

# St. Bartholomew's

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## 7th Sunday of Easter

"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." *Jn 17:22-23a*

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, 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.

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Part 1)



For some days now, as we head into Pentecost Sunday, I've been encouraging us to reflect on what gift(s) of the Holy Spirit we need to pray for. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles which we prepare to celebrate is not a historical event or commemoration. It happened then, and continues to happen in our own days. It happened to the apostles and early Christians, and continues to happen to us today. There are 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit, namely: Wisdom, Holy Fear, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, and Piety.

**The Gift of Wisdom:**

The gift of wisdom is badly needed in our society today. Basically, wisdom here means to know to avoid attachment to things of this world, to know that all is really vanity and that all that shines is not gold, and to focus more of our attention on the things that are eternal. However, I want to call our attention to another use of wisdom that we could all really benefit from. It has to do with an area we feel so uncomfortable – sharing our faith.



I know that we often don't even know our faith very well. However, we also quite often know more than we think. Even the little we know, most of us feel uncomfortable sharing it. It's like what I have seen on TV when kids ask parents where children come from. Sure, every parent knows the answer, but many feel uncomfortable. When you remove the "un-comfortableness" of the topic, many lack still the tact or wisdom needed to share or teach the answer to the kid.

So again, even when we know our faith, which we do know enough, many of us lack the tact of sharing it with others, even with our kids and friends. If this rings true for you, then ask for the gift of Wisdom. Why? Because, often it's not the message we share, but how we share that Good News!

One guy that was great in sharing what he knew about Jesus was St. Paul. His encounter in the City of Athens is a perfect example of how to share our faith wisely (Acts 17:16 – 33). Sure, we won't measure up to St. Paul, but we can ask the Holy Spirit for some of the Wisdom given to St. Paul. He enters Athens and was "exasperated at the sight of the city full of idols" (16). How often have we been exasperated at the sight of our modern idolatry and all that goes along with it? So, he found a common ground – an altar dedicated to "an unknown god" and told them Jesus was the unknown god. He quoted their very own philosophers and poets who said that they were offspring of the gods. In his God-given wisdom, he told them that living beings cannot be children of non-living gods made of stones, gold, etc. He convinced many that their altar to an unknown god was God's way of leading them to Himself, their maker. Such wisdom! Such tact! No wonder he is the greatest missionary.

So, if you've ever felt uncomfortable sharing the Good News, then pray for the gift of Wisdom. Join us in our novena.

**In Thanks & Praise:**

\*\*To Kelly Foley, Patricia Nieman, and all those who helped to coordinate the Sweepstakes and all those who donated towards it.  
 \*\*Also, to Cheryl Duda and all those who helped her to coordinate the Tag Sale.

**Blessings upon each and every one of you. Fr. Raphael**



This Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, is Memorial Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and there is only one Mass at 9 a.m.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS, and BREAD AND WINE**, are donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Anthony Esposito, Bonaventuro J. Amato, Harold Smith, Edward Smith, Robert Smith, Benjamin Pelliccio, Carmine Davi, Carmine Manno, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Gabriel Nanoia, Gene Del Bene, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Jerry Pisacreta, Joseph Laudadio, Andrew T. McCormack, John Raffa, Jr., John Raffa, Sr., Orlando Romano, Daniel Talone, John J. Donaghey, Louis Martelli, Frank Fayden, Richard Frischman, Joseph Frischman, Robert Liddell, Margaret Liddell, Louis Loscalzo, Anthony Giuriceo, Frances J. Romano, Daniel De Rosa and John Di Rodio.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** It is **NOW the time to register** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade in September through High School are eligible for these classes. Our classes meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the children of working parents. Please contact Cheryl Duda for more information or to register at 914 476-6676.



A **Special Thank You** to Dorothy Schreiber, sister of Grace Obalde, who presented to each Communion child, a hand crocheted necklace with a miraculous medal. Thank you for this special gift to our children.



**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**  
 Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering  
 Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>,  
 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, June 1<sup>st</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.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COME, BE AN ALTAR SERVER



If you have made your First Holy Communion and are now in Grades 4 through High School and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676. Training will begin shortly.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$4,915.95), Balance (-\$2,084.05), and a note about envelopes (\$4,695.95, Online \$220).

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Amount Needed for Month of May (\$28,000.00) and Amount Collected Thus Far (\$18,187.80).

"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!"

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 14 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



St. Bart's Angels is sponsoring a car wash next Saturday, June 3rd.

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please support their efforts as they raise money for Relay for Life.

International Cultural Night, next Saturday, June 3rd.

Please join us for a fun filled evening, beginning at 6 p.m. Make an ethnic dish, or make a monetary donation if you can. Call the Parish Office.



Good Food, Entertainment, A Fashion Show and more....

Breakfast to Celebrate with our Communion and Confirmation Children, next Sunday, June 4th

after the 10 a.m. Mass. All Parish Families are encouraged to attend!!!



Relay for Life, Saturday, June 10th.

Join the St. Bart's Angels in the Relay for Life Walk on Saturday, June 10th. More details to follow.

Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 25th

sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Stay tuned for details.

Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office, no later than this Thursday, June 1st to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, June 2nd, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, June 3rd, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is next Sunday, June 4th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente and Theresa Venturino.

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

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th.

We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 18th and will end on Monday, June 26th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week.



May 28, 2017

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

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, May 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito +

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**Sunday, May 28**

8:30 AM Dec. Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

10:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

11:30 AM Lena & Patrick Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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Monday, May 29

Easter Weekday—Memorial Day

9:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

Tuesday, May 30

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Robert Yaskovic +

Wednesday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Paul Bolduc +

9:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

Thursday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Gerard Monahan +

First Friday, June 2

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Adelaide M. Greco +

First Saturday, June 3

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM Elizabeth Liptak +

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**Pentecost Sunday**

**Saturday, June 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anna Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, June 3**

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM Helen Trinchera & Irene Forte +

11:30 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**May 28, 2017**

**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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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 interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

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**Memorial Day Prayer**

God of power and mercy,  
You destroy war and put down earthly pride.  
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,  
that we may all deserve to be called your sons  
and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women  
who have died in the cause of freedom  
and bring them safely  
into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers***

Remembering on Memorial Day  
Thank You, Veterans!

