

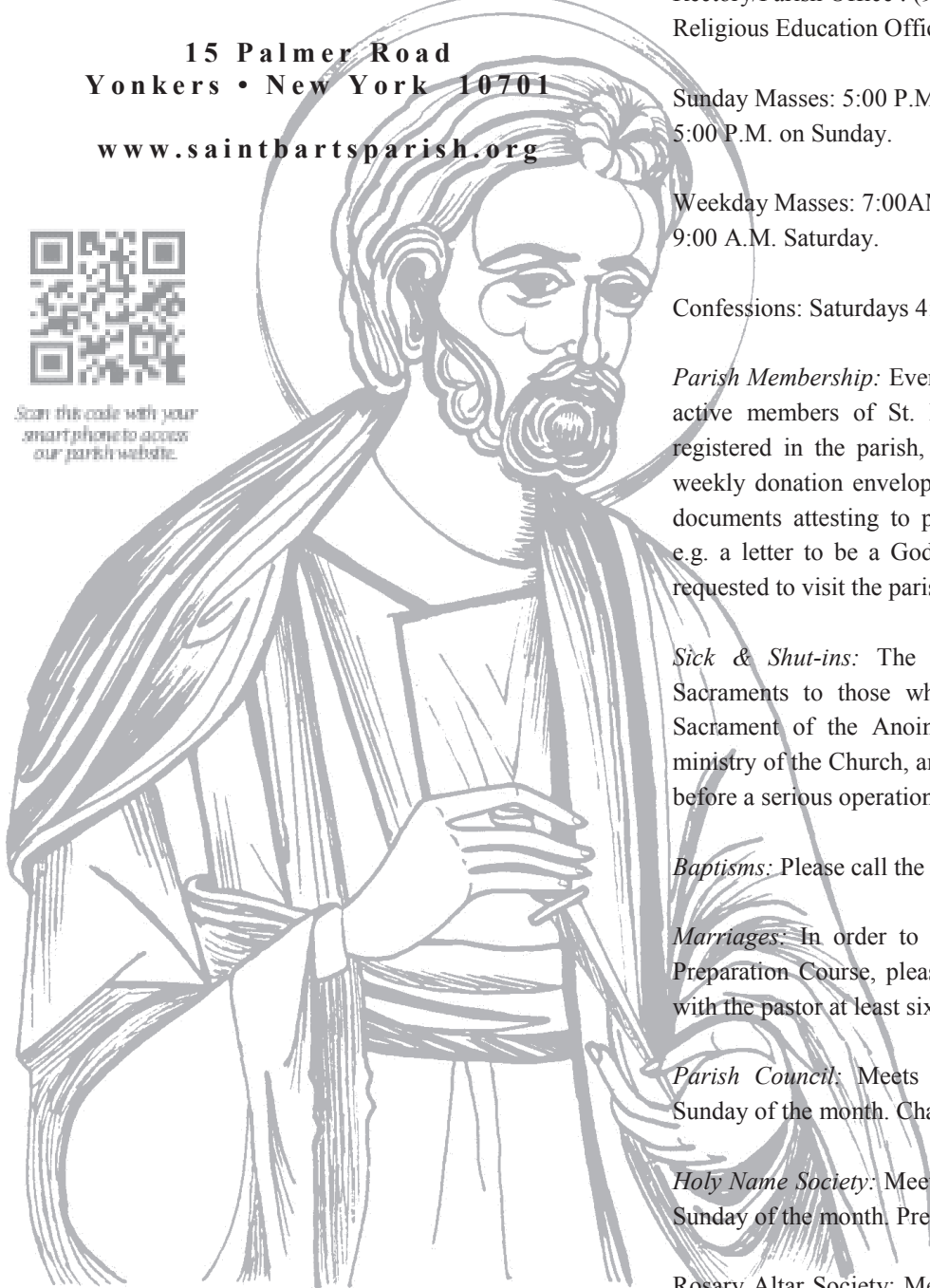
# St. Bartholomew's Church

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smart phone to access  
our parish website.



*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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00AM & 9:00AM 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. President, Joan Liddell

*Bereavement Ministry:* For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

## MY WEAK, LITTLE FAITH

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." (Lk 17:5-10). The apostles are finally growing up! Compared to some of their requests and questions (sitting at His left or right, who is the greatest, calling down fire on an obstinate Samaritan village, etc), their request today is so commendable and relevant to their salvation and to the mission Jesus is preparing them to do. Rather than an elaborate theological dissertation on faith, Jesus answers in very few words, using the analogy of the mustard seed. His answer is so inspiring and so deep that today, it still speaks to us in very clear, simple, powerful, inspiring, and comforting ways.

Have you ever heard of the saying about someone being a little bit pregnant? Of course this is followed by the explanation that a woman is either pregnant or not pregnant, no half ways. In Mk 4:30-32, Jesus also says that the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that once sown, grows up to become a big tree. In essence, the mustard seed is simply a mustard seed, with all the potentials of growing into a full mustard tree.

This Sunday, Jesus is simply, powerfully, consolingly, inspiringly telling us that our faith likewise is simply what it is, faith! He's teaching us that every faith, yes, even our doubtful, almost extinguished faith, is still faith and has the potential of growing into a powerful force, if and when given the opportunity to do so.

What then must we do? Well, every parish has a host of activities and events geared towards helping parishioners fan their faith into a powerful consuming flame. Those who utilize them continuously bear witness to the great things God is doing in their lives and those around them see what God is indeed doing through them. Here at St. Bart's, apart from our Sunday Masses, our weekly bulletin is filled with spiritual and social events that help us to activate our faith, fan it into greater flame, and put it into practice, for faith without good works is dead.

It's up to each one of us, with the help of the Holy Spirit to own our 'little faith' and nurture it into the force we want it to be. May God bless our efforts with success. Amen!

### Parish Update:

#### Pastoral Plan & Making All Things New

Beginning next Sunday, we will begin to give you more details regarding these two. The Archdiocese has set a timeline for *Making All Things New*. The process includes a survey and a town hall meeting in November. We would love every parishioner to be fully involved in the process. Let your voice be heard.

### In Thanks & Praise:

To Cheryl Duda, our CCD teachers, our Youth and all the volunteers who worked so hard to put together the Intergenerational Faith Festival this past Tuesday night. Thanks to the group, *Full Armour Band*, it was fun and faith filled – always a great combination. Blessings on each of you! I was surprised at the number of our CCD kids, their parents and our Youth in attendance - over 320.

Cheryl also mentioned that there's plan to invite the band back for a parish-wide event.

My thanks to Cheryl also for helping out with the Communion Service on Sunday evening. Fr. Daniel had urgent business and I was scheduled to say the 5 p.m. Mass, but the fever I've been running was complicated by nausea just prior to our start time. It was too late to secure a priest in time for the Mass. Apologies to those who came that evening. You still did fulfill your Sunday Obligations.

Blessings on everyone and peace.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

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## PARISH NEWS

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The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

Registration for **Religious Education Classes** for public school children is open. Classes are available for children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



Religious Education



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in October. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

There is limited availability for the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY'S** trip to the **Radio Music Hall Christmas Show** on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Package includes show, bus and dinner at Carmine's. Call Nancy (914 376-2025) for information and reservations.




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### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES



Bible Studies is held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. A meeting will be held this Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. These sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Respect Life Prayer

Dear God,  
we see life cheapened every day  
through abortion and other forms of abuse,  
through terrorism, and other acts of violence,  
and through neglect of children, the poor, and the elderly.

In a world of plenty, we can forget  
that there is nothing more precious than human life.  
Give us the grace to see how we can make a difference,  
and encourage change in our culture.

When we are discouraged,  
remind us of the Catholic monk Telemachus  
who stopped the gladiator games with an act of charity.

Inspire us with the stories of Mary  
and other mothers of unexpected pregnancies,  
who knew that every child is a gift of God's grace  
and is wanted by You in this world.

Encourage conviction in the hearts of those  
who do not yet know or understand  
that a desire for choice is no reason to end any life  
and that You desire that all life  
come only to a natural end in You.

Amen.

### HAVE YOU PRAYED YOUR ROSARY

**TODAY?** This month of October is the "Month of the Holy Rosary!" We are encouraged to say at least a decade of the Rosary in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, requesting her intercession for our needs and the needs of the whole world. If you need literature on how to pray the Rosary or you need a Rosary, please feel free to call our Religious Education Office for help at (914) 476-6676.



The **YOUTH GROUP** 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. There will be a meeting this Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**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.

*Arrogance really comes from insecurity, and in the end our feeling that we are bigger than others is really the flip side of our feeling that we are smaller than others.*

~ Most Rev. Desmond Tutu, Former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town

### † STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### September 30, 2012

Adults' Contribution	\$7358.60
Children's Contribution	\$156.60
<b>Last Year's Total</b>	<b>\$7515.20</b>

#### September 29, 2013

Adults' Contribution	\$5824.65
Children's Contribution	\$218.10
<b>This Year's Total</b>	<b>\$6042.75</b>

### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "*We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share.*" Please remember our Parish in your *Will* as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Donna Vasconez, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Louis Milone, Joey Bastardi, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Pasquale Cercone, and Gail Villafana.

### 2014 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2014 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still 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. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

*The deadline for payment for the December 5<sup>th</sup> Sight and Sound Christmas Show was this past Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Any reservations not secured with payment by this Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, will be cancelled.*

October 6, 2013

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, October 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Raguso & Orsini Families

**Sunday, October 6**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM David Jacob +

11:30 AM Luciano Labruzzo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, October 7**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Anne Frischman +

**Tuesday, October 8**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Pete & Helen Pietrowski +

9:00 AM Bridget Chiarilli +

**Wednesday, October 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Richard Chu +

9:00 AM John S. DelBene +

**Thursday, October 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Margaret Feeney +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello & Angelina Bria +

**Friday, October 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

**Saturday, October 12**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Margaret Vetrano +

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM Frances Nanoia +

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**Sunday, October 13**

8:30 AM Acacio Paiva +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish



**October 6, 2013**

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**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH !**

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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

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- ◇ I am a visitor.
  - ◇ I am interested in parish membership.
  - ◇ 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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Jalani Anthon, Alex Areizaga, Nicole Areizaga, Susan Azzara, and Julian Payamps who celebrated the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. They are now officially recognized as catechumens on their journey to become Catholics.