

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

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

Pastor's COLUMN

I feel warm and happy inside as I begin this reflection, for no particular reason, really. It has been a hectic May; and June is not going to be any less exciting either. Stressful moments have not been in short supply, but it has been good stress mostly. It's all in a day's work. Always, it becomes more worthwhile when our labor for the Lord and for one another bears even a tiny fruit. This past week our Catechists met to share their thoughts and feeling about the ministry. We shared the ups and downs and the challenges and successes. It's all in a day's work.

Graduations and proms are taking place everywhere. By the way, why do they have junior & senior proms – as though the stress of the senior version is not enough on its own? Good stress though, with financial consequences though. Weddings are coming up. Confirmations are still in the air. Celebrations, fun, stress (good and bad), etc. All in a day's work.

As we run around like chickens with heads cut off, may we bear in mind what St. Paul says: *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed* (2 Corinthians 4:7-9).

Spiritually, psychologically, emotionally speaking, what rejuvenates you? What invigorates you? Which of the treasures of our Catholic celebrations, faith, and traditions give you your daily or weekly dose of spiritual energy? Mine is the Eucharist – the Mass, the Body of Christ, and whenever I am able to sit in adoration (or even doze) before the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes I lose sight of this, but on days like today, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, I realize, with enduring joy, what a beautiful gift Christ has left me (us). Now it dawns on me why I feel warm and happy inside. I wish that many more Catholics will come to realize what a treasure we have at our disposal. With such a great gift and energy booster, how won't I be able to face the joyful and sorrowful stresses that daily life throws at me. I hope you too find strength in what we celebrate and receive – Corpus Christi.

PARISH TID-BITS

- ◆ Vacancies On Parish Pastoral Council: At the end of this month, there will be 6 vacant seats on the Council. Nomination forms are in the back of the Church. Please take one and nominate someone you think will be good on the Council, yourself included.
- ◆ Blessing of the new meeting room and pantry in the rectory basement will be this coming weekend. Parishioners will be able to walk through and see the work done. We are hoping to solicit donations to cover at least part of the cost.
- ◆ We had to cancel the Parish Appreciation Dinner scheduled for June 11th, because of the school lease and renovations coming up. We were told they'd start by June 8th, but it seems they may not. We're not sure of the date yet. So, the Dinner will be held sometime in September or October.
- ◆ I'll take my one-month vacation in July. I will be going to Nigeria. When I return Father Anthony will take his own vacation, too.
- ◆ We welcome Monsignor Kennedy back. He'll arrive this week for the wedding of Lisa Bilancia and Vincent Chiarelli this coming Saturday. Congratulations to Lisa and Vin.
- ◆ I'm away to a friend's priestly ordination this weekend. We welcome back Father Mbanefo. We missed you. Once again, thanks to everyone for your prayers for Fr. Basseyy's recovery.

Remain Blessed In The Lord. Amen.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will hold their end of year meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school this Monday, June 8th. All women of the parish are invited. Their annual dinner outing will take place this Tuesday, June 9th, at *J.C. Fogarty's Restaurant* in Bronxville.



CHILDREN'S MASS

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in June. 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.



FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

Sunday, June 21st, is Father's Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 21st, and will end on Monday, June 29th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory Office during the week. Remember, on Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.



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



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 (476-6676) for information.



Any Society or Committee requesting time on next year's calendar for the McManus Parish Center, please call Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676) this week.



MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



The Annual Parish Family Picnic sponsored by the Holy Name Society is scheduled for **Sunday, June 28th**, at St. Joseph's Seminary from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Please plan on attending this great family day. To facilitate food planning, **advance purchase of tickets is required.**

Be part of this family fun time!



"All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about God's will for your marriage/holy orders. For more information go to: www.wwme.org or 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

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.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. They will meet this Sunday, June 7th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Frank J. Schweizer.

 *Rest in Peace*

This blood that but one drop of has the power to win all the world forgiveness of its world of sin.

~ St. Thomas Aquinas

✠ **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*

	6/1/14	5/31/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,884.75	\$6,101.75	+\$ 217.00
Children	\$ 84.70	\$ 69.35	-\$ 15.35
Total	\$5,969.45	\$6,171.10	+\$ 201.65

Next weekend we will have a second collection to support the Catholic Missions among Black and Indian People.

***"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, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, and Carol Hoffman.

Any children or young adults interested in becoming Altar Servers who meet these requirements:

- Have passed or are going into the 5th Grade in September,
- Have made their First Communion, are asked to contact Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676). Training will begin shortly.



JUNE 7, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday, June 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Intentions of the Brusco Family

Sunday, June 7

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Michael Lemme +

11:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, June 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Aline Vigliotti +

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Tuesday, June 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Wednesday, June 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP (living)

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Thursday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

7:00 AM Marie Steele +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Friday, June 12

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 AM Msgr. Vincent Case +

9:00 AM John Bryce +

Saturday, June 13

Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, June 14

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

11:30 AM Margaret Maccia (living)

5:00 PM James Dore, Sr. +

JUNE 7, 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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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S MASS

The 9 a.m. Mass on Saturday, June 13th will be a celebration of the feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Please join the ladies of the Rosary Altar Society, Father Raphael Ezech, MSP, and Father Anthony Mbanefo, MSP for this celebration. St. Anthony's bread will be blessed and given out. All are welcome! Please bring a friend along!



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