

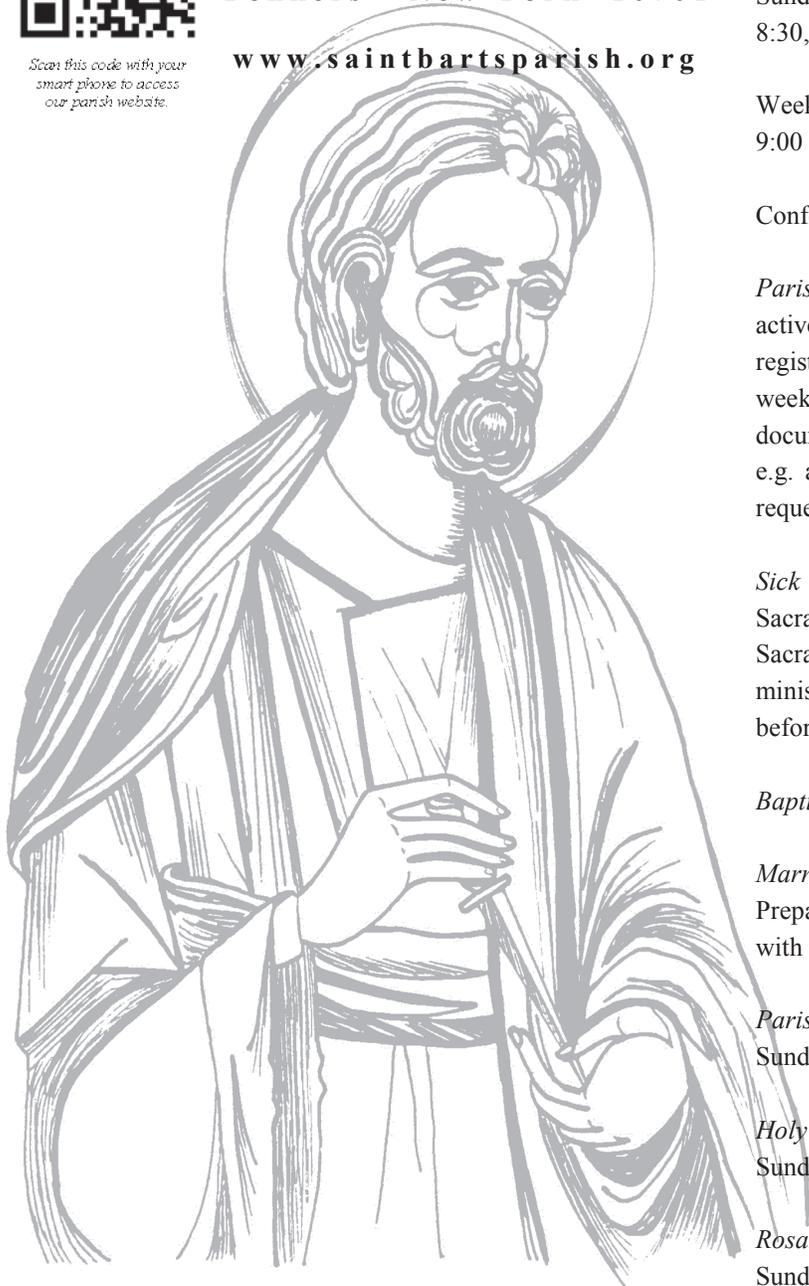
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

MARY MAGDALENE

JULY 22ND



Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2) - an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness.

Father W. J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life — a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with His mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

COMMENT: Mary Magdalene has been smiling at her "mistaken identity" for over twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.

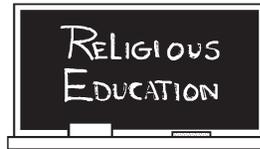
STORY: Today's Gospel (John 20:1-2, 11-18) shows Mary at first not recognizing the risen Jesus in the garden, then knowing Him as He spoke her name. Her great love bursts forth, echoing the first reading, "I took hold of Him and would not let Him go" (Song 3:4b). Jesus says, "Stop holding on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father (John 20:17a). The meaning probably is that there is an entirely new relationship now — a much deeper one, resting in faith rather than the former relationship that was possible because of His visible body. Saint John may also be stressing the fact that Jesus' exaltation at the right hand of the Father is the completion of the Resurrection.

At first, the apostles did not believe Mary. Christ's followers, even today, meet disbelief in their witness to the Resurrection.

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

PARISH NEWS

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.



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.

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

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

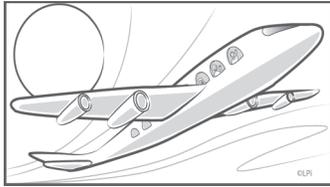


An Information Session focusing on Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs will be held at the Hennessey Center at Dominican College, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY. See the flyers on the back bulletin board for more details.

Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.



~ St. Louis de Monfort



PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS

God of the covenant,
You called Abram to leave Ur of the Chaldees
And guided him to the Promised Land.
God of the Exodus,
You led Your people out of slavery in Egypt
And brought them to a land flowing with milk and honey.
God of the Exile,
You restored Your people after their captivity in Babylon
And settled them in the holy city, Jerusalem.
Watch over and protect all who travel.
Guide their steps with Your outstretched arm,
And at the end of their journey
Lead them safely home to their loved ones and friends.
Amen.

MARK THIS DATE

St. Bartholomew's is again hosting a Block Party to celebrate the feast day of our Patron Saint. Date is **Saturday, August 22nd**. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

REMINDER!

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH: The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

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.

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.



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

	7/13/14	7/12/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,677.25	\$5,197.25	-\$ 480.00
Children	\$ 29.30	\$ 24.25	-\$ 5.05
Total	\$5,706.55	\$5,221.50	-\$ 485.05

The second Collection in support of pastoral solidarity for the church in Africa totaled \$1,240.00.

"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 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, 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 Mesler, and Grace Finnerty.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for dry goods, especially **juices, pasta sauces, macaroni & cheese, rice, canned fish/meat, and cereal**. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



JULY 19, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

Sunday, July 19

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Stephen Hickey +

5:00 PM Joseph Hassan +

Monday, July 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Jo Ann DeRosa (Living)

9:00 AM Maria &Gerardo Marchetti +

Tuesday, July 21

Weekday

7:00 AM Eleanor Hassan (Living)

9:00 AM Mary F. Maddocks +

Wednesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM Efren Bautista +

9:00 AM Mary Brewus +

Thursday, July 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savaard Families

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Friday, July 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Efren Bautista +

9:00 AM Robert Shannon (living)

Saturday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

9:00 AM Michael Daly +

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gabriel Nanoia +

Sunday, July 26

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM Stephen Fecko +

11:30 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JULY 19, 2015

WELCOME TO 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.

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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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name:

Address:

City/Zip:

Telephone:

Comment:

- I am a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- 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*.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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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 Children's Choir will sing at the Mass; and all children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

