

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. 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



PENTECOST

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me."

- Jn 15:26

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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.

**SPIRITUAL REFLECTION:
THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES**



St. Cyril of Jerusalem says of the Holy Spirit:

The Spirit makes one man a teacher, inspires another to prophesy, gives another the power of casting out devil, enables another to interpret holy scripture. The Spirit strengthens one man's self-control, shows another how to help the poor, teaches another to fast and lead a life of asceticism, makes another oblivious to the needs of the body, trains another for martyrdom. His action is different in different people but the Spirit is always the same.

The Spirit comes gently and makes Himself known by His fragrance. He is not felt as a burden, for He is light, very light. Rays of light and knowledge stream before Him as He approaches. The Spirit comes with the tenderness of a true friend and protector to save, to heal, to teach, to counsel, to strengthen, to console. The Spirit enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through Him, the minds of others as well.

As light strikes the eyes of a man who comes out of darkness into the sunshine and enables him to see clearly things he could not discern before, so light floods the soul of the man counted worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit and enables him to see things beyond the range of human vision, things hitherto undreamed of.



St. Basil the Great says of the Holy Spirit:

To the Spirit all creatures turn in their need for sanctification; all living things seek Him according to their ability. His breath empowers each to achieve its own natural end. The Spirit is the source of holiness, a spiritual light, and He offers His own light to every mind to help it in its search for truth. He gives to each according to the measure of his faith.

Though shared by many, He remains unchanged; His self-giving is no loss to Himself. Like the sunshine, which permeates all the atmosphere, spreading over land and sea, and yet is enjoyed by each person as though it were for him alone, so the Spirit pours forth His grace in full measure, sufficient for all, and yet is present as though exclusively to everyone who can receive Him. To all creatures that share in Him He gives a delight limited only by their own nature, not by his ability to give.

The Spirit raises our hearts to heaven, guides the steps of the weak, and brings to perfection those who are making progress. He enlightens those who have been cleansed from every stain of sin and makes them spiritual by communion with Himself. As clear, transparent substances become very bright when sunlight falls on them and shines with a new radiance, so also souls in whom the Spirit shines become spiritual themselves and a source of grace for others.

Blessings and peace upon you!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

Memorial DAY This Monday, May 25th, is Memorial Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** have been donated in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Anthony Como, Victor D'Angelo, Carmine Davi, Gene DelBene, Daniel DeRosa, Vito J. DeSantis, Anthony DiPaolo. John DiRodio, Richard Frischman, Anthony Giuriceo, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Joseph Laudadio, Margaret Liddell, Robert Liddell, Carmine Manno, Andrew T. McCormack, Gabriel Nanoia, Anthony Pelliccio, Jr., Jerry Pisacreta, John Raffa, Jr., John Raffa, Sr., Francis J. Romano, Orlando Romano, Edward Smith, Harold Smith, Jr., Robert Smith, and Daniel Talone.



The **ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of the above deceased veterans by the Rosary Altar Society.



The **ALTAR BREAD** and **ALTAR WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of Gene DelBene by Carmella DelBene.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 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.



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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for more information.



The **Rosary Altar Society** is holding their year end dinner at **Fogarty's on Tuesday, June 9th, at 6:30 p.m.** The cost for the dinner is \$25.00. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Smith at 914 476-5386 or Dolly De Rosa at 914 969-6575.



God's compassion for you is greater than the troubles you have.

~ St. John Baptist de la Salle

WEDDING JUBILEE MASS & CELEBRATION



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2015) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 14th. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



"Lord send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth ..."
Today's Psalm begs for renewal from the Holy Spirit. Come away for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and renew the face of 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.

LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER for women

Meets the first Monday of the month at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, 755 North Broadway, Room 545, Sleepy Hollow, NY from 6 to 8 p.m.

This **FREE 2-hour program** teaches beauty techniques to women going through cancer treatment. Includes a makeup & hair consultation and a complimentary makeup kit and wig to take home! Convenient free parking.

Registration is required. For information or to register, please call Hilary Davidson on 914 366-3315 or Alison Murphy on 914 366-3421.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** is holding a **CAR WASH** next Saturday, May 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please stop by to support their fund raising effort.



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.

ADOPTION OPPORTUNITY: Children in China need homes; age two and up. Older parents & single women welcome. For information call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



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

	5/18/14	5/17/15	Difference
Adults	\$4,496.45	\$4,436.65	-\$ 59.80
Children	\$ 73.45	\$ 88.75	+\$ 15.30
Total	\$4,569.90	\$4,525.40	-\$ 44.50

The Collection on Ascension Thursday totaled \$1,286.80.

"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 Swiatkiewicz, 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.



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 Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

MAY 24, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 23 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Maria Gianfrancesco +

Sunday, May 24

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

10:00 AM Michael Lemme +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Rose & Gaetano Legio Family

5:00 PM Healing Mass for Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP
& Parishioners (living)

Monday, May 25

Weekday - Memorial Day

9:00 AM Timothy O'Sullivan +

Tuesday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 AM Kathleen Mahon +

9:00 AM Victoria Shannon (living)

Wednesday, May 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Hanrahan +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Thursday, May 28

Weekday

7:00 AM James Hanrahan +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Friday, May 29

Weekday

7:00 AM Patrick Keating +

9:00 AM Alfred Bruno +

Saturday, May 30

Weekday

9:00 AM Alfred Bruno +

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Saturday, May 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph DeSisto +

Sunday, May 31

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Paul, Maddalena, & Ralph Coniglio +

11:30 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

