

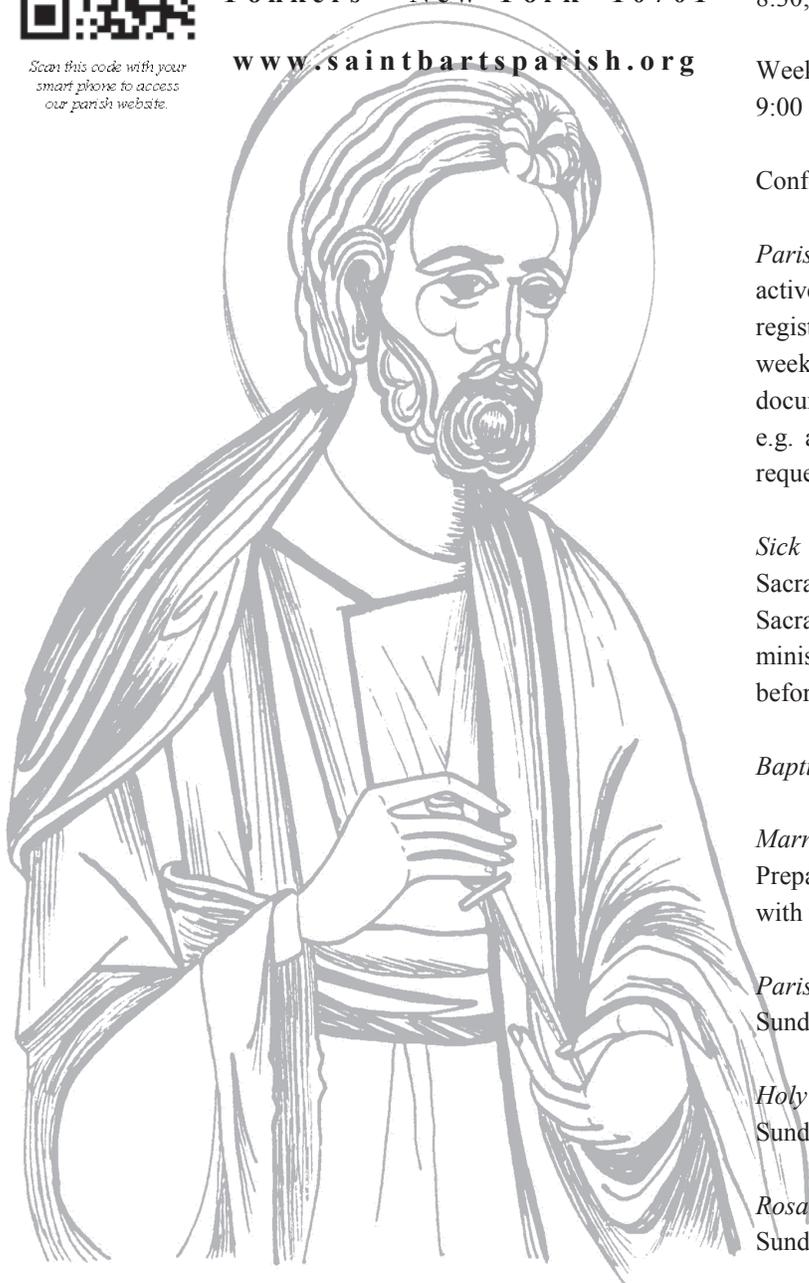
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*  
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

**DILLYDALLYING OUR RESPONSE**

There is a time and a season for everything, Ecclesiastes tells us. A time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time for peace and a time for war (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). And if I may add, a time for words and a time for action.

In today's gospel, Mark 1:14-20, it's time for Jesus to embark on the mission the Father sent Him to do. It's time to begin the fulfillment of all that the prophets prophesied for centuries, to bring the long awaited salvation and freedom to God's beloved people. We may ask, how did Jesus know when to start? I mean, He waited for 30 good years, and even after His baptism, He simple disappeared into the desert. One pointer may be the fact that His cousin, John the Baptist had ended his ministry, having been arrested by Herod. Probably, Jesus wanted to continue the momentum.

Whatever informed His decision, once it was time, Jesus didn't dillydally. Immediately, He called some people to be His disciples. Somehow, He knew whom He wanted and needed. There was no problem making up His mind! He didn't need to weigh the matter. Don't you wish you too could do that? Well, what are we thinking, He's God! But wait a minute, once He found the ones He wanted and needed, once He called them, they too didn't dillydally. They accepted the call, and actually left everything and followed Him. Wow! And they were human, just like you and me!

That's the ideal. That's what it means to be a Christian. Many after them have done it also. Many in our time continue to do it. But sadly, many in our time either don't bother, or do so half heartedly. To be fair to us, there were also many in those ages past who also struggled and gave up.

You and I, as Christians and disciples of Jesus, are to constantly respond to our Lord's call to make present His kingdom among us. This call comes to us many times a day and everywhere we may find ourselves. Luckily and encouragingly, we do respond many times. However, other times we don't. Among many other reasons why we dillydally is that we stop to weigh the call. And so we weigh the call. And weigh the call. And weigh the call. Until the call dies inside us or we die to the call.

Again, today's gospel reminds us that there is a time for everything. Jesus and the disciples show us that we don't have to spend too much time weighing God's call and demands of us. Christians, seem to have grown used to weighing doctrinal matters and considering theological alternatives, more so in our modern world. Then we end up picking and choosing which ones suit us. Next, we also delay in obeying even those, or even neglect them entirely.

We are called to respond to the Master's call to follow Him. No hesitation. No need to overanalyze the call or demand. No serious need to think it over. In an instant we know it is the right thing to do. And when we dillydally, we also know it is the wrong thing to do.

"Less talking, more doing," says one Home Depot TV commercial. It's so true, even Home Depot uses it.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



The members of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



**MARK THIS DATE**



**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY LENTEN RETREAT**

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All women of the parish are invited to participate. There will be more information in the coming weeks.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Daniel P. De Rosa.



*Rest in Peace*

**Parish Raffle**

Our newly formed **Fund Raising Committee** has started selling chances to win a second set of 100 five dollar New York Lottery Scratch-Offs. You know those 100 scratch-offs have to contain some winners! The winner of the first set of tickets purchased multiple chances and still more than doubled her investment.

There are only 200 of the \$10 chances to win the scratch-offs. They will be sold after all Saturday night and Sunday Masses, as well as in the Parish Office during the week. The drawing for the winner of our second set of 100 scratch-off tickets is scheduled for Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, following the 10 a.m. Mass.

**ADOPTION:** Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls from ages two & up. Older parents & single women are welcome. For more information, call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE

January 26<sup>th</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>



Catholic Charities is once again running its *Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign* to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese will be joined this year by the United Jewish Appeal Federation (UJA); we are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry neighbors.

Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Our Parish is planning a **Sweepstakes Social on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, doors open at 6 p.m. The Sweepstakes Social Committee can use your donations and your help! Please start collecting new appropriate items to be dropped off as early as the beginning of February. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this fundraiser is asked to leave their name and phone number at the Parish Office during the week.

### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 13 - 15 (Friday dinner to Sunday 1 p.m.)

**Marianist Family Retreat Center**

Cape May, NJ 08212

609 884-3829 or [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org)

This weekend is for young adults (ages 22 - 35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers, and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Cost: \$125 per person, double occupancy *Financial Aid available*

**LIFE LINE SCREENING will be here at our McManus Parish Center on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.** They will be providing ultrasound screenings for stroke, vascular diseases, heart rhythm abnormalities, and osteoporosis risk. They have partnered with over 150 hospitals across the country and have screened over 7 million participants.

Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more information and a listing of charges for the various tests.

**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.

### 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*

	1/19/14	1/18/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,448.20	\$3,638.00	-\$ 1,810.20
Children	\$ 137.70	\$ 40.75	-\$ 96.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,585.90</b>	<b>\$3,678.75</b>	<b>-\$ 1,907.15</b>

**The Second Collection to help defray the cost of removing snow & ice from our parking lot and walks totaled \$981.00.**

***“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, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino and Angelica Blanco.

### REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2015 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about a particular date.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** Next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, we will take up a second collection in support of our Parish buildings and grounds. Please endeavor to donate generously.

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 next Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

JANUARY 25, 2015

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

**Sunday, January 25**

8:30 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

10:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

11:30 AM Anthony DiVenuto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, January 26**

**Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jerry DiPerri, Sr. +

**Tuesday, January 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Emma Charbonier +

**Wednesday, January 28**

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Michael Fusco +

9:00 AM Patrick & Thomas Keane +

**Thursday, January 29**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marie Caloia +

**Friday, January 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Living Members of Marchetti Family

**Saturday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

9:00 AM Renato Colicchia +

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, January 31 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Stephen Hickey +

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**Sunday, February 1**

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Tessie Fontanello +

11:30 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Thomas Aquinas**  
**Priest & Doctor (1225-1274)**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>**



By universal consent Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelations. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would chose that way of life and later become abbot. In

1239 he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on ... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274.

**COMMENT:** We can look to Thomas Aquinas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality and inclusiveness. We should be determined anew to exercise the divine gift of reason in us, our power to know, learn and understand. At the same time we should thank God for the gift of his revelation, especially in Jesus Christ.

**From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.**