

St. Bartholomew's

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." *Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8*

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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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

An Understanding Heart

Matthew's community, like ours, featured varying personalities who had arrived by dramatically differing paths. For some, the kingdom is a surprise discovery, "a treasure buried in a field;" for others, a prized acquisition secured after a painstaking search, "a pearl of great price" (Matthew 13:14, 46). We can have a third group Matthew didn't know, "cradle Catholics."



No wonder Jesus' image of "a net thrown into the sea" rings true (13:47). So today's Gospel repeats last Sunday's caution. If we've forgotten we're in that mix and instead fancy ourselves qualified or empowered to separate its contents into Good and Bad, Jesus warns, judgment postponed, separation deferred, until "the end of the age," and even then, not by us: "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous" (13:49).

What if God dared offer us Solomon's choice? We'd say, "Bring on the bling! A long, happy life for me! A shorter life for this 'special' list I've been compiling for years." Too harsh? Or too true? What do we treasure?" An understanding heart ... to distinguish right from wrong" (1 Kings 3:9)? We have before us a living treasure: God's word, which can shape us to the image of our Elder Brother, and that Word made flesh in Jesus' Body and Blood.

"Do you understand these things?" Jesus asks (Matthew 13:51). We may never understand all, but we can bring wisdom "new and old" (Jesus' Torah/Moses' Torah) to bear on life's dilemmas. And consider the great wealth already ours: "predestined, called, justified, glorified" (cf. Romans 8:30).

In a world divided by economics and education, social status and political opinions, race and religion, what can I do this week to bring people together?
(*Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017*).

Youth Conference – Thank You!

14 of our Youth and 3 of our Core Team members and myself were at the Steubenville Youth Conference at St. John's University in Queens from Friday to Sunday. As usual, it was a marvelous experience. We want to thank everyone that helped to make the trip possible for our youth. We will share a recap of our experiences at the Masses this weekend.

Parish Data Update:

We're in the process of updating our parish database. If you have moved or changed your phone number or any other personal info, please call to let us know. Some of you might receive a letter or phone call for the purpose of this exercise.

Blessings and Peace to you.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

PARISH NEWS



The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, are donated for the intentions of the Fermin family by the Fermin family.

SENIOR MASS AND GATHERING CANCELLED FOR AUGUST

There will not be a Senior Mass and Gathering on Thursday, August 3rd. The next one will be on Thursday, September 7th.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, August 3rd, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, August 4th, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, August 5th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



Food Pantry

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Children in China, need homes. More boys are available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW Saturday, August 26 6-10 p.m. Please join us for a fun filled evening. More details to follow in upcoming weeks!!

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

THE HOMEBOUND

St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of health or infirmity cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all parishioners who are homebound, permanently or temporarily, to be visited by a Priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Often we will hear of someone who is homebound and has not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time, although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person did not want to "bother anyone" or put anyone out." Often these individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.



We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. However, we need your help. These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and tell them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules. If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Cheryl Duda of the Liturgy Committee at 914 476-6676, or the Parish office at 914 965-0566.

LOCAL EVENTS

MASS OF HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church, this Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 p.m. Celebrant is Monsignor Jose Puthenpapambal

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914 420-6836 or William.schneider@kofc.org.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. The group is holding its annual Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY on September 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$5,424.00), Balance (- \$1,576.00), *(Envelopes \$5,144.00, Online \$280.00)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of July (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$23,841.65)

"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!"

As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, 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, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski and Richard (Dick) Novak.

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

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

July 30, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Eleanore Del Bene +

Sunday, July 30

8:30 AM Robert Liddell+

10:00 AM Anthony Mercandetti +

11:30 AM Otello Pozzi +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Tuesday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

Wednesday, August 2

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anne Morrissey+

Thursday, August 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin Wasiczko +

9:00 AM Joseph O. Fletcher +

First Friday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

First Saturday, August 5

Weekday

9:00 AM Fred Branca +

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday, August 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 6

8:30 AM Carl Laredo+

10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Luciano & Sal LaBruzzo +

5:00 PM Lorraine Vivian +

