

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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## The Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go  
in peace, according to your word,  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples:  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles.”

— Lk 2:29-32a



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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*  
Rev. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP, *Parochial Vicar*  
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. 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

# PARISH NEWS

## THE REFINER'S FIRE



God loved Mary. He chose her to be the mother of His Son. He prepared her right from the very beginning. Yet, seemingly, He did not make the task any easier for her. The culmination of her suffering and agony was captured by Michelangelo in his famous sculpture – The Pieta. Mary held the body of her beloved son on her lap – what pain (sword) must have pierced her loving heart. Simeon predicted it years before it happened.

And that was not the only time Mary had heartache. However, all the heartache turned into a great joy when her Son rose from the dead.

God loves you and me, too. And like Mary, Jesus, and the saints, we too will have our own “*sword moments*” – when we face sorrow and heartbreak. Such moments are what Malachi refers to as going through the “refiner’s fire,” or “the fuller’s lye.” We are refined and purified, as silver and gold is, so that we may be pleasing to God (Malachi 3:1-4).

We pray for the patience and courage to allow ourselves to be refined by our Loving Father. We pray that in the end we may be pleasing in His sight. Amen.

## 2014 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The 2014 Appeal is upon us. Last year, the Archdiocesan goal for St. Bart was \$51,000.00. Parishioners pledged \$68,231. The total paid as of December 2013, was \$64,461. We received a total of \$7,686, 60% of the cash received over goal. 200 families participated in the Appeal.

This year, 2014, the goal set for us is \$63,000.00. Our parish goal will be to have 250 families participate. This is a good form of fundraising or income to the parish because of the rebate. In the next coming weeks you'll be getting more information directly from the Archdiocese or from the pulpit.

## RENTAL OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

Please continue to pray for a good and reliable tenant(s). We have been showing the classrooms and gym to prospective tenants, including film and TV show companies. Tax exempt issues and location or size most often becomes the deal breaker. We really need to rent it out so as to take care of the bills there.

We thank Bill Mascetta and Al Dio Dati for all their efforts so far in negotiating and following up on the installation of the three boilers. Con Ed came out last week and brought in more gas. Finally, we're operating at full capacity although we're yet to have full heat in the classrooms.

Many of our parish projects are visible to everyone. The new boilers are in the school basement and far from your view. So, many parishioners may not be cognizant of what we have just accomplished and the effects on our long-term budget. The Finance Council will be addressing this in the near future.

Blessings and Peace on you and your family.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

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



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia & Karen Maccia McKenna.

**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 February. 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 with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**Congratulations** to our newest Christian, **Nicholas Alexander Hernandez**, who was baptized on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. We thank his parents and godparents for presenting him for baptism, and we pray God to bless and keep this child and his parents in their journey of faith.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, February 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. For information, please call the Parish Office.

The next **YOUTH GROUP** meeting will be this Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the school building immediately follow the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass. It will be a planning meeting for **YOUTH WEEK**, which runs from Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>, we will begin with 5 p.m. Mass, followed by the “Basketball Challenge.” All are invited to cheer on the Youth vs. Adults. Another opportunity for all to participate is Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>. We've invited a few specialists to discuss the many issues our youth face today. More details of the activities planned for Youth Week will be included in next week's bulletin. All parishioners are asked first to pray for the success of this undertaking and are invited to join in the fun!



## Presentation of the Lord

### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

January 15, 2014

Dear friends in the Lord:

As you know, our annual participation in the *Peter's Pence* collection affords us an opportunity to be witnesses of charity to the neediest of our brothers and sisters in the Lord throughout the world. Your gift helps the Holy Father support victims of war, natural disasters, and others requiring assistance.

On Easter Sunday, 2013, Pope Francis encouraged each person to be a witness of charity. He said "Let us be renewed by God's mercy and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation, and make justice and peace flourish." The Holy Father has continued to remind us, through his own actions and words, that we must serve our brothers and sisters in order to be true disciples of Christ.

Please heed the call of Pope Francis to serve as witnesses of charity throughout the world. You can participate in this call through your donations, prayers, and outreach to spread the message of need. I ask that you be as generous as you can in the *Peter's Pence* collection.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,  
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



**ST. BLAISE'S FEAST DAY:** This Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the feast day of St. Blaise. We will have the **Blessing of Throats** only after the 7 a.m. & 9 a.m. Masses.

**All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.

#### OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or has not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially James T. Hanrahan, Sr. and Anna M. Baumeister.  *Rest in Peace*

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

**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*

	2013	2014	Difference
Adults	\$5,425.05	\$5,067.60	-\$ 357.45
Children	\$ 158.15	\$ 115.65	-\$ 42.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,583.20</b>	<b>\$5,183.25</b>	<b>-\$ 399.95</b>

Next Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will take up a second collection for *Peter's Pence*. Please endeavor to donate generously.

#### REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "***We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share.***" Please remember our Parish in your *Will* as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

**"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, Neil Caruso, 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, Robert Mirsky, 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, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

#### REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week 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.

**February 2, 2014**

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

**Presentation of the Lord**

**Saturday, February 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, February 2**

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +  
10:00 AM Carol A. Swetz +  
11:30 AM George Goresen +  
5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

**Monday, February 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

**Tuesday, February 4**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Sophie Rodzen +

**Wednesday, February 5**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM Tom & Kathleen Kearney +  
9:00 AM Anthony Barton +

**Thursday, February 6**

**Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Jennifer Sacaradis +

**Friday, February 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Vicky Pisacone +

**Saturday, February 8**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Irene Kazimierzak & Michael Trancynger+

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**Sunday, February 9**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Dorothy Della Calce +  
5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

**February 2, 2014**

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**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!**



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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Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.

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.



**CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!**

**Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering**

**Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

