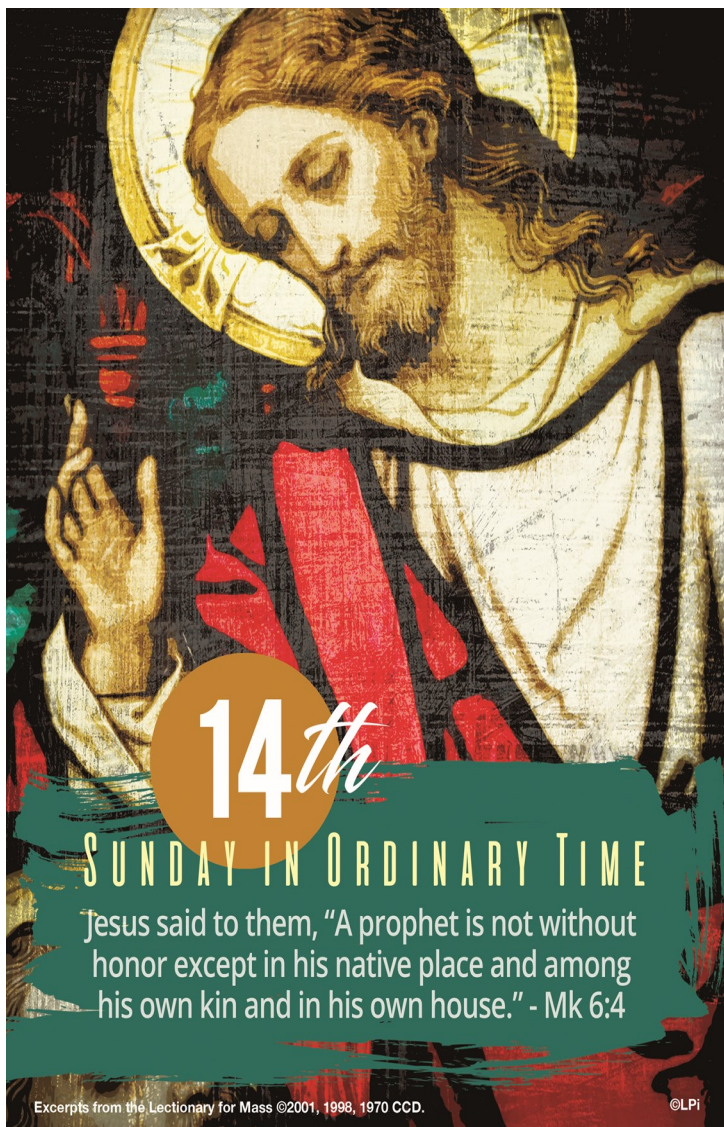


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 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

## FAITH AND HEALING

In Mark's gospel, faith is a prerequisite for healing. Jesus does not heal to make people believe; He heals those whose faith is strong. Last week Jesus healed two people whose faith was strong. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus tells the woman who had been ill for twelve years (Mark 5:34). But in today's Gospel, "He was not able to perform any mighty deed" among His own kin because of "their lack of faith" (Mark 6:5-6). Our faith aids our receptivity to God's grace.



Saint Paul found wisdom in the way he faced challenges. He begged the Lord to remove "a thorn in the flesh," but accepted God's grace as a response. He realized that the work he did despite his difficulty revealed the power of Christ more than work he could do easily. In his weakness, the strength of God was made manifest.

Sometimes the real reason a prophet is rejected is because the people find the message to be too challenging. God warned Ezekiel that the people would be "obstinate of heart." Ezekiel would be telling them that it was due to their sins that they were living in exile and that Jerusalem would soon be destroyed. Certainly this was not what they wanted to hear. Mark does not tell us what Jesus said in the synagogue, but Luke does: "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18). Perhaps most of those in attendance felt themselves better than "the poor" and did not appreciate that they were excluded from the "glad tidings."

**Question of the Week:**

How do I respond when someone is critical of me? Do I search myself to find my failings or do I merely look for reasons to reject their criticism?

**Parish Support During Summer**

Please remember the parish during these summer months. We still have to pay salaries and bills. We still need up to \$7,000 monthly to take care of business, even during summer. On the last two Sunday's we took in \$3,821 and this past Sunday we took in \$4,689. Summer months are always the most difficult as many travel and forget to help out while they're gone. Sadly, many who do so also don't try to make up for the weeks they didn't give anything.

**Have a blessed, fun-filled, relaxing and safe summer.**

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech*

# PARISH NEWS

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

*Religious Education*

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

**2018 and 2019 MASS BOOK**

The 2018 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2019 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:**

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

**CELL PHONE ALERT:**

As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please **TURN OFF** your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our food pantry has a need for the following items: : canned corn, canned string beans, canned fruit, coffee, napkins or paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**JULY**

**Movie Thursday,**

Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to 12 Noon



**Steubenville (Youth)**

July 20<sup>th</sup>—July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**AUGUST**

**Movie Thursday**

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to 12 Noon

**PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

Saturday, August 25, 6-10 p.m.

*Please join us for a fun filled evening.*

Next weekend, look for the flyer in the bulletin and get more information on how you can sign up to donate or volunteer. Thank you!!!!



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. **Their next meeting is Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

Our **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14<sup>th</sup> Feast Day**

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha was the daughter of an Algonquin mother and a Mohawk chief and was born in 1656. When she was four years old her parents and brother died of smallpox. Kateri survived, but the disease left her scarred and her sight impaired. She was named "Tekakwitha," which means "she who bumps into things." Kateri’s uncle took her in, and although she wanted to practice the religion of her mother, her uncle discouraged her. At the age of eighteen, Kateri began studying the Catholic religion in secret. After a time, her uncle gave his permission for her to become a Christian as long as she did not leave the village. There, she put up with ridicule because of her faith. In 1676, Kateri fled to Canada where she made her first Communion on Christmas, 1677. Although the last years of her life were difficult, Kateri was known for her kindness and good humor. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized by Pope Benedict in 2012.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,014.60
Balance	- <b>\$1,985.40</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,689.60, Online \$325.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of July	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	<b>\$ 5,014.60</b>

**The Second Collection for Building and Grounds Totaled: \$1,035.85**

"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., 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, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan and Dianne Milder.

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



**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Philip Doyle.

**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.

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, July 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Giovanni & Teresina Brusco+  
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**Sunday, July 8, 2018**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +  
10:00 AM Dennis Madonia & Mary Gregorio +  
11:30 AM Deceased Members Of Salerno & Del Bene families  
5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +  
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**Monday, July 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mildred Blanco (Living)

**Tuesday, July 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM John Bryce +

**Wednesday, July 11**

**Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM James Fairclough +

**Thursday, July 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Eric Baker +

**Friday, July 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)  
9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

**Saturday, July 14**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Huan +

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**Saturday, July 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +  
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**Sunday, July 15, 2018**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +  
10:00 AM Frank Schweizer +  
11:30 AM Deceased Members Of The Legio Family  
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

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**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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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.