

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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*The Most Holy Body  
and Blood of Christ*



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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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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. President, Joan Liddell

**Bereavement Ministry:** For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

**Trustees:** Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**NOURISHMENT**



We've often seen pictures of starving children. Our hearts always go out to them. We want to help because we know very well that food is our first and most basic necessity. This weekend, as we gather for our annual Family Picnic, we'll have an abundance of food. Let's remember those who lack physical nourishment and pray for them. Whenever we have an opportunity to help (e.g., collections for various causes that alleviate poverty and hunger, etc.), let's always be generous.

But we need more than that as human beings. We also have the spiritual side. While we **immediately** feel the effects of physical hunger, and **desire to**, and **actually attend** to that hunger, we most often don't pay attentions to our spiritual hunger; or if we do, we don't get to the next level – desire to respond to it. Some of us get to this second level, but then fail to actually do something about the hunger.

Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is an occasion to reflect on how we nourish our soul and thus satisfy our spiritual hunger. As Catholics, this is the highest form of pray and nourishment Christ has left us.

Monsignor Kennedy suggested each parishioner considers attending Mass one or two extra days during the week. To do that, we have to indeed appreciate why we come to Mass and why we receive the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. We have to re-examine how we approach the Body and Blood of Christ and what they really stand for. We have to ask ourselves if we are really receiving Him or receiving "nothing," even worse, receiving judgment upon our souls.

- "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:30).
- "Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord." 1 Cor 11:27.
- "But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." 1 Cor 11:28-29.

On this Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, may we appreciate the nourishment Christ gives us each time we come to Mass, and each time we partake of His Body and Blood. Above all, may we truly respect and honor this beautiful Sacrament and strive always to receive the Lord worthily. Amen.

**IN THANKS & PRAISE**

- To our retiring Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist, **Florence McCormack and Julie Gronoswki**
- To our retiring Lector, **Carrie D'Angelo**
- We also remember **Gertrude Woska** who passed on this year. She served as a Eucharistic Minister. May she be rewarded for her good works among us. Amen.

**RAMP PROJECT**

As you would have noticed if you came into the church from the rectory side, we're adding a ramp to come up into church. We've had some major and minor incidents with parishioners descending the steps. After deliberations, we decided to go ahead with the project. We'll give you more details next week when the project is done.

**SEE YOU AT THE PARISH PICNIC. MY FIRST ONE. I AM LOOK FORWARD TO IT.**

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



Our **YOUTH GROUP** is hosting two activities this week! Please come support them!

•Fri, June 27<sup>th</sup> - **Free Kids' Night** for kids under 13 **with** their parents

•Sat, June 28<sup>th</sup> - Parish **Roaring 20s themed Dance, The Fun!** Join ages 13 and older. Seniors \$5; advanced purchase \$8 & \$10 at the door.



**FRIDAY, JULY 11<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30 – 7:30 PM**

**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**



St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 78<sup>th</sup> **Blood Drive** in the 33 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5,807 donations to date. Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.

**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.



**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.

## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. (RCIA) Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.



*"We, though many, are one body.."* Your sacrament is important to our Church. Strengthen your marriage or Holy Orders on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3.

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.

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

### KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Attention, single Catholic young men 18-30 years of age:* The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of lay brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more at their website, [www.knights.org](http://www.knights.org).

The Knights are a community of consecrated lay Franciscan brothers dedicated to adoring Jesus and serving the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. They offer hospitality to visiting priests.

*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!* **Don't Forget!**

**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.

✠ **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*

	6/16/13	6/15/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,122.90	\$6,064.65	-\$ 58.25
Children	\$ 78.00	\$ 60.80	-\$ 17.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,200.90</b>	<b>\$6,125.45</b>	<b>-\$ 75.45</b>

*The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you ... for God."*

**"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*



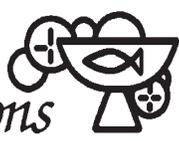
Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, 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 Swiatkovicz, 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, Anna Bruccheri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, and Natalie Marrero.

### 2015 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2015 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.

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

**Saturday, June 21 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Fr. Anthony's Ordination Anniversary

**Sunday, June 22**

8:30 AM Fr. Anthony's 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordination Anniversary

10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +

11:30 AM Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

**Monday, June 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

**Tuesday, June 24**

**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

7:00 AM Loretta Riccardi +

9:00 AM Steven Powell (living)

**Wednesday, June 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Magzag & Pyrc Families

**Thursday, June 26**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Charles E. Basse, Sr. +

9:00 AM Father Anthony Basse's Birthday

**Friday, June 27**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 AM Father Anthony Basse's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday

9:00 AM Father Anthony Basse's Intentions

**Saturday, June 28**

**Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

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**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Saturday, June 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, June 29**

8:30 AM Anna & Martin Magzag +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

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## BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>



Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded Him: "I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John ...". But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: "[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life.

His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His Baptism, he said, was for repentance. But One would come Who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John is not worthy even to carry His sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the One whom he already knew to be the Messiah. "I need to be baptized by You" (Matthew 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. John thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making himself part of that community, he made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself - both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people ("all Judea") to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, he sent his disciples (when he was in prison) to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias.

**COMMENT:** John challenges us Christians to the fundamental attitude of Christianity - total dependence on the Father, in Christ. Except for the Mother of God, no one had a higher function in the unfolding of salvation. Yet the least in the Kingdom, Jesus said, is greater than he, for the pure gift that the Father gives. The attractiveness as well as the austerity of John, his fierce courage in denouncing evil - all stem from his fundamental and total placing of his life within the will of God.

**QUOTE:** "And this is not something which was only true once, long ago in the past. It is always true, because the repentance which he preached always remains the way into the Kingdom which he announced. He is not a figure that we can forget now that Jesus, the true light, has appeared. John is always relevant because he calls for a preparation which all people need to make. Hence every year there are four weeks in the life of the Church in which it listens to the voice of the Baptist. These are the weeks of Advent" (*A New Catechism*).

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