

# 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.

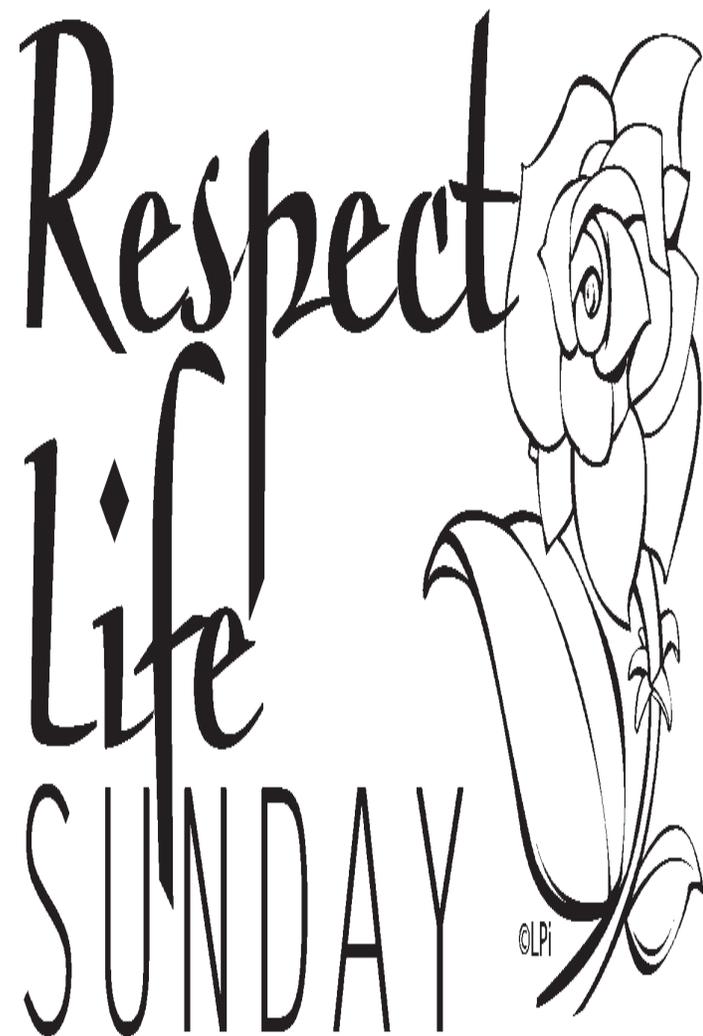
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

*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.

**Of Leaders & Flames**

**“Stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands”** St. Paul tells Timothy (2 Timothy: 1:6).



When Paul wrote this letter to Timothy, he was nearing the end of his life. He was languishing in a Roman jail. He was staring death in the face and he knew it. It was at a time when Nero was reveling in persecuting the Christians. Death was not Paul's main worry, but a successor to fill the leadership void his death would create, especially in the new Christian communities in Europe and Asia. So, he penned this letter to one of his trusted aids, Timothy. For Paul, Timothy was the best possible choice.

I once read an interesting article, *Discovering Your Authentic Leadership*, by Bill George and his co-authors. As I think of St. Paul in today's reading, I remember some of the points in that article. First, the authors said that authentic leaders are passionate for their purpose. Well, Paul was definitely an authentic leader - he was passionate for the gospel.

The article went on to say that authentic leaders practiced their values consistently. Paul did that all through his life, even when he was persecuting the young Church, before his conversion. That's actually the reason he was languishing in jail, facing death. They also mentioned that authentic leaders lead with their hearts as well as their heads; and they know who they are. Finally, authentic leaders empower and inspire those around them to step up and lead. Before this letter, Paul had looked into the pool of possible leaders and decided that Timothy would be the best to step into his (Paul's) big shoes. So, in this letter to Timothy, Paul tells him to fan into flame the gifts he received when he (Paul) laid hands on him.

As I mentioned last Sunday, we have decided to declare 2017 our Year of Evangelization. We will address various topics that will help us to strengthen our faith individually, in our families and as a faith community. From the perspective of today's second reading, one of the challenges (and thus, tasks facing us) is that each one of us must fan into flame the gifts we received from God at our baptism, confirmation, etc. Why? So that we can without fear tackle the tasks ahead, the tasks facing us daily, some of which we have been shying away from. And one of such tasks is to lead the people entrusted to us – whether at home or at work, here in the church or at school, etc.

Often we look down on ourselves and downplay what we should and ought to do, like knowing that we can and should inspire others to greatness.

*“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.* John Quincy Adams.

*“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way”.* John C. Maxwell.

**Formed**, the Archdiocesan program that helps bring the faith home to us through the media will be a wonderful component of this effort. See the flyer in the bulletin for details. We will officially launch it in a week or two.

**Thanks A Million:**

Many thanks to everyone that helped to make the garden around the Church a successful project. Thanks for your donations. Thanks also to Angelo Beltran and his team of Scout volunteers who replaced the woods & repainted the chains in front of the garden on Ferro Street and fitted them with solar garden lights. They also painted the strips on the parking lot, etc.

We hope to dedicate the garden on the last Sunday of October or earlier.

**Fr. Rapael Ezech, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated for the family of Andrew T. McCormack by Florence McCormack.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week has been lit in memory of Bernardo Francisco Almonte by Barbara Troutman.



**Rest in Peace** Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Dolores Di Paolo



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



**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.

*If you or someone you know need 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.*

**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.

**FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



*God, You enabled St. Francis to imitate Christ by his poverty and humility. Walking in St. Francis' footsteps, may we follow Your Son and be bound to You by a joyful love. Amen.*

This coming **Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, well known for his great love of animals. **That day at 5:30 p.m. sharp we will have a blessing of animals in our parking lot.** Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.

**TWENTY - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**NOTICE TO OUR SENIORS**

Our monthly Senior Mass and Gathering will be held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, **NOT** October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m. through 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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

**OKTOBERFEST**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**  
**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society in honor of Steven Hickey.

**Respect Life Prayer**

Dear God, we see life cheapened every day through abortion and other forms of abuse, through terrorism, and other acts of violence, and through neglect of children, the poor, and the elderly.

In a world of plenty, we can forget that there is nothing more precious than human life.

Give us the grace to see how we can make a difference, and encourage change in our culture.



When we are discouraged, remind us of the Catholic monk, Telemachus who stopped the gladiator games with an act of charity.

Inspire us with the stories of Mary and other mothers of unexpected pregnancies, who knew that every child is a gift of God's grace and is wanted by You in this world.

Encourage conviction in the hearts of those who do not yet know or understand that a desire for choice is no reason to end any life And that You desire that all life come only to a natural end in You.

Amen.



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

	9/27/15	9/25/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,358.95	\$4,252.50	-\$1,106.45
Children	\$ 254.90	\$ 154.25	-\$ 100.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,613.85</b>	<b>\$4,406.75</b>	<b>-\$1,207.10</b>

"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.parihpay.com](http://www.parihpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.**



Please pray for all of the homebound 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.**

**This Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, is Respect Life Sunday.**

Hundreds of Westchester and Putnam residents will again be participating in the **National Life Chain** for an end to abortion. Led by pastors and community leaders, participants will stand, holding signs (available along the route) and quietly pray for an end to abortion. The Life Chain is a legal, peaceful and prayerful witness that abortion is morally wrong. Life Chains will be held rain or shine at the following location:



**St. Joseph's Church, 141 Ashburton Avenue - 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

**Please show your support for life by being a link in the chain and bringing along your family and friends!**

OCTOBER 2, 2016

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the*  
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**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, October 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

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**Sunday, October 2**

8:30 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +  
10:00 AM Stephanie De Rosa & Timothy Shannon (living)  
11:30 AM Chris Amendola +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, October 3**

Weekday

7:00 AM Respect For All Life  
9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

**Tuesday, October 4**

Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00 AM John Del Bene +  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Wednesday, October 5**

Weekday

7:00 AM Jessica Batac (living)  
9:00 AM Gilda Spear (living)

**Thursday, October 6**

Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +  
9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

**Friday, October 7**

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Helen Sedlacko +  
9:00 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

**Saturday, October 8**

Weekday

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, October 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Nick & Anthony Lalli +

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**Sunday, October 9**

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +  
10:00 AM Carol Marie Kolnik +  
11:30 AM Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

