

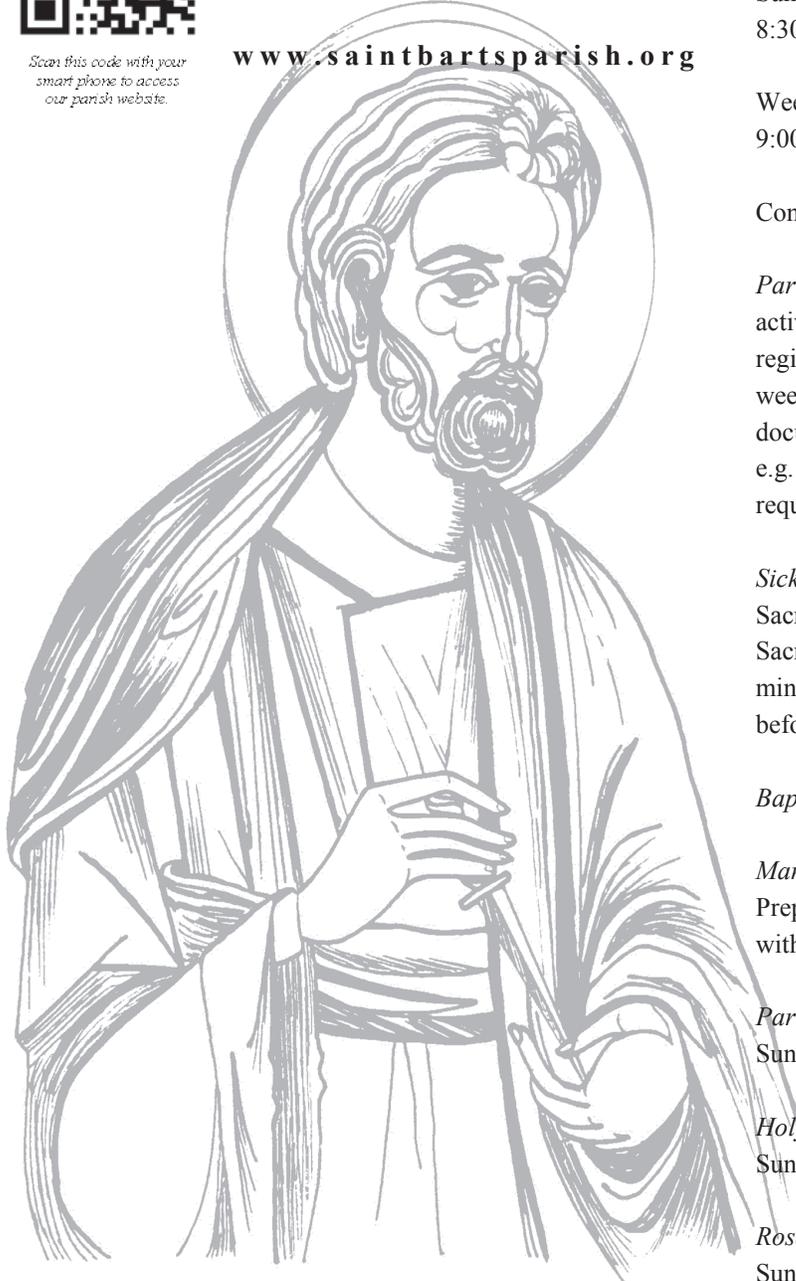
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

THERE IS A CHOICE TO MAKE



In our first reading, Joshua invites the Israelites to make a decisive choice: to serve the One True God Who had liberated them, or to abandon Him and serve other gods (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18). They did choose to continue to serve God but as we know, their answer differed from their actions. God complained through the Prophet Isaiah, saying, "These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me (Isaiah 29:13). It was so bad that Jesus repeated this complaint in Matthew 15:8-9.

May our choice to serve the Living God be more sincere, and may our actions proclaim what we give assent to in words. Amen.

MANY, MANY THANKS

Some of you may have heard it directly or indirectly. Our wonderful and efficient administrative secretary, Loreen Ryan will be retiring at the end of the month. She says she wants some extra "me-time" and time to focus on some stuff on her bucket list. We are grudgingly agreeing to her request. But definitely, we're happy for her and I do believe that she has worked hard enough here and at her previous jobs; and she indeed deserves some extra time for herself. Often we forget that we do need to take time for "me." Many, many thanks to you, Loreen. I know you still have a few more days and one more bulletin to prepare and proofread, but no amount of "thank-yous" will be enough to convey my/our appreciation for all you have done for the parish.

A SECOND PART TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We will be restructuring the Parish Office. Karen Maccia McKenna will be taking on more responsibilities; and we will be introducing a second part time administrative assistant. We're contemplating reducing our office hours from 8 and half hours to 8 hours. We'll finalize all this in the coming week.

2015-2016 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

I know that things are still slow because many are on vacation. But once again, we have 6 vacant seats on the Council to be filled. At this point we cannot follow the normal process of replacing members through a Parish Nomination and Selection Process because parishioners have generally been reluctant to nominate someone or volunteer themselves. So, we end up approaching individuals to fill the positions. We'll adopt the same method this time and use the coming year to talk more about what the Council is all about and the need for more participation from all of us.

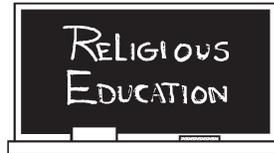
So, if you're interested in being on the next Pastoral Council, please let me know. Also, if you believe another parishioner has what it takes to help build up our beloved parish by serving on the Council, let me know, too.

PARISH TRUSTEES

After Dr. Catherine Hickey and Aureo Pinto served out their terms as our Parish Trustees, I approached Skip Caloia and Angela Brusco to take over for them. They graciously accepted to do so. I later realized that the Archdiocese calls for new appointments in April. We're waiting for them to confirm our new Trustees before we make it official. For now, we still list Dr. Hickey and Mr. Pinto on the front of our bulletin.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

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 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.



during the Mass.

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

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 **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** of Yonkers will hold their **Annual Mass & Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, September 20th, at 9:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers. Breakfast will follow immediately at Dunwoodie Golf Course for \$23 per person. For reservations and information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

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



"This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about how important your marriage is to the Church. 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.

MASS FOR HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church
602 McLean Avenue, Yonkers

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 7:30 PM

For information call 914 965-9333

FRANK CONROY BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday to Friday, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 24 to 28

Boys & Girls, ages 6 - 14

Register online at www.conroybasketballcamp.com

Call Coach Conroy at 914 980-0820

**Holy Trinity Greek Church
10 Mill Road, New Rochelle**

WHY CHOOSE A CATHOLIC CEMETERY?

Our Catholic faith and Order of Christian Funerals provide incredible comfort to bereaved families. Our time-honored rites give mourners a familiar structure in the bewildering days following a death. The final goodbye at the Catholic Cemetery is a poignant beginning of the next phase of grief.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery, a Catholic cemetery of the Archdiocese of New York, located at 10 West Stevens Avenue in Hawthorne, has been operating for almost 100 years. It is a beautiful and historical cemetery. There are still over 60 acres of space remaining to be developed to accommodate the burial, entombment and inurnment (for cremated remains) of Catholics and members of their families throughout the greater New York area.

Please feel free to contact them on 914 769-3672, visit their website at www.gateofheaven.com or stop by for a visit.

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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	8/17/14	8/16/15	Difference
Adults	\$4,704.25	\$4,873.55	+\$ 169.30
Children	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.25	+\$ 11.25
Total	\$4,739.25	\$4,919.80	+\$ 180.55

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

"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, 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. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

AUGUST 23, 2015

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

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

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antoinette Cognatello +

Tuesday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Linda Sarich +

Wednesday, August 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Joshua Batac (living)

9:00 AM Anthony Laino +

Thursday, August 27

Saint Monica

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP

9:00 AM Brian Shannon (living)

Friday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Rush +

Saturday, August 29

Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 AM Jennifer & Robert Batac (living)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Intentions of Orozco Valdovinos Family

Sunday, August 30

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM John Palermo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

**FEAST OF THE PATRON SAINT OF OUR
PARISH, BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE**

AUGUST 24



In the New Testament, Bartholomew is mentioned only in the lists of the apostles. Some scholars identify him with Nathanael, a man of Cana in Galilee who was summoned to Jesus by Philip. Jesus paid him a great compliment: "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him" (John 1:47b). When Nathanael asked how Jesus

knew him, Jesus said: "I saw you under the fig tree" (John 1:48b). Whatever amazing revelation this involved, it brought Nathanael to exclaim, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel" (John 1:49b). But Jesus countered with, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this" (John 1:50b).

Nathanael did see greater things. He was one of those to whom Jesus appeared on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias after His resurrection (see John 21:1-14). They had been fishing all night without success. In the morning, they saw someone standing on the shore though no one knew it was Jesus. He told them to cast their net again, and they made so great a catch that they could not haul the net in. Then John cried out to Peter, "It is the Lord."

When they brought the boat to shore, they found a fire burning, with some fish laid on it and some bread. Jesus asked them to bring some of the fish they had caught, and invited them to come and eat their meal. John relates that although they knew it was Jesus, none of the apostles presumed to inquire who He was. This, John notes, was the third time Jesus appeared to the apostles.

COMMENT: Bartholomew or Nathanael? We are confronted again with the fact that we know almost nothing about most of the apostles. Yet the unknown ones were also foundation stones, the twelve pillars of the new Israel whose twelve tribes now encompass the whole earth. Their personalities were secondary (without thereby being demeaned) to their great office of bearing tradition from their firsthand experience, speaking in the name of Jesus, putting the Word made flesh into human words for the enlightenment of the world. Their holiness was not an introverted contemplation of their status before God.

The simple fact is that humanity is totally meaningless unless God is its total concern. Then humanity, made holy with God's own holiness, becomes the most precious creation of God.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M. & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.