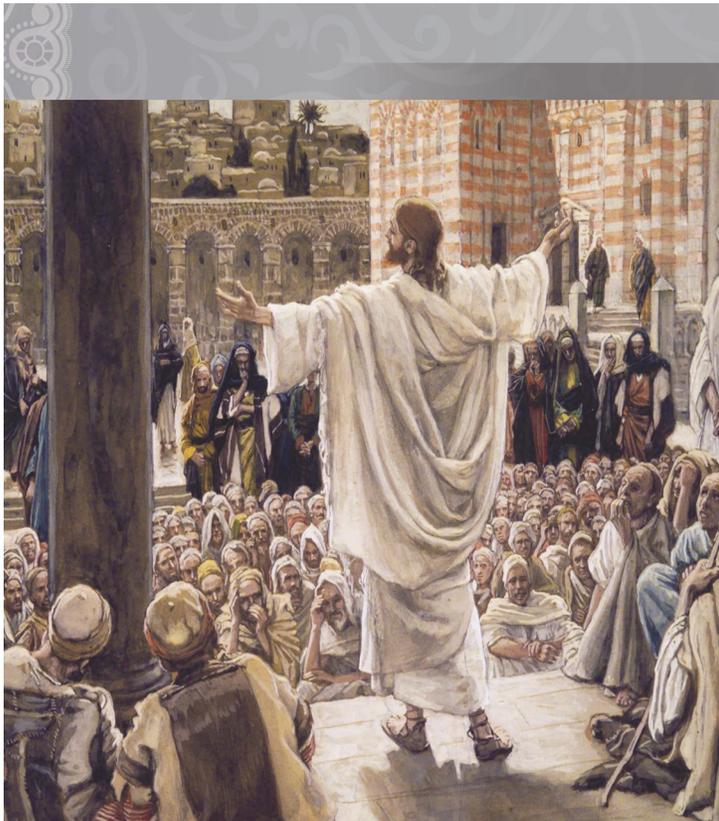


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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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  
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.

**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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT**

King Zedekiah appears today as weak and as ineffectual as Pontius Pilate was centuries later. Eager to wash his hands of the decision of what to do with the troublesome prophet, he allows his princes to take charge: "He is in your power" (Jeremiah 38:5). They throw him in a cistern and leave him to die. Zedekiah, given the opportunity to take a stand and defend the words of the prophet, steps aside to let him die.

But then the king reconsiders. It is the influence of one person, a for-eigner, one of his servants, who pushes him to do the right thing. Ebed-melech, an Ethiopian eunuch, is Jeremiah's savior. To stand up to his master, the king of Judah, must have taken great courage. He put his life on the line. But he acted. He spoke up. Sometimes all it takes is one morally upright person who has the guts to stand up to power and move an uncertain leader to act justly and mercifully.

Perhaps this is what Jesus is trying to tell His disciples when he says, He has come to bring division. The world is no longer a pristine Eden. The world is full of evil—immoral people who actively exercise it and indifferent people who passively allow it. The kingdom of God cannot have either of these. Doing good demands standing up to those who do evil and to those who allow evil to be done. It may mean opposing a leader or a superior. It may mean opposing a friend or family member. A divided household is better than a corrupt one.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** When have I stood up for what is right? When would I be willing to do so?

*Blessings* **Fr. Rapael Ezeh, MSP**

**The Feast of St. Bartholomew, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Saint Bartholomew** was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. He has also been identified as Nathanael or Nathaniel, who appears in the Gospel of John when introduced to Jesus by Philip (who would also become an apostle). The Roman Catholic Church honors him on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Of the many miracles claimed to have been performed by Bartholomew before and after his death, two very popular ones are known by the townsfolk of the small Italian island of Lipari.

The people of Lipari celebrated his feast day annually. The tradition of the people was to take the solid silver and gold statue from inside the Cathedral of St Bartholomew and carry it through the town. On one occasion, when taking the statue down the hill towards the town, it suddenly became very heavy and had to be set down. When the men carrying the statue regained their strength, they lifted it a second time. After another few seconds, it got even heavier. They set it down and attempted once more to pick it up. They managed to lift it but had to put it down one last time. Within seconds, walls further downhill collapsed. If the statue had been able to be lifted, all the townspeople would have been killed.

During World War II, the Fascist regime looked for ways to finance their activities. The order was given to take the silver statue of Saint Bartholomew and melt it down. The statue was weighed, and it was found to be only a few grams. It was returned to its place in the Cathedral of Lipari. In reality, the statue is made from many kilograms of silver and it is considered a miracle that it was not melted down.

**PARISH NEWS**

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**



*Religious Education*

**Register now for next year's Religious Education program.** In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday bulletin.

**COME CELEBRATE WITH US!**

*Please join us for a fun filled evening!*

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>, BLOCK PARTY, CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.**



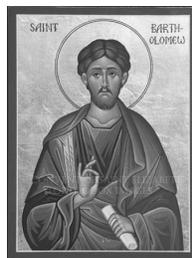
SEE THE FLYER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN AND THE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. WE



WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP, DURING THE PARTY AND CLEAN UP AFTER. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE PARIS OFFICE!!!

**PRAYER TO SAINT BARTHOLOMEW**

**FEAST DAY, SATURDAY AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>**



Lord,  
sustain us with the faith  
which made Saint Bartholomew ever loyal to  
Christ.  
Let Your Church be the sign of salvation  
for all the nations of the world.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**ADOPTION**

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



**2019 and 2020 MASS BOOK**

The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, August, 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.



Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

**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.

**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.

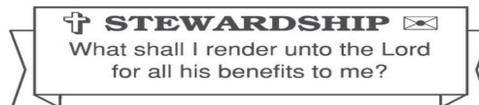
The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** are holding their annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Waslen Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

Praise to You, God, for long warm days,  
for buzzing bees and chirping crickets,  
for shady trees and gentle breezes.  
Praise to You for the earth's rotation,  
for our cycle around the sun,  
for "sun, moon, and stars in their courses above."

Praise to You for the order of the universe,  
the variety of the seasons,  
and the gift of another summer.



Guideposts



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
**Sunday Collection Update**

**August 11, 2019- Tithing**

Envelopes	\$4,320.00
Online	\$ \$630.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,950.00</b>

**The Collection for the Church in Africa totaled: \$920.25**

"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!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share.**  
**Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane and Frank Marra.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

***As you plan and enjoy your summer vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!!!***

**APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:**

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

August 18, 2019

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Saturday, August 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Kathleen Shvedowsky Jones +  
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**Sunday, August 18, 2019**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +  
10:00 AM Alfred Falcone +  
11:30 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, August 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Frankie Nan Carello+

**Tuesday, August 20**

**Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mary De Mattia +

**Wednesday, August 21**

**Saint Pius X, Pope**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mary De Mattia +

**Thursday, August 22**

**The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Mathai +

**Friday, August 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM John Romano +

**Saturday, August 24**

**Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

9:00 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +  
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**Saturday, August 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrea Objay +  
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**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +  
10:00 AM David Zevon (Living)  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

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**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

\_\_\_\_\_ I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.

\_\_\_\_\_ I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.



\_\_\_\_\_ I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.

\_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

**FOR THOSE WHO DID NOT SEE THIS LAST WEEK:**

**A MESSAGE FROM**

**FATHER ANTHONY MBANEFO, MSP**

*I want to sincerely thank Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP and all the Parishioners of St Bartholomew's Parish, Yonkers for your love and for everything that you did for me during my four and half years stay with you as your associate pastor. I also want to thank in a special way, those who contributed in one way or the other towards the send off party held for me by the Parish on the night of Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and all those who gave me gifts in cash and in kind. May the Good Lord who could not be outdone in generosity bless and reward all of you abundantly. I hope to keep on communicating with you and to visit you any time possible.*



**For those who want to call me at anytime my number is:  
409-960-4055.**

**For those who plan to visit me in the future, my address is:  
St. Martin de Porres Parish  
12606 Crosby Lynchburg Rd.  
Barrett Station, Texas 77532-8628**