

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

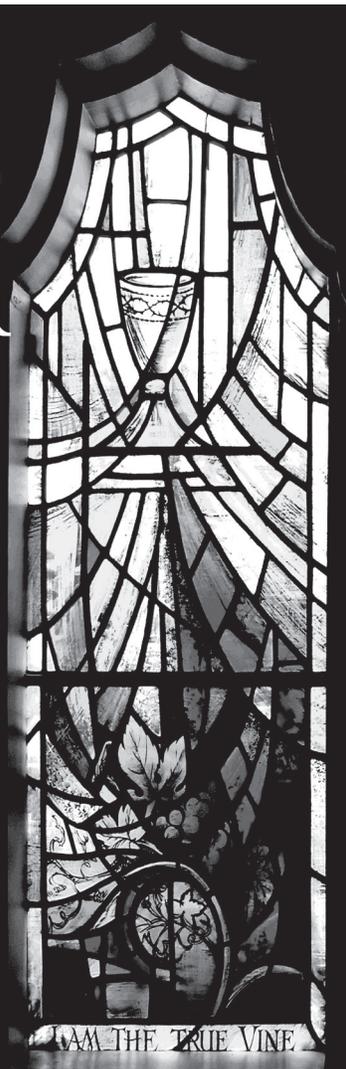
Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true
vine, and my
Father is the
vine grower.
He takes away
every branch in
me that does not
bear fruit, and
everyone that
does he prunes
so that it bears
more fruit."

- Jn 15:1-2



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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.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: BARNABAS & SAUL

Our first reading tells us that when Saul arrived in Jerusalem and tried to join the disciples, they were all afraid of him (Acts 9:26). Who wouldn't be? The first time they probably heard of Saul was in connection with his role in the stoning of one of their rising stars, Stephen (Acts 7:58). How they must have mourned his loss! Then more alarming news about Saul followed in Acts 8: "there broke out a severe persecution of the church in Jerusalem, and all were scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria, except the apostle. Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the church; entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (2-3). The last they heard of Saul was that he was still breathing murderous threats against the disciples and had gone up to the high priest for permission to deal with the believers in Damascus, to arrest them and bring them back to Jerusalem in chains (Acts 9:1ff).

Suddenly Saul arrived in their midst! The fact that he came alone, no guards, no soldiers, no swords, didn't assuage their fears. That they didn't kill him outright was itself enough evidence of their Christian living. But whatever he told them about being converted didn't fly. At the very best they were erring on the side of caution.

On the other hand, let's put ourselves in Saul's shoes. You've been this blind, zealous fanatic, bent on protecting your cherished religious heritage and fighting for God, as every faithful Jew should. Suddenly, you're stopped mid track, by no other than the Man you're fighting to eradicate. You're told that you have the right zeal but running on the wrong track, actually fighting against the God you thought you're defending. You realize your terrible mistake and pledge to not only follow Him, but to spend the rest of your life righting the wrong you've done and telling others about Him. The million-dollar question is how and where to begin, how to convince His followers whom you've been persecuting that you're now on their side, one of them.

Enters Barnabas! Son of Encouragement! Did you know that that's actually the meaning of his name? Only this son of encouragement would dare bring the new convert, Paul, to that frightened little community, and challenge them to welcome him, to give him a second chance, after all, the Master has already given him a second chance.

I pray that when I have messed up, like Saul, that the grace of God will lift me up. I pray that I will, like Paul, forgive myself. Above all, I pray that a son or daughter of encouragement will be there to encourage me and help reintegrate me back into my family, circle of friends, community, school, club, Church, workplace, etc. I also pray for the grace to be a son of encouragement to other Pauls.

I invite you to say this same prayer and together, may we strive to be a Barnabas for any Paul we might encounter this week or next. And if you happen to be a Paul, may God send you a Barnabas to help you along the way. Amen.

St. Barnabas, pray for us. St. Paul, pray for us.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our 23 First Communion children & our 18 Confirmation Candidates as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit today. May the Lord who called you at your baptism continue to prune you and bring His good works in you to fulfillment. Amen.

WELCOME TO BISHOP WALSH

We sincerely welcome Bishop Walsh to St. Bart's. Thanks for coming to confirm our brothers and sister. It's always a pleasure to have you among us. Welcome.

Blessings and peace upon you!

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP


PARISH NEWS


MAY PROCESSION & CROWNING: This **Monday, May 4th, at 7 p.m.** St. Bartholomew's Parish will celebrate the Queenship of Mary, our Mother. Our newly confirmed and this year's First Communicants will process to the Church and crown the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this beautiful May devotion.



The short program is filled with devotional songs to Mary that are sure to bring back youthful memories. Please help us fill the Church to honor Our Blessed Mother.

The **FLOWERS** in front of the Altar have been donated by the Confirmation class in memory of their living and deceased family members and friends who cannot be with them as they receive the Sacrament.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** flanking the tabernacle are donated this week in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Louis and Angela Brusco.



The **FLOWERS** in front of the statue of Mary are donated in loving memory of Theresa Fontanello by the Fontanello Family.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, May 4th, in the McManus Parish Center immediately following the May Procession & Crowning. All women of the Parish are invited.



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 May. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASSES: Sunday, May 10th, is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers – living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 10th, and finish on Monday, May 18th.



There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please write out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We congratulate 23 of our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, April 26th, and we welcome them to the Table of the Lord:

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| Evelin Ahoqui | Melanie Melo |
| Itzel Ahoqui | Ailismae Millar |
| Vyda Alvarez | Philasande Mkhize |
| Alyssa Cancel | Johnathan Montes |
| Tahlia Collazo | Isabella Navarro |
| Annmarie Connors | Victoria Pinto |
| Dylan Cordero | Connor Shepard |
| Aaliyah Cruz | Constantine Taveras |
| William Cureton | Carlos Torres |
| Diana Espinoza | Mia Tritto |
| Christina Hernandez | Daniel Villa |
| Maryclare Wissner | |

Please keep these children in your prayers.

OUR 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 in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Rectory to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, May 7th, 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 more information, please call the Parish Office.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!



Thursday, May 7th

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

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.



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

	4/27/14	4/26/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,044.15	\$5,098.35	+ \$ 54.20
Children	\$ 129.75	\$ 107.55	- \$ 22.20
Total	\$5,173.90	\$5,205.90	+ \$ 32.00

Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminarians in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and aid, your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously.

***"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 Swiatkowitz, 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, and Agnes Masterson.

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, May 3rd. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



Next Sunday, May 10th, the Annual Holy Name Mother's Day breakfast will take place after the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses. Come and share the joy with all our mothers.

MAY 3, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 2 (Anticipated Mass)

8:30 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

Sunday, May 3

8:30 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

10:00 AM Robert Grabowski +

11:30 AM Yolanda Cannella +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, May 4

Easter Weekday

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

9:00 AM Veronica Marchionno +

Tuesday, May 5

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Wednesday, May 6

Easter Weekday

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

9:00 AM Fiore Brusco +

Thursday, May 7

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

9:00 AM Rose & Frank Bielak +

Friday, May 8

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Kenneth & Catherine Moore +

9:00 AM Robert Grabowski +

Saturday, May 9

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anna Baumeister +

Sunday, May 10

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

5:00 PM Dorothy Karol +

MAY 3, 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.



Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your Parish Office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

