

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.

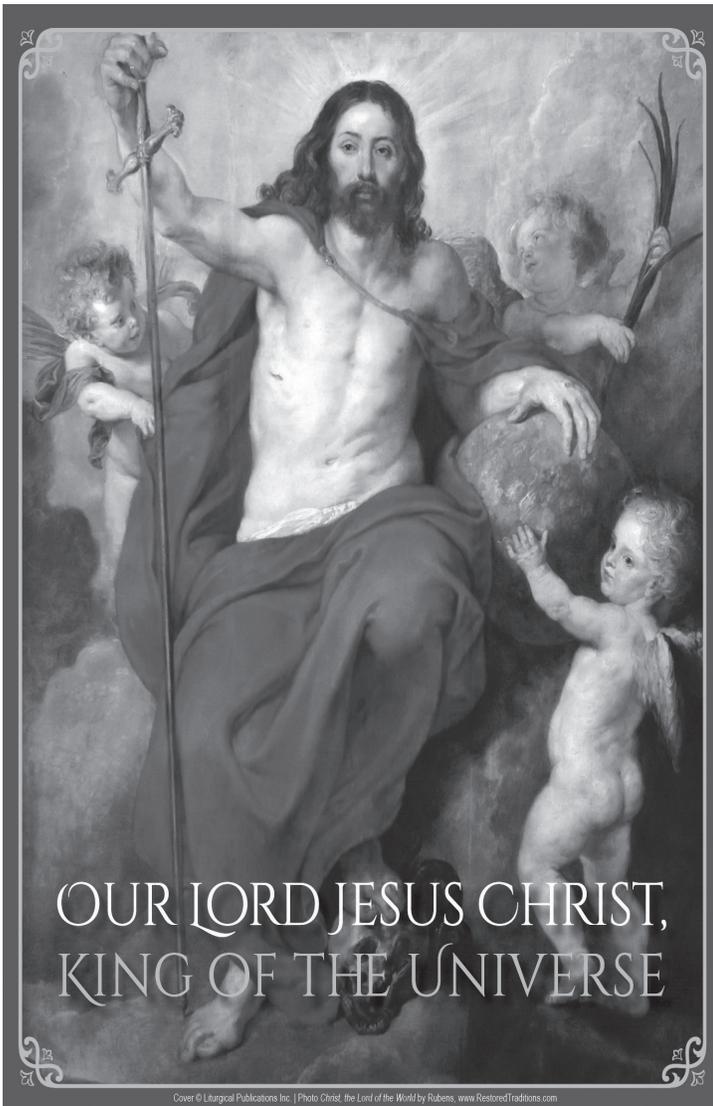
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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.

In Need Of Christ The True King

Christ instituted the Church, among others, to be a light unto the nations of the world, and to direct all God's children and lead them back to God. And the Church has never failed to do so over the years. Let's think of Russia for example.



Tradition holds that St. Andrew the Apostle introduced Christianity to Russia, precisely in the current Kiev area. Over the years they embraced the Byzantine rite (one of the many traditions in the Catholic Church). Historically, the Church played vital roles in the survival of the Russian state, helping her to withstand years of oppression and further expansion both economically and spiritually.

Sadly, the emergent of the Soviet Union, which actually began in 1917, brought with it serious persecution of Christians and the introduction of atheism. The government wanted to remove every possible religious influence from the Soviet society. Beyond that, one of their ideological objectives was the elimination of religion. Thus, when Our Lady appeared to the three children at Fatima in 1917, one of her special requests was for people to pray for the conversion of Russia.

Within the next five years, 28 bishops and 1,200 priests were executed and some 20,000 Christians were executed. History shows that in 1937, alone, 136,900 Orthodox clerics were arrested, and 85,000 of them were shot dead. In 1938, alone 28,300 were arrested and 21,500 of them were shot dead. I recall how we daily prayed for the conversion of Russia for years when I was growing up. It finally happened on the night of November 9, 1989. And our very own Pope John Paul II was so instrumental to it.

I recall all this history because of our celebration today: the Solemnity of Christ the King of the universe. When anyone, any family, any people, or any nation submit to His rule among them, there is true peace, freedom and prosperity. Surely, this should not be understood to mean unending *kumbaya* and endless wealth.

I bring up these narratives to show what happens when we humans don't have Christ in our lives or worse, when we try to eliminate Christ from our lives – be it on a personal level or family, society, or national levels. A political analyst observed that those with liberal ideologies in our country have succeeded in silencing the voices of those with conservative beliefs and that the latter were part of the group that propelled Trump to victory. Many have observed that it is time we began to restore God, Christ the King, to His place in our national life.

Christ is the Only Son of God (and so, He is God), the only Prophet of God, and King of the world. I believe that if we truly enthrone Him as such, in our lives, in our families, in our communities, in our churches, or country, or wherever, we will know peace at all these levels.

Sentiments and pride apart, all we need to do is take a closer and realistic look at what He wants of us. What kind of Person and God He is. What examples He has left for us. What demands He places on us. And what powers He wields! I felt like the prophet Elijah, when he challenged the false prophets of Ba'al to a duel to determine the true God – Ba'al or the God of Israel.

Anyhow, that may never come to pass but at least, each of us can help by indeed making Christ the king of our hearts, minds, bodies, souls, and families. That will go a long way to convert the world to our true King.

-Fr. Raphael Ezeh. MSP



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, November 21st, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially  *Rest in Peace*
Cecile Marra



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Lou & Angela Brusco.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

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.

BLOOD DRIVE MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bart's will be conducting its blood drive. on **Friday, November 25th from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.** at McManus Parish Center. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca on 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends, too.



MASS OF HEALING

On Wednesday evening, November 30th, there will be a Mass of Healing at the Church at 7 p.m. with a special anointing. All are welcome especially those in need of healing of mind, body and spirit.



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 LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Youth

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, November 20th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @
St_Barts_youth.

Thanksgiving



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

This Thursday, November 24th, is Thanksgiving Day. There will only be one Mass at 10 a.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come and give special thanks to God for all His blessings at the annual Thanksgiving Day Mass. The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.

Please
Join Us

The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Monday, December 5th** for their **Christmas Dinner** at Fogarty's in Bronxville at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$25 per person and a wrapped gift which will be sent to Rosary Hill Hospice Care. Reservations are required by Tuesday, November 29th. Please call Josephine at 914 476-5386 or Liz at 914 403-8844. Payment marked RAS Dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.



Annual Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 17th McManus Parish Center

All are welcome

See the flyer in next week's bulletin for more details.

LOCAL EVENTS

Saint Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum

Advent and Christmas Concert

The Schola will be performing 2 of their concerts at St. Patrick's Cathedral on December 3rd at 7 p.m. and St. Joseph's Seminary on December 4th at 4 p.m. with a reception after. His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be attending the December 4th concert. Tickets are \$25 general admission and Reserved VIP seating for \$50.00. Visit www.Dunwoodiemusic.org for more information.

Xavier Society for the Blind

Mass in honor of St. Lucy at St. Patrick's Cathedral

Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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

	11/15/15	11/13/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,757.30	\$5,351.20	-\$ 406.10
Children	\$ 171.35	\$ 143.00	-\$ 28.35
Total	\$5,928.65	\$5,494.20	-\$ 434.45

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



Please pray for all the sick of the Holy Eucharist 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.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe.

All that has been created has been made for You.

Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism,

when I renounced Satan and all his pomp and works,

and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer You my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace

may be established throughout the universe. Amen!



NOVEMBER 20, 2016

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Saturday, November 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana+

Sunday, November 20

8:30 AM Antonio D'Addario +
10:00 AM Helen Clemens +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +
9:00 AM Anna Lorence, Alfred Falcone & Theresa Sarich +

Tuesday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Bolduc & Savard families
9:00 AM Maria & Joseph Costanzo +

Wednesday, November 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM John Mahoney +

Thursday, November 24

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,
Martyrs—Thanksgiving Day**

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 25

Weekday

9:00 AM Bernard Mistal +

Saturday, November 26

Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Del Bene +

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank G. Nanoia +

Sunday, November 27

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Bernard Mistal +
11:30 AM Carrie D'Angelo +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

