

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." *Lk 20:37-38*

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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.

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

Don't Be Caught Unawares!



Today's parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaid is unique to Matthew's Gospel. It both intensifies and personalizes the warning tone that recurs throughout Matthew's parables. While not minimizing the parable's unsettling, even ominous tone, isn't there something truly poignant, almost heartbreaking in its message? To all appearance, the bridesmaids are alike. All ten bridesmaids have the lamps they were given, interpreted by some commentators as the gift of faith or perhaps the grace of membership in the Church. But only five were wise enough to bring oil, that is, to do their share with what they have been given. Oil represents loving deeds, just actions, faithful witnessing.

Then suddenly, the Bridegroom returns, a decisive moment for those prepared, and even more so for those unprepared. For now the time of repentance has passed, the door is barred, and the feast has begun. Although those unprepared know the Bridegroom's true identity – "Lord, Lord" (Matthew 25:11) – the Bridegroom does not recognize them.

What of ourselves? Where would we be if He came right now? Inside or out? Would tomorrow be any better than all of the tomorrows we've already had? What of our lamps? Recall the fragile, flickering flame bestowed at baptism with the admonition that it be kept burning brightly. That flame is nourished by Wisdom, the first reading's gracious lady who comes "seeking ... with all solicitude" those who diligently and vigilantly seek her (Wisdom 6:61). As the "consolation" Paul alludes to in today's second reading consider this: Though today's Gospel portrays the real possibility of an unhappy ending, for those of us still able to hear the warning our ending has not yet been written. God leaves that writing to us. What are we waiting for?

Question of the Week:

What can I do this week to make myself a little more ready for the coming of the Lord?

Pastoral Patterns, Autumn, 2017

RENEW & REBUILD CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to those who donated towards the campaign last Sunday. We'll do a brief follow-up this weekend for those who were not present last Sunday. Next weekend I'll give the breakdown of how far we've come with the campaign. I sincerely urge every family to pitch in their widow's mite. Any amount will get us closer to our goal.

2017-2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL

At the various Masses this weekend, we will commission our Parish Pastoral Council members. This is part of the effort to make them more visible to parishioners. They help to make important decisions for the parish.

We will also introduce our current Trustees – Sam Farraj and Anna Legio.

**Blessings on you and your loved ones.
Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP.**

PARISH NEWS

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Josephine Kucharik and Dionisia Marranzino.

First Communion and Confirmation classes:

Children in public school who have entered 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.

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 any of these programs.**

THANK YOU! The Religious Education students would like to thank all of our parishioners who helped to support our "Operation Care" project. By donating items to be shipped to our soldiers in foreign lands.



PENNY DRIVE: Please remember to bring your pennies and deposit them in the jar in the back of the church. The pennies will be donated to the Missionary of St. Paul to help support their school on Abuja that provides education for poor children.



SOCIAL MINISTRY—is in need of **turkeys and pies**, fresh or frozen. We will only be able to receive them on Saturday November 18th after the 5pm Mass and Sunday November 19th after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 am Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Bart's will be conducting the 88th blood drive in the 36 years since 1981 on **Friday, November 24th at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** **St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6610 donations to date!** We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914-423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.**



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS



FAMILY BREAKFAST DECEMBER 3RD, AND JANUARY 7TH

AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M. MASSES Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.

NEXT MOVIE THURSDAY

This Thursday, November 16th Finding St. Anthony, A Story of Loss & Light



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS BACK AT ST. BART'S

Time is Running Out...to enroll in St Bartholomew's Defensive Driving Class that will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 10 AM to 4 PM in St Bartholomew's School. This course reduces your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for three years. The cost if this class is only \$49. To enroll, please call the rectory at 914-965-0566 or Chris Morea at 718- 824-9698. Hurry, seating is limited!



Those already enrolled please pay at the office by this Wednesday, November 15th to secure a seat.

BE "INFORMED" FOR NOVEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code YWHDC2 and enjoy. The 13th is the birthday of St. Augustine. Watch: Restless Heart or listen to either Saints for Sinner or The Restless Flame. You can also listen to St. Frances Cabrini or watch Saint Giuseppe Moscati: Doctor to the Poor. (For further info call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676).

LOCAL EVENTS

NIGHTFEVER NYC is coming back to St. Patrick's Cathedral this Saturday, November 18th

On this night Nightfever NYC will be hosting a night of praise, worship and reconciliation at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. All will have the opportunity to pray before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as well as light candles to honor Our Lord. The evening of music and prayer will start at 7 pm and end at 9 pm. Confessions will be heard throughout the night. Come and be a part of this night, where the Cathedral will have its doors open to all New Yorkers, so that they can come, pray and love the Lord. For more information, e mail nightfevernyc@gmail.com

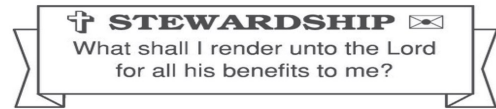
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

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

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, in the school building, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. However, this Saturday, November 18th they will be having their annual Thanksgiving celebration, therefore, cancelling the Sunday, November 19th meeting.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,057.10), Balance (- \$ 942.90)

*(Envelopes \$ 6,057.10, Online (unavailable this week, due to transition of Parish Pay to WeShare (LPI). Will be reported at end of month)).

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed for Month of November (\$28,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$ 6,057.10)

Please note that the online giving program Parish Pay.com is in the process of migrating to LPI's WeShare Service. The transition started on October 9th. See the flyers at the rear of the church or contact the Parish Office for more information.

"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!



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, 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, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Eileen Fitzpatrick and Cynthia Mascetta King.

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

PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.

November 12, 2017

Mass Intentions for the Week



**Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 12, 2017

8:30 AM Dolores Di Paolo +
10:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +
11:30 AM Helen Clemens +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

7:00 AM Helen Campbell +
9:00 AM Minerva Hernandez+

Tuesday, November 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Ronald Warner +
9:00 AM Theresa Sarich, Alfred Falcone, & Anna Lorence +

Wednesday, November 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Jennifer Batac (Living)
9:00 AM Ana Leida Cuvas +

Thursday, November 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Andres Hormigas +
9:00 AM Agnes Masterson +

Friday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM Gbenga Timothy Obasa +
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Fiala Family

Saturday, November 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Dina Legio +

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

Sunday, November 19, 2017

8:30 AM Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Aureo Pinto Sr. +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Judy Sierra +

November 12, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- 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.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The word "**stewardship**" is often invoked in religious circles to encourage members to be supportive of their congregation. That usually includes the contribution of financial support along with a commitment of time to assist in the work or ministry of the community.



At its root, stewardship implies the responsible overseeing and protection of something worth caring for. In a congregation, true stewardship is a reciprocal relationship. It is very much like a covenantal relationship between God and His people as described in the Bible. A faithful steward recognizes that what one has is not one's own possession. It is a gift, meant to be treasured, preserved, and used for the benefit of others. In turn, the community responds with care and support in time of need, because it too is a steward of the resources it has been given.