

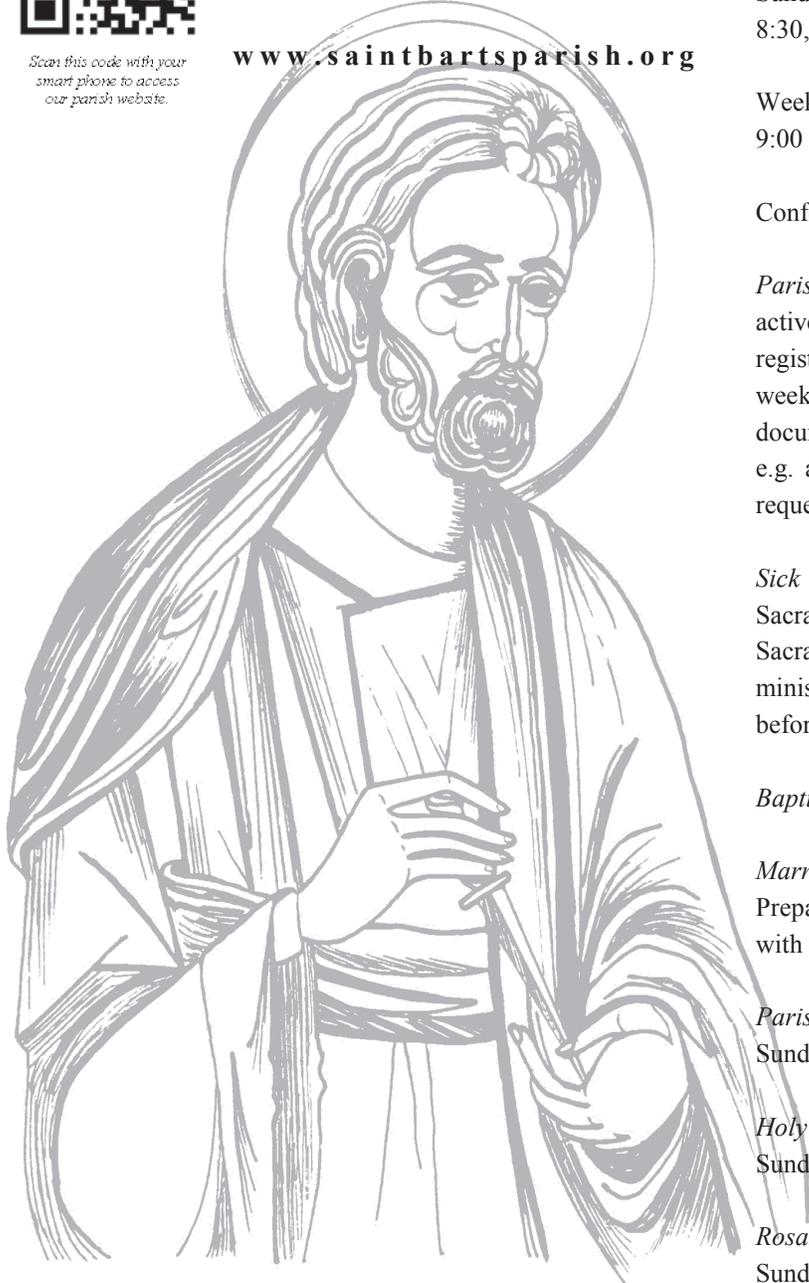
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*

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. 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

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH CHRIST

In the book of Genesis, God sought out our ancestors in the faith – Abraham (Chapters 12, 15, 17); Isaac (Chapters 25 & 26); and Jacob (especially chapter 28). Moses encountered God in Exodus chapter 3. God allowed each to experience Him, the One True God. These experiences helped them develop a personal relationship with God that lasted all through their lives and into eternity.

Today, many believers yearn for a personal experience of God. Christians yearn for a personal experience of, and relationship with Christ. Many go beyond merely yearning for it and actively search and work hard for it. This has led many to the right place and also led many to wrong places.

For us Catholics, especially those who truly yearn to experience God in their lives and desire that experience to change them, we have an answer or a reminder in today's Gospel – John 6:51-58. Jesus tells us that whoever eats His Flesh and drinks His Blood remains in Him and He in that person (v. 56).

Now let's look at, or think of this in a 3-D sort of way. I often imagine the journey of the Consecrated Body and Blood of Christ through my system and what happens and what it does in there. I think of the medications we take, liquid or tablet, orally or intravenously. I imagine how they permeate, seep through, fill or infuse our system. I imagine how some of them would start working almost immediately and some would delay a bit. I think of how some of them last longer than others in the system.

I invite us to spend some time and think of how the Eucharist we receive is somehow like that, but way more than that. I imagine how it permeates my body, my mind, my spirit, my soul, my entire life. I imagine how it becomes part of me – Christ becomes part of me! And miraculously I become part of Him. What a great mystery! Greater yet are the actions of Christ once in me. Like medication, yet much more, this Sacrament begins to heal my sick, wounded, hurting, aching, compromised system – spirit, soul, mind, body – my life! I wish each of us could understand this a little bit deeper. We could begin by trying a little bit harder. Nothing is beyond God.

Back to our search for a personal experience of God: now what closer experience of God could we Catholics possibly want? Sadly, many, after years of being Catholics and Communicants still don't get it or just don't believe it. Too good to be true? But whether we believe it or not, it is indeed truly Christ in flesh and blood. When truly received, we do become one with Him, one with God. That's as close and as personal as it gets; as life changing as it gets. The ball is in our court!

Lord, help us to understand and appreciate more fully the Sacrament of Your Body and Blood and its effects in our lives. Amen.

IN THANKS & PRAISE

We thank our Youth Coordinators, led by Ellen Chimenti who helped to galvanize our Youth Group and raised funds for the Steubenville Youth Conference held at St. John's University, Queens. We thank our Youth who went to the event. They'll be sharing their experiences with the rest of the group and with parishioners. We thank the parents who served as chaperons – Joe Chimenti and Jackie Wong. It was an awesome event and we hope that next year will be even better. We continue to request that parents allow their kids to join our Youth Group. The benefits are amazing and will indeed bring them closer to God. Good friendships, too.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676) for information.

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

**2016 MASS BOOK IS OPEN**

The Mass Book for 2016 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.



The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this **Wednesday, August 19th**, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their next meeting at 1 p.m. on **Thursday, August 20th**, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 423-5331.

PARISH CELEBRATION

Our parish is planning a block party for this Saturday, August 22nd, from 6 - 10 p.m. to celebrate the **Feast of St. Bartholomew**. Besides attending, we are asking for your help with this celebration by providing money donations toward the cost of food and drink. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event.



Please place your donation in an envelope marked Block Party and your family name. Donations can still be dropped off at the Rectory Office this week.

Please mark your calendar now and plan on attending this celebration of our Parish Patron, St. Bartholomew!!!

**THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT
PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER**

**MARRIAGE
ENCOUNTER**

“Advance in the way of understanding ...” A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is great continuing education for your Marriage or Holy Orders. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwme.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

To date our parish has received \$59,360.95 in pledges/gifts toward our 2015 Cardinal’s Appeal goal of \$68,500, from 198 families/individuals. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we need the participation of all our parishioners. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.

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.

Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved.

~ St. Robert Bellarmine

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

	8/10/14	8/9/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,585.50	\$4,545.20	-\$ 1,040.30
Children	\$ 32.45	\$ 58.75	+\$ 26.30
Total	\$5,617.95	\$4,603.95	-\$ 1,014.00

The second Collection in support of the home missions and the Church in Latin America totaled \$1,089.00.

“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



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

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 Swiatkowicz, 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, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Sister Eileen Burns, OSF, Judith Elliott, and Mary Ann Klobosits.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting **this Sunday, August 16th**. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

The **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are lit in loving memory of Gennaro Gentile by Maria & Carlo Gentile.



AUGUST 16, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lawrence Fraher +

Sunday, August 16

8:30 AM Eileen Brennan Hines +

10:00 AM Barbara Shannon (living)

11:30 AM Francisco Alvarez +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Richard Drew +

Tuesday, August 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Rush +

Wednesday, August 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Pauline Gramaglia +

Thursday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Donald Cherico +

9:00 AM Connie & Steven Bellissimo +

Friday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 AM Gennaro Gentile +

9:00 AM Anthony Como +

Saturday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Alfred & Florence Porach +

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary Ann Berenguer +

Sunday, August 23

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM John Palermo +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

AUGUST 16, 2015

Queenship of Mary

August 22nd Memorial



Pius XII established this feast in 1954. But Mary's queenship has roots in Scripture. At the Annunciation Gabriel announced that Mary's Son would receive the throne of David and rule forever. At the Visitation, Elizabeth calls Mary "mother of my Lord." As in all the mysteries of Mary's life, Mary is closely associated with Jesus: Her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship. We can also recall that in the Old

Testament the mother of the king has great influence in court.

In the fourth century Saint Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen" and Church Fathers and Doctors continued to use the title. Hymns of the eleventh to thirteenth centuries address Mary as queen: "Hail, Holy Queen," "Hail, Queen of Heaven," "Queen of Heaven." The Dominican rosary and the Franciscan crown as well as numerous invocations in Mary's litany celebrate her queenship.

The feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. In his encyclical *To the Queen of Heaven*, Pius XII points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power.

COMMENT: As Saint Paul suggests in Romans 8:28-30, God has predestined human beings from all eternity to share the image of His Son. All the more was Mary predestined to be the mother of Jesus. As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised His kingship on earth by serving His Father and His fellow human being, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.

QUOTE: "Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of men. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son in the fellowship of all the saints. May she do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Savior, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into the one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*,69).

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