

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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5th Sunday of Easter

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:4-5

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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.

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

Grafted Onto Christ, the Vine

"I am the vine," Jesus tells his disciples, and "you are the branches" (John 15:5). From age to age the vine that is the Body of Christ has borne much fruit. In the first reading we hear Saint Paul, grafted onto the vine after his conversion, preaching boldly in the name of Jesus. Truly, this branch has borne much fruit. Across the world countless communities gather in Christ's name, strengthening the vine, making it thrive in the world today. Branches continue to be added to the vine, most visibly in the form of those who were baptized this past Easter.



"Remain in me," Jesus says repeatedly to his disciples in His discourse at the Last supper. This is the last time that they will all be together before His death. Jesus knows what is going to happen; He has already sent Judas on his way. He also knows that the other disciples will misunderstand Him, deny Him, and abandon Him. So it is with almost a plaintive voice that he cries out to His friends to remain in Him as He promises He will remain in them. Do not let this connection wither, He asks them. He asks us.

How do we remain in Him? John answers this in his letter: "Those who keep his commandments remain in Him, and He in them" (1 John 3:24). Just in case we've forgotten, he reminds us that this means to love God and to love one another. How will we know Jesus remain in us? The Spirit He gave us shows He remains in us.

Question of the Week

How do I think God will prune my branch of the vine? What part of me is withered and should be burned? What part of me is bearing the most fruit? How can I make the vine stronger and healthier?

(Pastoral Patterns – Summer, 2018)

Growing in faith through the Sacraments

We congratulate our brothers and sisters who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday. Some of you may not know the full effects and efficacy of the sacrament you're receiving today. To some of you, it may be just to do it because it's what 8th Graders do and to make sure you're ready for the next sacrament when the time comes. But if you could look beyond these reasons, you would relate it to what St. Paul is talking about – remaining in Christ, our Resurrected Savior. This is one of the sure ways you can and will be grafted into Him. My prayer is that you'll all remain grafted in Him till the end of your lives. The Sacrament is an action that says, I'm ready to take it to the next step. May the Lord bless you and grant you the grace to continue to grow and remain grafted in the Vine. Amen.

I also pray that the Lord will, through this Sacrament, inspire you to help strengthen this Body of the Christ, the Church through your gifts and talents. Maybe not right now, but hopefully, you'll find ways to help the Church, wherever you find yourselves in the future.

WELCOME TO BISHOP WALSH:

We welcome Bishop Walsh to Saint Bart's. It's always good to have him around. May the Lord continue to bless you as you help our kids grow in their faith.

Blessings and Peace on everyone. Amen.

Fr. Raphael


PARISH NEWS

*Rest in Peace*

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

especially Ruth Sweeney and Frank S. Minozzi.

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, has been donated for the intentions of Justin Colon and Angelica Blanco by Mildred Blanco.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated by the **Confirmation Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, May 3rd we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566**

**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

Join fellow seniors on **Thursday, May 3rd** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

The group will also attend a private show at the Hudson River Museum after the gathering.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This **Friday, May 4th**, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 5th**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Next Sunday, May 6th our children will receive their **First Holy Communion**. This Mass will be very crowded and will be longer than usual. You may wish to attend a different Mass on this day.

BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL

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. Yesterday was the Memorial of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort, Priest. You can learn more about him and Marian Consecration in *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Tuesday is the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. Listen to: *St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church* or Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

MAY EVENTS

SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL

This Saturday, May 5th after the 5 p.m. Mass
Admission \$15 includes wedge, soda, coffee, tea, desserts and snacks. Must be 18 years old or older. Contact Barbara Troutman at 914 329-3067 or call the Parish Office. Come join us for a fun filled night with great prizes.

RAS TEA PARTY

Saturday, May 12th, from Noon-3 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Saturday, May 19th from 6-10 pm

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, May 25th McManus Parish Center
Pre-registration is required. Please call 1 888 653-6450

TAG SALE

We need volunteers for the tag sale on June 2nd. We need help setting up beginning on Wednesday, May 30th, Thursday, May 31st, Friday, June 1st and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2nd. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m. Also donations are needed. We will begin to take donations Monday, May 13th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. For further information, please call Cheryl at 914-476-6676.



**Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass
Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m.
At Saint Patrick's Cathedral**

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant
The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018. All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.
Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.
All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.
Registration will close on Monday, May 14, 2018.



**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration
at St. Bart's**

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office, no later than Friday, June 1st to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,057.55
Balance	- \$1,942.45
*(Envelopes \$4,722.55, Online \$335.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$24,346.31

The revised Easter collection totaled: \$9,888.40

"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., 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, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth and Lou De Muro.

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

COME, BE AN ALTAR SERVER



If you have made your First Holy Communion and are now in Grades 4 through High School and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676. Training will begin after May 6th.

THE MAY CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

will be this Tuesday, May 8th at 6:45 p.m.



April 29, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, April 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM James B. Di Carmine +

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 29, 2018**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Angela Rush & Aristede Scipioni +
11:30 AM Luciano & Sal LaBruzzo +
5:00 PM Joanne D'Angelo +

Monday, April 30

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +

Tuesday, May 1

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +
9:00 AM Dillen Garvey (Living)

Wednesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius. Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Helen Duda +
9:00 AM John & Nancy Gaffney +

Thursday, May 3

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

7:00 AM Mary Walsh +
9:00 AM Mary D'Agostino +

Friday, May 4– First Friday

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Rosalie Heit +
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Saturday, May 5– First Saturday

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM George Del Moral +

Saturday, May 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 6, 2018**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Fiore Brusco +
11:30 AM Dina Legio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

April 29, 2018

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise You.

Thank you for the gift of our children.



Help us to set boundaries for
them,
and yet encourage them to
explore.
Give us the strength and
courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know
you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

May Your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear Your voice.
May their eyes see Your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be Your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
Your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

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MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 13TH

Mother's Day Novena Masses: Sunday, May 13th is
Mother's Day. Our Parish will
have a Novena of Masses for all
our mothers— living and deceased.
The Novena of Masses will begin
on Sunday, May 13th, and will
finish on Monday, May 21st.



There are cards and envelopes at
the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother
-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of
Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation
and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the
Parish office during the week.