

St. Bartholomew's

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Lk 10:41-42

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
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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

The Wheat & Weeds Among Us

Of all God's attributes, Wisdom praises God's "lenience," though "power, whenever you will, attends you" (12:18). Regarding God's expectations, Wisdom considers one indispensable: "Those who are just must be kind" (12:19). But doesn't God sometimes seem too lenient, content to ignore the weeds, when a glance at the world or even the Church suggests a little gardening is long overdue? Well, God is in luck. We, God's willing servants, can see the weeds clearly. We'd be delighted to clean things up thoroughly and quickly.



Don't our private reflections sometimes sound like that? Paul acknowledges, "We do not know how to pray as we ought" (Romans 8:26). Rather than praying that we become more like God, we demand that God become more like us, thorough and quick. But God, shrewd householder indeed, knows our zeal but wisely distrusts our discernment. We're zealous, yes, but judgmental too. What looks like weeds to us may be wheat in God's eyes. Thus God patiently defers judgment, postpones punishment.

Moreover, aren't we missing one of the parable's important points by casting ourselves solely as willing harvesters? Aren't we still growing ourselves? Which are we then? Wheat, weeds, or both at different times? Would we want anyone as zealous and judgmental as we are deciding definitively whether we're wheat or weeds before we've had time to grow to full maturity? Rather than bemoan a world or even a church with weeds growing among the wheat, let us praise God's gracious patience toward that slowly maturing, mixed-bag field that, after all, includes us.



This week, what can I do to be a mustard seed or a bit of yeast, doing a little good in a hidden way, making a little difference?

(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

Blessings and Peace!!

Reverend Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR FLOWERS, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Lou and Angela Brusco.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially William Flower and Theresa Marie Forella.



Rest in Peace



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



Food Pantry

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212 371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917 861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@arch.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.arch.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Sow good seeds of quality time into your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and see the harvest you can reap. For more information, call toll free at 877 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wmwe.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.



**PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING
THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW**
Saturday, August 26
 6-10 p.m.
Please join us for a fun filled evening.
More details to follow in upcoming weeks!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.



Stuebenville 2017, this weekend, July 21-23
Pray for our Youth as they attend this wonderful retreat!!

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

THE HOMEBOUND

St. Bartholomew's Parish wishes to show our love and care for our members who for reasons of health or infirmity cannot be with us as we gather for Mass each week. Our aim is for all parishioners who are homebound, permanently or temporarily, to be visited by a Priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion on a regular basis.



Often we will hear of someone who is homebound and has not been receiving the Eucharist for a long time, although this individual may have been, during healthier times, a very devout Catholic. Often we will hear that the person did not want to "bother anyone" or put anyone out." Often these

individuals become our "hidden Catholics" and we sometimes don't learn of them until years later when we celebrate their funeral liturgy.

We want our sick and homebound to know they are valued members of our parish and we want to bring Jesus to them. However, we need your help. These individuals are often hidden in our community and only a neighbor knows of their presence. Please help by personally contacting those homebound Catholics whom you know of and tell them of our availability and deep desire to bring the Eucharist to them. We are flexible and very willing to work around their personal needs and schedules. If you know of a homebound Catholic who would like to receive the Eucharist, please contact Cheryl Duda of the Liturgy Committee at 914 476-6676, or the Parish office at 914 965-0566.

LOCAL EVENTS

MASS OF HEALING

St. Paul the Apostle Church, Tuesday, August 1st at 7:30 p.m.
 Celebrant is Monsignor Jose Puthenpapambal

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. They offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Bill Schneider, General Agent, at 914 420-6836 or William.schneider@kofc.org.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Children in China, need homes. More boys are available than girls from age two and up. Older parents and single women are welcomed. For more information, please call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,721.85
Balance	- \$1,278.15
*(Envelopes \$5,501.85, Online \$220.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of July	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$18,417.65

"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!"



As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!



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, Florence McCormack, 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, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola and Angela Lutomski.

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

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.

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.

July 23, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito+

Sunday, July 23

8:30 AM Dr. Louis Loscalzo +
10:00 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +
11:30 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 24

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Tuesday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Gabriel Naoia +

Wednesday, July 26

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Stephen Fecko+

Thursday, July 27

Weekday

7:00 AM John & Eleanore Del Bene +
9:00 AM Michael Daly +

First Friday, July 28

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

Saturday, July 29

Saint Martha

9:00 AM Pauline Raffaella +

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Eleanore Del Bene +

Sunday, July 30

8:30 AM Robert Liddell+
10:00 AM Anthony Mercandetti +
11:30 AM Otello Pozzi +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

