

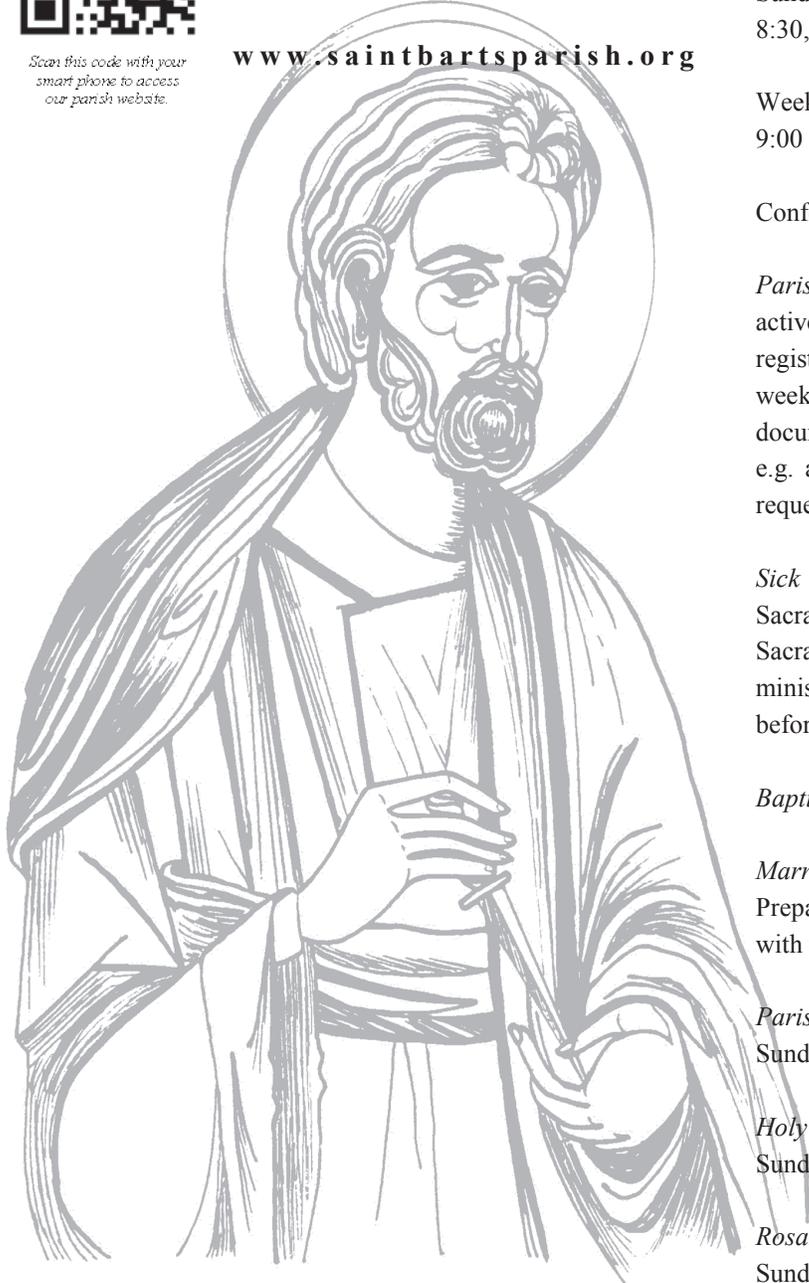
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6TH

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the Jewish weeklong fall feast of Booths.

In spite of the texts' agreement, it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, according to Scripture scholars, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly, Peter, James and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that His glory and His suffering were to be inextricably connected — a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mt. Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

COMMENT: One of the Transfiguration accounts is read on the second Sunday of Lent each year, proclaiming Christ's divinity to catechumens and baptized alike. The Gospel for the first Sunday of Lent, by contrast, is the story of the temptation in the desert — affirmation of Jesus' humanity. The two distinct but inseparable natures of the Lord were a subject of much theological argument at the beginning of the Church's history; it remains hard for believers to grasp.

QUOTE: "At His Transfiguration Christ showed His disciples the splendor of His beauty, to which He will shape and color those who are His: 'He will reform our lowliness configured to the body of His glory' (Philippians 3:21)" (Saint Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*).

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

PARISH NEWS



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, August 6th, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For information, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, August 6th

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, August 7th, is First Friday. We will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular Monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

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.

Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.

~ St. Gregory Nazianzen

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME BACK FATHER RAPHAEL



We would like to welcome back Father Raphael from his vacation. We hope that he enjoyed his time off with family and friends and is renewed spiritually, mentally and physically for the work that is ahead of him.



St. Paul tells us that we should put away the old self and put on the new self. Worldwide Marriage Encounter can transform your sacrament of Matrimony or Holy Orders. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwme.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.

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 will follow in the coming weeks.

FRANK CONROY BASKETBALL CAMP

Monday to Friday, from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.
August 17 to 21 & August 24 to 28

Boys & Girls, ages 6 - 14

Register online at www.conroybasketballcamp.com

Call Coach Conroy at 914 980-0820

Holy Trinity Church, New Rochelle

Next week we will have a Second Collection to benefit our Home Missions and the Church in Latin America. Our donations support family and catechetical ministry projects that strengthen the Faith in families and communities alike. Please give with a joyful and generous heart!

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** of Yonkers will hold their **Annual Communion Breakfast** on Sunday, September 20th, at 9:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers. Breakfast will follow immediately at Dunwoodie Golf Course for \$23 per person. For reservations and information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

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.



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

	7/27/14	7/26/15	Difference
Adults	\$4,712.95	\$4,989.55	+\$ 276.60
Children	\$ 34.40	\$ 25.55	-\$ 8.85
Total	\$4,747.35	\$5,015.10	+\$ 267.75

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

"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 Swiatkowicz, 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, Grace Finnerty, and Sister Eileen Burns, OSF.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.



Our Youth Group will meet this Sunday, August 2nd, immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

AUGUST 2, 2015

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Constance M. Ballanno +

Sunday, August 2

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

5:00 PM Jessica Basa + & All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Raymond Crapo +

Tuesday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Wednesday, August 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Arthur Paonessa +

9:00 AM Carmela Spina +

Thursday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Friday, August 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

9:00 AM Angelo Marcello +

Saturday, August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest

9:00 AM Alfred Falcone +

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 9

8:30 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

10:00 AM Raymond Shannon, Jr. & Raymond Shannon, Sr.+

11:30 AM Sister Maria Cira +

5:00 PM Constance M. Ballanno +

AUGUST 2, 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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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.

