

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

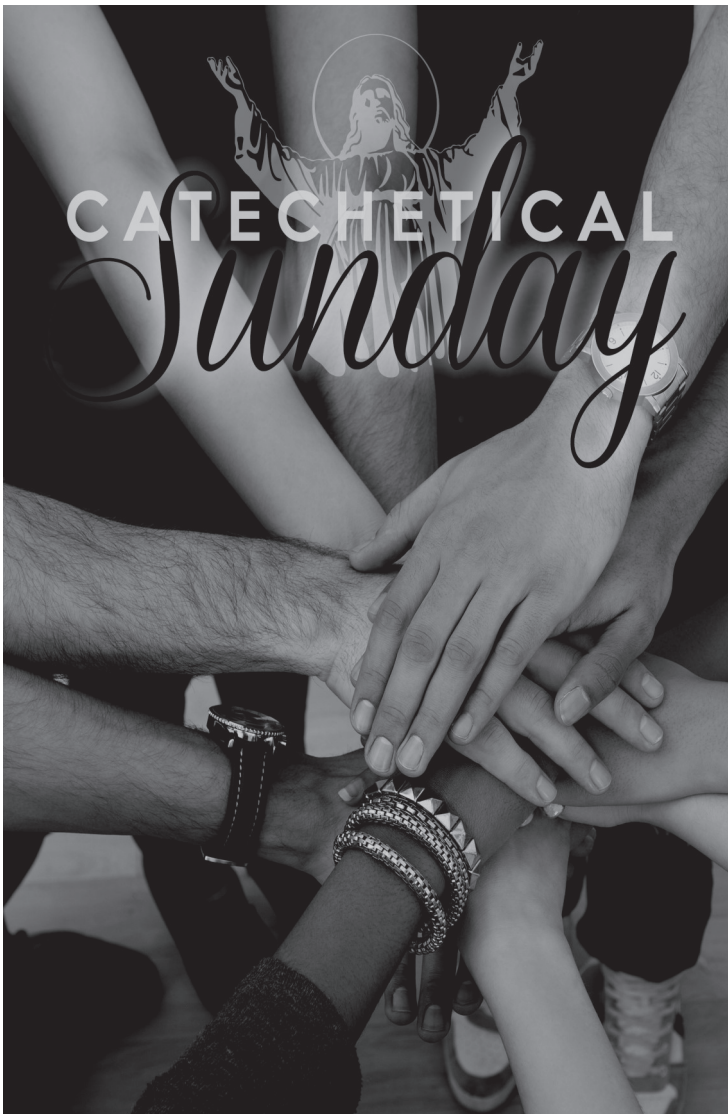
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

*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



*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.

**Me, A Manager?**

One of my grandnephews recently asked me why a country couldn't just go ahead and print more money if their economy was dipping too low. I never took economics (so we call it back home) as a subject and so I lacked the technical words and the expertise to explain this financial/monetary principle to him. So I very simply tried to explain it to him. He seemed satisfied with my little effort. Next, he went into what would happen if



the earth were to get closer to the sun or further away from the sun. That one I knew the answer to very well. Another financial or economical word I've never really bothered to understand in depth is **trust**. As I reflected on the gospel of today (Luke 16: 1-13), it kept coming back to me. So, I searched the Merriam-Webster dictionary and it gave me a rich explanation – in layman's terms:

*"an arrangement in which someone's property or money is legally held or managed by someone else or by an organization (such as a bank) for usually a set period of time."*

This has all the details I thought would be found in a very solid explanation.

**--It's an arrangement**

**--Someone else's money or property is involved.**

**--Held or managed by someone (e.g. bank)**

**--For a set period of time**

This exemplifies Jesus' message in the gospel in a very beautiful and simple way. In essence, Jesus reminds us today that all we have in this world has been given to us through an arrangement between the owner (God) and each of us. Just as the one managing a trust cannot claim that it belongs to them, neither should any of us ever claim or behave as though what we have belongs to us.

In reality, what we find today is that our language and attitude most often, if not always, shows that we do forget whose properties and things we keep. Note that we only keep them, not have or possess them. We are simply managing them for God. Thus, a time will come when, like the **trust** manager, we too will sit down with the owner and render an account of how we managed the trust. Note how there's always a set time in the trust arrangement. Similarly, each of us has a set time, even if unknown, when we'd sit down with God and render an account of how we managed the trust.

This should be our overall attitude towards worldly goods – financial and otherwise. In addition, we must endeavor to use them in a way that will reap eternal dividends for us.

As we return from summer break and get back into routine activities, I invite you to consider sharing your gifts and talents within Saint Bart's if you're not yet doing so. If you're already doing so, thanks a lot for taking and sharing what God has entrusted you with. Secondly, there is the financial aspect. Jesus' message invites us to consider seriously how we manage and utilize the financial gifts he has given us in trust. Yes, we worked for it and deserve it, but still it's not mine or yours. We're only keeping it – just like banks keep trusts.

May we always be good trustees or managers of our worldly gifts and thus be worthy of greater trust and eternal wealth. Amen.

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*

**PARISH NEWS**



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE**, for the week have been donated in loving memory of John Di Rodio by Theresa Di Rodio.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will be lit this week in loving memory of Angela & Cipriano Sacchetta by Angela Sacchetta.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGAN LAST WEEK**

**Classes** for Religious Education for public school children, running September through June, **began on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**



**It is not too late to register.** Classes are available for children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◇ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◇ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

**MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR**



Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Rehearsals are every Tuesday - **children beginning at 5:45 p.m.** and the **adult choir at 6:45 p.m.** Come join us!!

~ Erika Podoprigora

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an **ongoing need** for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces, canned fish, canned corn, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, rice, paper products such as paper towels, tissues, etc. The food pantry services our community all year long.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



This weekend, parishes across the country will honor those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. We thank our catechists and program assistants for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth and adults in this parish.

Prayer for Catechists

Jesus, You told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for Your vineyard.

Bless these men and women who have responded to Your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for Your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for Your Word of Life. Let Your Spirit come upon them so that Your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to Your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing Your Son promised to all who labor in Your vineyard.



We pray to You, gracious Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit Who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever, Amen.

Come Join Us

St. Bart's Rosary Altar Society Tea Party
McManus Parish Center

Saturday, September 24, 2016
11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

\$10 per person (children under 10 are free)



Bring your daughter, niece, goddaughter, granddaughter, neighbor or friend and join the Ladies of St. Bart's Rosary Altar Society for Afternoon Tea and Lunch

RSVP by Monday, September 19th to Liz at 914 403-8844 or Mary at 914 374-6368

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, September 18th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts\_youth.



SHOPRITE on Tuckahoe Road is holding a clothing drive on Saturday, September 24th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Look for the Yellow trucks labeled 'We collect Clothes' in Shoprite's parking lot. Support their cause as a thank you for all of their donations to St. Bart's various functions.



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

Table with 4 columns: Category, 9/13/15, 9/11/16, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

The second collection in support of St. Joseph's Seminary totaled \$1,118.70

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz and Giovanna Robinson.

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

EDUCATE YOURSELF, SAVE OTHERS
St. Barnabas Respect Life Committee

On Friday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m., a documentary profiling the medical facts of contraceptives and abortion will be shown at St. Bartholomew's High School Chapel, corner of McLean Avenue and 241st Street, Bronx, NY. The film is entitled HUSH and suggested ages for viewing are 18 and up. The Film was directed by a pro-choice Director and produced by a pro-life Producer. Two people whose views were in opposition, came together to reveal only the facts on this subject matter. Some refreshments will be available.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

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**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, September 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

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**Sunday, September 18**

8:30 AM Alice Jacob +  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Thomas & Ita Keane +  
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

**Monday, September 19**

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mary Madden +

**Tuesday, September 20**

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong  
Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Concetta Darretta +  
9:00 AM Maria Marchetti +

**Wednesday, September 21**

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard families  
9:00 AM Otello Pozzi +

**Thursday, September 22**

Weekday

7:00 AM Virginia Forte +  
9:00 AM Richard Gerace +

**Friday, September 23**

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 AM Joseph Fletcher +  
9:00 AM James Rapp +

**Saturday, September 24**

Weekday

9:00 AM Alice Jacob +

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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, September 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

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**Sunday, September 25**

8:30 AM Mildred & Michael Pollick +  
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +



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**COME. JOIN US!**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The Rosary Altar Society, the very first committee formed in St. Bart's, was founded in 1943, for the purpose of promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among all, but especially among the women of the parish. For 70 years, the Society has played an active role in promoting spiritual growth among its members and the Parish.

The ladies of the Society, apart from cleaning the sacred linens used at Masses, also clean the Altar and Church at Christmas and Easter, and make available items necessary for the Altar and the Sanctuary, thereby, enhancing our liturgical worship.

Members of the Rosary Altar Society gather to worship as a group on the first Sunday of every month (September through June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the first Sunday to discuss and plan upcoming activities sponsored by the Society, for our Parish. Their meetings are always closed with a prayer before coffee/tea, desserts and fellowship.

The Society is looking for additional members; therefore, we encourage any woman of the parish who is interested in joining this illustrious group of women to call **Liz Mulvaney at 914 403-8844 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.**

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The Society of the Holy Name of Jesus was founded in 1945, with the objective of promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish and also promoting greater participation in parish life and cooperation among men of the parish.

For 66 years, the Society has helped by donating material assistance to the needy members of our community. They also organize various social events that often bring the parishioners together as a family.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the second Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the second Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. The meeting always ends with dinner and other social activities. These are men who like to have fun. Come join us!

The Society is looking for additional members. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, who would like to "hang out" with men that will help him feel a sense of belonging in the parish family of St. Bartholomew. For further information contact **Tony Martelli at 914 760-1640 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.**

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**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S NEW CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

St. Bart's is pleased to announce the creation of its new children's ministry. This ministry is designed to serve children of ages **5-9** in our parish, providing them with a place to have fun, make friends and grow in faith. The children's ministry will be holding events each month. Look for upcoming dates in future bulletins.

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*If you need any information on the above ministries or would like to join any of our ministries, please call the Parish Office at 914 965-0566*