inaugural card party on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.. Raffles, prizes, 50/50 drawing and much more! Sign up today at St.BarnabasHigh.com (advance sales, tickets are limited). For more information or for any questions, please email JMola@St.BarnabasHigh.com.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,994.20
Balance	- \$2,005.80
*(Envelopes \$4,719.20,+ Online \$275)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$21,383.70

Next Sunday, there will be a second collection in support of Peter's Pence.

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, Matthew Fitzpatrick and Frank Sanzo.

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

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.

OPENING OF THE 2019 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2019 will open on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. You can come to the Parish Office immediately following the 9 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses to have Masses offered for yourself or for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

February 4, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM George Goresen +

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

11:30 AM Carmela Di Santo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Tuesday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph & Anna Chesmar +

Wednesday, February 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Louis Martucci +

Thursday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Richard V. Smith +

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Friday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Patricia Krasniewksi +

Saturday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 AM Janet Flora +

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Albert Gregorio +

Sunday, February 11, 2018

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

11:30 AM Gino & Ann Coniglio +

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

February 4, 2018

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 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 Parish Office. 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.