

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

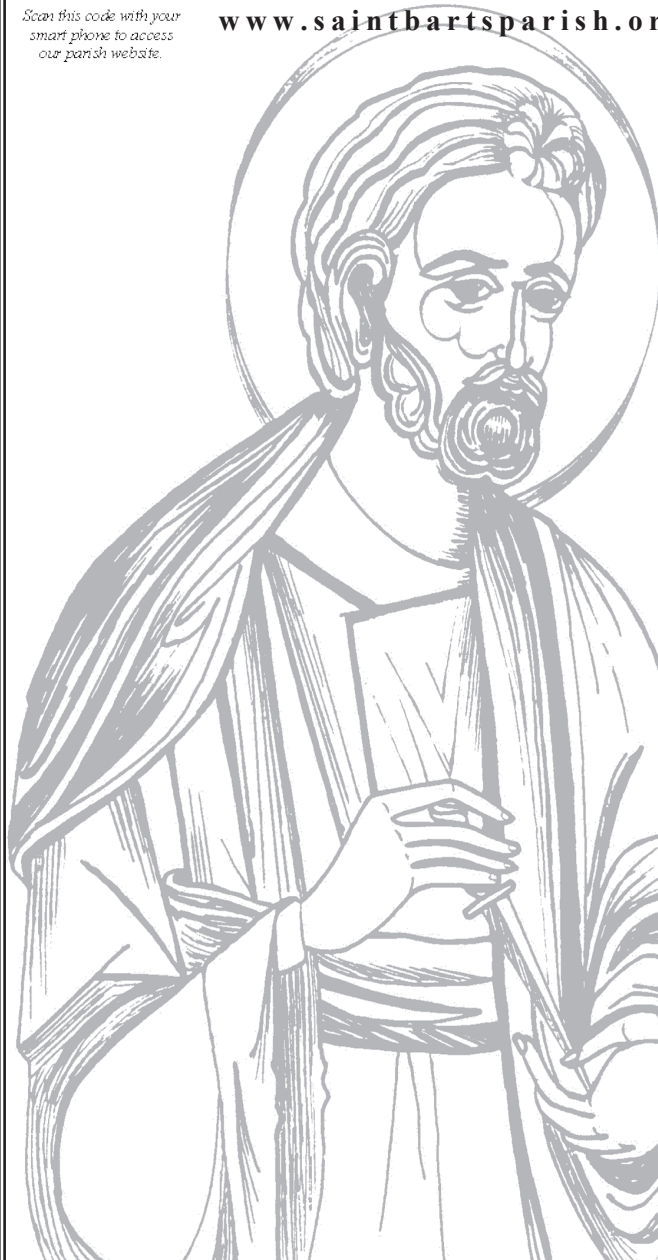
Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

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.



FOREIGNERS AMONG US



How poignantly and right on target the Scriptures (e.g. our 1st reading – Isaiah 56:1-7), written thousands of years ago, speak to us in our days! The people of Israel in the time of Isaiah and Jesus had difficulties dealing with the foreigners in their midst. I am sure generations across the globe have had and probably will always have some issues, big and small, dealing with *aliens* among them. I always get a kick at how our government refers to

non-citizens as aliens. Like many (including us or at least our parents or grandparents), the Israelites were once foreigners in another land. Like Israel, our country is still grappling with how to treat and minister to the needs of foreigners. The reading is also about how such foreigners should endeavor to do the right thing and follow the laws, e.g. worship the God of Israel.

Today, we struggle with immigration issues: should we allow illegal aliens who break our laws stay here and take away our limited resources? Should we take care of their needs? Should we treat them humanely? Should we send back children whose parents are legally working among us? Tough questions, too many questions, very few answers. As Catholics, what should be our attitude or stance, apart from prayers? I read the piece below on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration). Here's an extract:

Catholic Social Teaching on Immigration

The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. Our Church has responded to Christ's call for us to "welcome the stranger among us," for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ.

*A rich body of Church teaching, including Papal encyclicals, Bishops' statements and pastoral letters, has consistently reinforced our moral obligation to treat the stranger as we would treat Christ himself. In the 2001 pastoral statement, **Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity**, the Bishops of the United States called upon the Catholic faithful to a conversion of minds and hearts, imploring us to communion and solidarity with diverse newcomers, and entreating us to find new and meaningful ways to welcome our immigrant sisters and brothers into our parishes, schools and communities. In 2003, the Bishops of the United States, together with the Bishops of Mexico, in the pastoral statement, **"Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope"** / **"Juntos en el Camino de la Esperanza Ya no Somos Extranjeros"** acknowledged that the current immigration system is badly in need of reform and offered a comprehensive set of recommendations for changing U.S. laws and policies to bring about a more humane and just immigration system in the United States.*



Just like any social issue, it's important that we, Catholics, be conversant with what God demands of us, and what Christ teaches about each issue, and how our Church contextually explains such issue in light of Christ's teachings. This way, we can take a solid Christian stance and also know what to pray for and how to be salt and light of the earth (Mat 5:13-16).

May the Lord bless us all, and may God bless America.

FATHER DANIEL'S TRANSFER

For some time now, we've been expecting the announcement. This past week Fr. Daniel and I received letters that he has been re-assigned. His last day with us will be August 31st. He will be heading down to Houston to await his new assignment. After discussing with him, we decided to fix his send-off on Saturday, August 30th, after the 5 p.m. Mass. The Social Ministry will provide details as soon as possible. Many have been sad and even agitated over his coming transfer, which is expected and human. But as an MSP parish, we need to gradually, with God's grace, adjust to the reality of our pastors, especially, associates, coming and going. As difficult and painful as it is, ultimately, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

Blessings on you and your loved ones. Amen.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Registration for Religious Education classes for public school children, running September through June, **is open.** Classes are available for

children in 1st 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.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, August 20th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

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.

COME CELEBRATE OUR PARISH PATRON
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW



PARISH BLOCK PARTY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD
6 PM - 10 PM**

NEXT Saturday, August 23rd, we are asking all parishioners and neighbors to stop by and honor our Patron, Saint Bartholomew.

Our parish will supply music, games, chairs, and food. There will be a quiz with prizes every 30 minutes. The oldest man, the oldest woman, the youngest boy, and youngest girl will be awarded gifts. Arrangements are being made for an ice cream truck to be available for the purchase of sweet treats.

PLEASE HELP MAKE THIS A SUCCESS

There are **3 ways** you can assure a successful celebration:

1. Come be part of the event!

Like all parties - the more the merrier!!

2. Help defray the cost of the event!

Many thanks to those who have already made a donation toward the expenses of the Block Party. Donating any amount of money will help purchase the items still needed for this event - ice, small plates, hamburgers, hot dogs, sauerkraut, onions, condiments, potato chips, and propane.

3. Volunteer to help out!

There are sign up sheets in the back of the church. We need:

Set Up Crew - 4 PM to 6 PM

Event Crew - 6 PM to 10 PM, or any portion there of

Clean Up Crew - 10 PM - ?

**Saturday there will be NO PARKING on Fero Street,
between Palmer Road & Roosevelt Street.**

THIS IS A RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER!

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

	8/11/13	8/10/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,236.00	\$5,585.50	+\$ 349.50
Children	\$ 30.50	\$ 32.45	+\$ 1.95
Total	\$5,266.50	\$5,617.95	+\$ 351.45

The 2nd Collection in support of the Home Missions and the Church in Latin America totaled \$1,079.75.

"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, Jule Yaskovic, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, and Angelo Gianfrancesco.

2015 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still some 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.



Our **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, August 17th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

August 17, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Stanis Buoninfante +

Sunday, August 17

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Eduardo and Donata Vitullo +

Monday, August 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Marie Martel +

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Tuesday, August 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

9:00 AM Thomas & Ita Keane +

Wednesday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Elizabeth DiLello +

9:00 AM Connie & Steve Bellissimo +

Thursday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 AM Mary Koetzner +

9:00 AM James Giacomo +

Friday, August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Leslie McDowell+

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Saturday, August 23

Weekday

9:00 AM Pedro Marino +

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 24

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

11:30 AM Carl Dietze, Robert & Chester Rodesky +

5:00 PM Costanza Stangarone +

August 17, 2014

Jane Frances de Chantal

Religious (1562-1641)

Jane Frances was wife, mother, nun, and founder of a religious community. Her mother died when Jane was eighteen months old, and her father, head of parliament at Dijon, France, became the main influence on her education. She developed into a woman of beauty and refinement, lively and cheerful in temperament. At twenty-one she married Baron de Chantal, by whom she had six children, three of whom died in infancy. At her castle she restored the custom of daily Mass, and was seriously engaged in various charitable works. Her husband was killed after seven years of marriage, and she sank into deep dejection for four months at her family home. Her father-in-law threatened to disinherit her children if she did not return to his home. He was then seventy-five, vain, fierce and extravagant. Jane Frances managed to remain cheerful in spite of him and his insolent housekeeper.

When she was thirty-two she met Saint Francis de Sales, who became her spiritual director, softening some of the severities imposed by her former director. She wanted to become a nun but he persuaded her to defer this decision. She took a vow to remain unmarried and to obey her director.

After three years Francis told her of his plan to found an institute of women which would be a haven for those whose health, age or other considerations barred them from entering the already established communities. There would be no cloister, and they would be free to undertake spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They were primarily intended to exemplify the virtues of Mary at the Visitation (hence their name, The Visitation nuns): humility and meekness.

The usual opposition to women in active ministry arose and Francis de Sales was obliged to make it a cloistered community following the rule of Saint Augustine. Francis wrote his famous *Treatise on the Love of God* for them. The congregation (three women) began when Jane Frances was forty-five. She underwent great sufferings: Francis de Sales died; her son was killed; a plague ravaged France; her daughter-in-law and son-in-law died. She encouraged the local authorities to make great efforts for the victims of the plague and she put all her convent's resources at the disposal of the sick.

During a part of her religious life she had to undergo great trials of the spirit – interior anguish, darkness and spiritual dryness. She died while on a visitation of convents in the community.

QUOTE: Saint Vincent de Paul said of Jane Frances: “She was full of faith, yet all her life had been tormented by thoughts against it. While apparently enjoying the peace and easiness of mind of souls who have reached a high state of virtue, she suffered such interior trials that she often told me her mind was so filled with all sorts of temptations and abominations that she had to strive not to look within herself ... But for all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth” (Butler's *Lives of the Saints*).

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