

Saint 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);

9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** and 5 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 4:30 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 **Wednesday** evening quarterly.

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Joseph Chimenti

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month.

Trustees: Skip Caloia, Teresita Leison

HOPE DOES NOT DIE

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2025
(Wisdom 3:1-9 | Romans 6:3-9 | John 6:37-40)

Today we gather in quiet reverence and tender remembrance, trusting in the promise that "the souls of the just are in the hand of God." (Wisdom 3:1). Death, which seems to take everything away, cannot steal the deepest truth of our faith — that love endures beyond the grave. The world often treats death as the final word, but Scripture whispers another story: God's mercy is stronger than the tomb. Every tear we shed today becomes a prayer of hope — a reminder that those we love are not lost but live in the heart of God, where no torment can touch them.

This day also challenges us to look inward. St. Paul reminds us that in baptism we were united with Christ in his death so that we might also live with him in resurrection (Rom 6:3-9). All Souls' Day isn't only about the dead — it's about how we, the living, are called to die daily to fear, sin, and despair. Each time we forgive, choose compassion over judgment, and live with integrity, we share in the mystery of dying and rising with Christ. Hope, then, is not passive waiting; it is an active way of life rooted in resurrection faith.

And so Jesus' words ring out as both comfort and challenge: "I shall not reject anyone who comes to me." (Jn 6:37). Our hope lies in this mercy — that God welcomes the sinner and heals the broken. Let us honor our departed loved ones not only with flowers and candles, but with lives of renewed trust in God's promise. May our faith proclaim: death is not the end, but a doorway into love's eternal dwelling. And may we, like them, walk each day in the radiant hope that does not die — because Christ has risen, and so shall we.

Fr. Mark Ameh, MSP
Pastor

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question from last week: Why do we kneel at Mass?

Answer:

Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.

Question for next week: How many days did Jesus remain on earth after his Resurrection?

We would like to wish Archbishop John Kennedy safe travels as he returns to Rome. We were very happy to see him, may God continue to bless him as he continues the Lord's work.



PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Registration is open for next year's Religious Education classes.**

Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school through high school are eligible to enroll.

Also we offer programs for any adults who have not made communion and confirmation.

Please call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.

SAVE THE DATES:

Our next Bingo is Sunday, November 23rd. Please join us for a night of fun.

VALUABLE PRESENTATION

A FREE talk on fraud, computer scams and telephone trickery will be presented for the St. Bart's community on **Thursday, November 6th** @ 12:00 Noon in the Auditorium. A Westchester County Representative from Consumer Protection will include a *Question & Answer Session*. Please make a reservation as capacity is limited. If you would like to stay for lunch and socializing afterwards the cost is \$5.00. A fine way to keep informed, make new friends, and stay busy. We'd love to see you.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025 to Richard Califano 914-643-0498. Please indicate if you're staying for lunch.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR November on Saturday, November 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday November 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**



Masses.

SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends beginning this weekend, November 1st and 2nd, through November 23rd.

Bags will be placed at the rear of the church beginning this weekend. **Please take a bag and place Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, applesauce, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc.** **Return the bags to church no later than Sunday, November 23rd.**

We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, November 22nd and before the morning Masses on Sunday, November 23rd.

Thank you for your generosity!!!



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S

IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM



PLEASE NOTE THAT BEGINNING THIS FIRST FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER THERE IS NO HOLY HOUR AT 1 PM. HOLY HOUR WILL CONTINUE EVERY WEEKDAY AFTER THE 7 AM MASS AND ON SATURDAY AT 8 AM.

THANK YOU!!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, *LPI*

Mini reflection: I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills my grave. The dust from which I was created.

The Semicolon

My grave is in the corner of a cemetery in rural southeastern Wisconsin. For at least a mile in every direction, all you can see is farmland — cows, barns and quiet country roads. It's beautiful, serene. I imagine the hand of God writing me into existence — *she lived, she died* — using for ink the very dirt that fills this grave. The dust from which I was created.

Surrounding my grave are the burial plots of other family members — Rachel, Georgiana, Julian, Josephine. I visit the cemetery to pray for them, knowing they are there, but also not there. And when I visit their graves, I stand on my own. I look out at the tree-lined horizon and the farmland. I think of how, in a thousand years, none of this will be here. But I will be here, God's hand paused against the page, preparing to write the rest of the story not in dirt but in his own blood. For Christ does not lose anything of what the Father has given him.

Not a soul. Not a bone. Not a lock of hair.

She lived, she died; she lived again. No longer is there a period after the words *she died* but instead a semicolon. And the semicolon is the grave, that mystical place where the Blood mixes with the dust of the earth, where life meets death, and then meets life again. And the story continues.



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Prayer During Loss

O God,

In the midst of my grief, be with me.

Cover this season with Your comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence and Your grace.

Bring comfort to my affliction, and hope to my heart.
Amen.

The Knights of Columbus Cardinal Hayes Council 3995 will be hosting the Silver Rose Ceremony dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 7, 2025 at 2:30 PM at St Paul the Apostle Parish Yonkers. All are welcome.



STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 19, 2025

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	\$4,694.00
<i>On Line giving:</i>	\$2,013.00
<i>Total</i>	\$6,707.00

IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time.** And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **IT'S EASY!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org (BE SURE TO SPELL OUT SAINT) and click on the We Share online giving link. Follow the instructions. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).**

If you have any questions or problems, contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com.

**IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED
PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A
PARISHIONER ON LINE AT
WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH
REGISTRATION.**

**FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT
THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH
OFFICE.**



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Ronald Pietropaolo, and Jan Stevenson.

Please call the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

November 2, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, November 1

5:00 PM Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

Sunday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

9:30 AM Maureen Schettino +
11:00 AM John McMahon +
Jose Exposito +
12:30 PM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
5:00 PM Aurora, Mariano & Agnes Mendoza +

Monday, November 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Maureen Schettino +
Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano +

Tuesday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Michele Ricardo +

Wednesday, November 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, November 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Friday, November 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Saturday, November 8

All Saints

9:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones

Saturday Vigil, November 8

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
11:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
12:30 PM Juan & Maria Guiracochoa +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

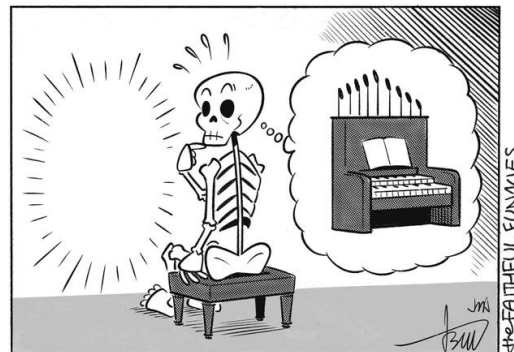
Telephone: _____

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.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

"Why don't skeletons play music in church?"



"Because they have no **organs**!"



Catholics remember the holy souls in purgatory every November. Take some time to pray for those who have died... and to pray with those in heaven!

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