

# St. Bartholomew's Church



Scan this code with your  
smart phone to access  
our parish website.

15 Palmer Road  
Yonkers • New York 10701

[www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org)

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 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.

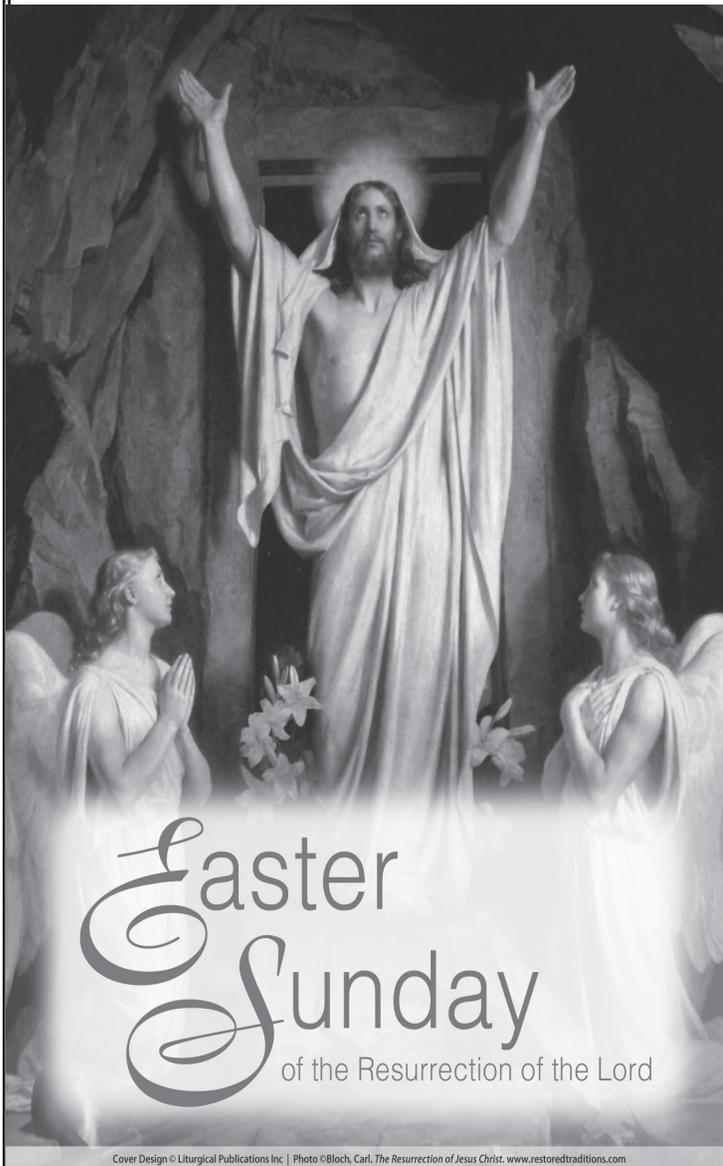
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

*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. President, Joan Liddell

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

*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc | Photo © Bloch, Carl. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ. [www.restoredtraditions.com](http://www.restoredtraditions.com)

*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.



THE EMPTY TOMB

The Devil is indeed powerful! Whoever says otherwise does so at his/her own peril. Take the events of

Holy Week for example, when the room of the Last Supper was pervaded with doom and gloom. Move on to the Garden of Olives, where Jesus agonized for hours and pleaded with the Father to let the cup pass Him by. Then recall the painful betrayal by Judas, the false accusations from the High Priest and his Cohorts, the flogging, the bleeding, the torturous journey to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taunting, and finally the death. Think of the mood as Jesus' loved ones brought Him down from the Cross. In all these was the overshadowing sense of hopelessness among Jesus' family and friends.

They gave up and scattered everywhere, ready to return to life before Jesus came into their lives. That's the power of the Evil One.



But when power meets power, the stronger power carries the day. The one that laughs last laughs most. The Devil is a loser! A sore one at that! So, Jesus returned, in His glory! He's risen! Alleluia!

There are times in our lives when we stare at the empty/sealed tombs. Life seems to be over. No door seems to open up! We cry out with Jesus: *Father, why have You forsaken me?* The family members of Flight 370 victims easily come to mind. I remember when I first returned to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina – it was a graveyard! Returnee parishioners stared at empty tombs for weeks or even months. You, your loved one, or someone you know may be staring at an empty tomb at this moment. Tell yourself, and tell them that yes the Devil is powerful, but the power of our Risen Savior is way beyond that of the Devil. In the midst of our fears and anxieties, the Risen Savior whispers, "It is I, do not be afraid."

May the Risen Lord bring hope and joy into your life and the lives of your loved ones during this Easter Season. Amen. Alleluia.

IN THANKS AND PRAISE

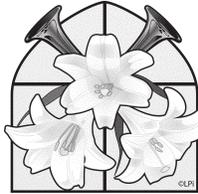
- ◆ **Wish List Donors:** Many thanks to everyone who donated to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations memorable. Thanks also to those who donated towards the Passion Play. Blessings on each and every one of you and your families.
- ◆ **Ministers:** Sincere gratitude to all the **liturgical ministers** (Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, Altar Servers, Choirs, Lectors, Liturgical Arts & Environment) who helped to coordinate and make our Lenten and Easter celebrations successful and spiritually rewarding. Thanks also to the members of the **Social Ministry** (foods) and Rosary Altar (Church cleaning) groups. May God continue to bless each of you. Amen.
- ◆ **Passion Play:** I'll comment more on the Passion Play next Sunday. But suffice it to express our parish's sincere gratitude to all who made time and generously used their talents to bring the Passion alive to parishioners. I hope you're enriched by the experience. Blessings.

MEETING / VACATION

Once again, Fr. Daniel and I will leave this Monday for our annual MSP meeting in Houston. He'll continue to Nigeria from there. Keep him in your prayers. I'll return on Friday.

Happy Easter to you and yours! ~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen!

The Pastor, the Pastoral staff, and the Administrative staff wish you and yours a Happy and Blessed Easter!



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco and Nanoia families by Lou and Angela Brusco.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

Do you know a non-Catholic adult who wishes to explore the Catholic faith; or a Catholic who has never received First Communion or been Confirmed? We have a program tailored to these adults. Call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be Religious Education classes this week on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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 after school and evening classes. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

1:30 – 7:30 PM

MCMANUS PARISH CENTER



St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive this **Friday**. We run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment; and please spread the word to your family and friends, too.

Give Thanks - Give Blood !!!



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. Because of Easter, they will meet next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR PALM DONORS



Thank you very much for your generosity! The palms for this year's Palm Sunday were donated by the following:

- ◆ Laurie Bartolini in memory of Peter M. Objay & Carmine Aprea
- ◆ Richard and Ellen Califano in memory of Helen & Pete Pietrowski
- ◆ Claire Campisi in memory of Vincent Campisi & Julieann Campisi Moroch
- ◆ Ed & Martha Cesaitis in honor of Madeline's family
- ◆ Mary Ann Cognatello in memory of the Gregorio & Cognatello families
- ◆ Antoinetta DeFeo & Theresa DiRodio in memory of the DeFeo, Pisacreta, & DiRodio families
- ◆ Angelina DeRosa in memory of the DeRosa and Costanzo families
- ◆ Joan Laredo Liddell in memory of Elizabeth & Carl Laredo
- ◆ Joan Laredo Liddell in memory of Robert A. Liddell
- ◆ Janet Madonia in memory of Dennis Madonia
- ◆ Joanne Pragana in memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille & Victor Serricchio, and Christine Bellino
- ◆ Rich and Maria Scardino in memory of the the Scardino & D'Arienzo families
- ◆ Jeanne Simmons in memory of the Joseph family

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

This year's Pascal Candle has generously been donated by Marie Giuriceo in loving memory of the deceased members of the Giuriceo family.



### OUR THANKS TO OUR PASSION PLAY DONORS



As we establish a new tradition here at St. Bartholomew's Parish, some of our parishioners have stepped up in this season's spirit of sacrifice and joy to help defray the cost of costumes for our Passion Play that we hope will be used for many years to come. We thank them for their generosity.

- ◆ Antoinette Barbarita
- ◆ Lou & Angela Brusco
- ◆ Manuel Cuevas
- ◆ Al & Fran DioDati
- ◆ Mercedes Dunzog
- ◆ Tony & Ann Marie Martelli in memory Phyllis Martelli
- ◆ Bill Mascetta
- ◆ Norah Murphy
- ◆ Antonia Obasa
- ◆ Fey Obasa
- ◆ Timi Obasa
- ◆ Viviene & Dan Pezzola & Family
- ◆ Grace Prunella

### 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*

	4/14/13	4/13/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,926.00	\$6,829.80	+\$ 903.80
Children	\$ 95.70	\$ 159.10	+\$ 63.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,021.70</b>	<b>\$6,988.90</b>	<b>+\$ 967.20</b>

*"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you ... for God."*

***"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, Jule Yaskovic, 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 Swiatkovicz, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Teresa Buoninfante.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

**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.

April 20, 2014

---

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**Saturday, April 19 (Vigil Mass)**

8:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish +

**Sunday, April 20 (Easter Sunday)**

8:30 AM Intentions of the Brusco and Nanoia families

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Marcello Barcello

**Monday, April 21**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sister Mary Patrice Whalen, R.S.M. +

**Tuesday, April 22**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

**Wednesday, April 23**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM Stan Buoninfante +

9:00 AM Stan Buoninfante +

**Thursday, April 24**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM Laura Kennedy +

9:00 AM Gloria Bassej +

**Friday, April 25**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Koehler +

**Saturday, April 26**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Josephine & Barney Scardino +

\*\*\*\*\*

**Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy**

**Saturday, April 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Cabrera & Crespo Families

\*\*\*\*\*

**Sunday, April 27**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM John DiRodio +

11:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

*April 20, 2014*

---

## **Welcome to St. Bartholomew's Church**

Happy Easter to all our visitors! Our warmest welcome to you! 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.

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, and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory.

Thank you!

**Name:**

---

**Address:**

---

**City/Zip:**

---

**Comment:**

---

- ◇ 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.



On Easter we celebrate love,  
love coming down from heaven,  
love blanketing the earth  
in a transforming embrace;  
unique and infinite love,  
giving more than we can imagine  
for us, to cleanse our sin,  
a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,  
the walking, talking Word.  
He is teacher, role model, friend,  
this God in human form,  
dying, then rising from the dead,  
proving all who believe will also rise  
to have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.  
Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!

*By Joanna Fuchs*