

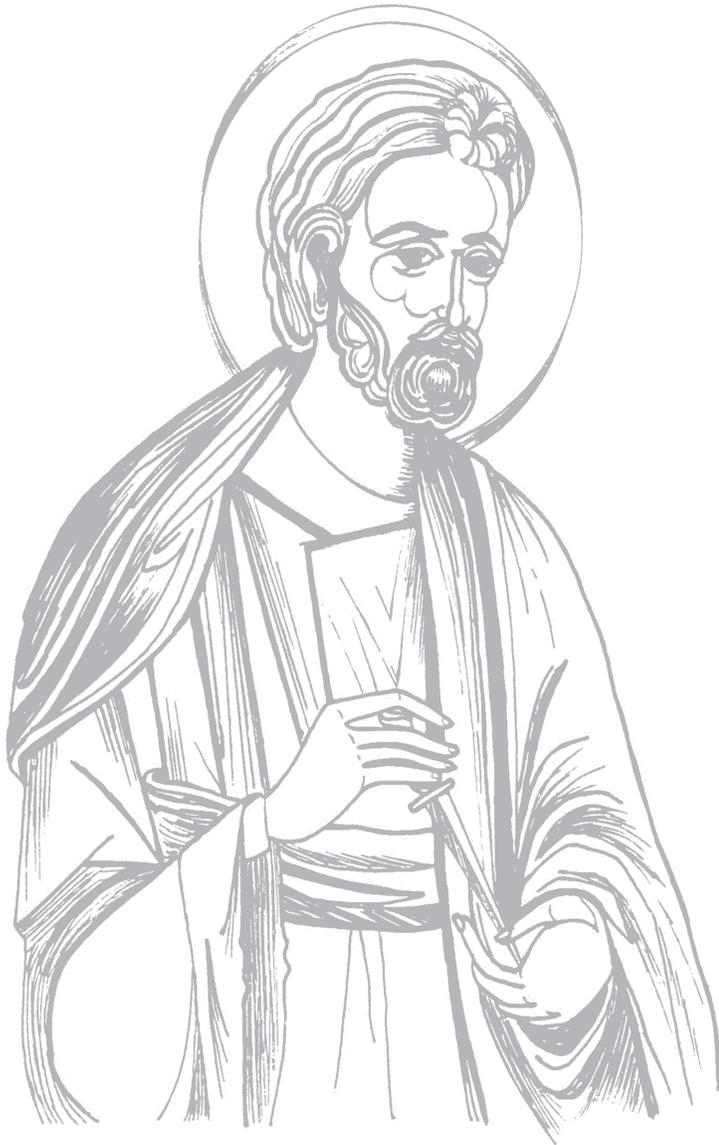
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. 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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

Of Life, Death And Life After

Once again, we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year – one more Sunday remaining. The readings point us to the reality of life, death and life after.

Once in a while we experience something so beautiful, so meaningful and so helpful that we wish that everyone could experience it. The trip to the Holy Land and return to Lourdes and Fatima is one such experience. Unfortunately, due to cost and safety anxieties, some who could have gone did not. But I really would love to see those who can afford it make this historic and unimaginably faith bolstering trip. Fr. Anthony just expressed his desire to go to Lourdes; he has been to the Holy Land and Fatima. Since tour companies are often in need of priests to lead groups, we will organize two more trips within the next two or three years. That will afford some the opportunity to save up. In terms of safety concerns, there were many buses at every site we visited, even at the sites in the Palestinian territory. I am glad that some are already expressing their wish to join in the next trip.

As we went from Mary's home to Joseph's home and to Bethlehem where Jesus was born, as well as the places He preached around Galilee; to the site of His baptism along River Jordan, and on to the sites of the Last Supper, Passion, Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection; to the place of His Ascension and Descent of the Holy Spirit, and then on to Fatima and Lourdes, where Our Blessed Mother appeared several times, it existentially dawned on me, once more, how real our salvation history is. Not just real in terms of being actual events in time and space, but in terms of being really important and deserving of all our best attention. What do I mean?

For instance, the immigration problem, which has become a vital issue in the primaries, and rightly so, is real in terms of being an actual problem in our time and specifically in the states that have been hit the hardest. Beyond this historical realm, it is real in terms of its effects and need for resolution – and possibly ongoing proactive actions. The same could be said of the expanding ISIS threat. Undeniably, like immigration, it is both a historical and an existential reality and problem.

We've just finished our Novena Masses for our deceased loved ones in commemoration of All Souls. Now the Church presents to us readings that remind us of the reality of our own death, which we have no clue when that will be. My trip reminded me that the reality that Christ came, walked this earth, preached, suffered, died, rose and ascended into heaven and ultimately opened the gates of heaven for me and for you is as real as anything. It reminded me that Jesus' call to us to follow in His footsteps and live lives worthy of eternal life is not just real but calls for concrete actions that show that it is not only real but very important.

So, yes, our country's immigration problem is real and needs or deserves urgent, definite, and decisive actions. Yes, ISIS is real, more so now, considering initial Intel that the ill-fated Russian flight was brought down by ISIS operating in the Sinai Peninsula. Yes, our job, career, bills, parenting and relationship issues are all real and deserve attention. But more than all these, is the fact that each day brings us closer to the ultimate purpose of our life on earth – the reason why Our loving Father made us in the first place. When that time comes, I pray that none of us will look back and realize that they had either failed to truly believe that Christ indeed walked this earth to bring us salvation, or worse, failed to live lives that proclaim this truth.

May we live lives that proclaim what we profess with our lips. We may regret a lot of things we did in life, but this is one thing we'll eternally be proud that we did! If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Hebrew 3:7-9).


PARISH NEWS



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, November 16th, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially  *Rest in Peace* Rose Leone and Barbara McCormack.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week is donated in loving memory of Naiomi Moore by Mary De Santis

SOCIAL MINISTRY is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the next two weekends, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit on the Sunday and Monday mornings (November 22nd & 23rd)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE



It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.

The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Monday, December 7th**, for a special **5:30 p.m. Mass and their Christmas Dinner** at Reno's Restaurant, 33 Lockwood Avenue, Yonkers. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by Tuesday, December 1st. Please call Josephine at 914 476-5386. Payment marked RAS Dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.

Please Join Us

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN 100 FIVE DOLLAR SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased at the rear of the church after the Masses and in the parish office during the week. Drawing date to be announced.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

MASS OF HEALING



This Friday evening, November 20th, there will be a Mass of Healing at the Church at 7 p.m. with a special anointing. All are welcome especially those in need of healing of mind, body and spirit.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27th
1:30 – 7:30 P.M.
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bart's will be conducting its 80th Blood Drive in the 34 years since starting in 1981. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca on 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends, too.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, November 15th. All youths age 13 and up are invited. Also, On November 22nd, they will hold their annual Thanksgiving Dinner, any teen 13 and older are welcome to attend; just bring a side dish to share!

SAVE THE DATE
SANTA'S BREAKFAST & BOUTIQUE
Sunday, December 6th after all morning Masses
Pictures with Santa * Breakfast * Crafts * Bake Sale *
More details to follow.

St. Bart's Young Adult Ministry
Calling on our Young Adults
Join us for an hour of Peer Fellowship, Thursday, November 19th from 7:30—8:30 p.m. at McManus Parish Center.
ALL ARE WELCOME

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.

✠ **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

	11/9/14	11/8/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,319.90	\$7,285.65	+\$ 1,965.75
Children	\$ 174.40	\$ 256.75	+\$ 82.35
Total	\$5,494.30	\$7,542.40	+\$ 2,048.10

The collection for Buildings and Grounds was \$1,558.00



CONSIDER
TITHING

The true purpose of **tithing** is to secure not the tithe, but the **tither**; not the gift, but the **giver**; not your money, but **you... for God.** **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!**

"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



LORD
give strength
to your people

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, 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, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Mary Ann Klobosits, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Maryellen Esposito and Helen Clemens.

NOVEMBER 15, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 15

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +

10:00 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members. Of Wilcox & Casey families

9:00 AM Antoinette Liuzzi +

Tuesday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM Madeleine Savard +

9:00 AM Dr. Joseph Mangano +

Wednesday, November 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Lehane Family

9:00 AM Jennie Salerno +

Thursday, November 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Lourdes Torres +

9:00 AM Gerald Perillo +

Friday, November 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Leonard Kurz (Living)

9:00 AM Madeline Czeranowski +

Saturday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Angelo Marcello +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

Sunday, November 22

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. of Hoffman and Guarente Families

10:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

11:30 AM Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

NOVEMBER 15, 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.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to 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 on 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.
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The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, November 18th, 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) 964-4583 for information.

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS** will hold their next meeting on Thursday, November 19th at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony's Hall, 31 College Avenue, Yonkers. New members are welcome.

**Salesian High School
2015 Scholarship Exam**

Saturday—December 5th at 9:00 a.m., 148 East Main Street, New Rochelle, NY
Scoring over 80% guarantees you scholarship money! Register at
www.salesianhigh.org or by calling 914 632-0365