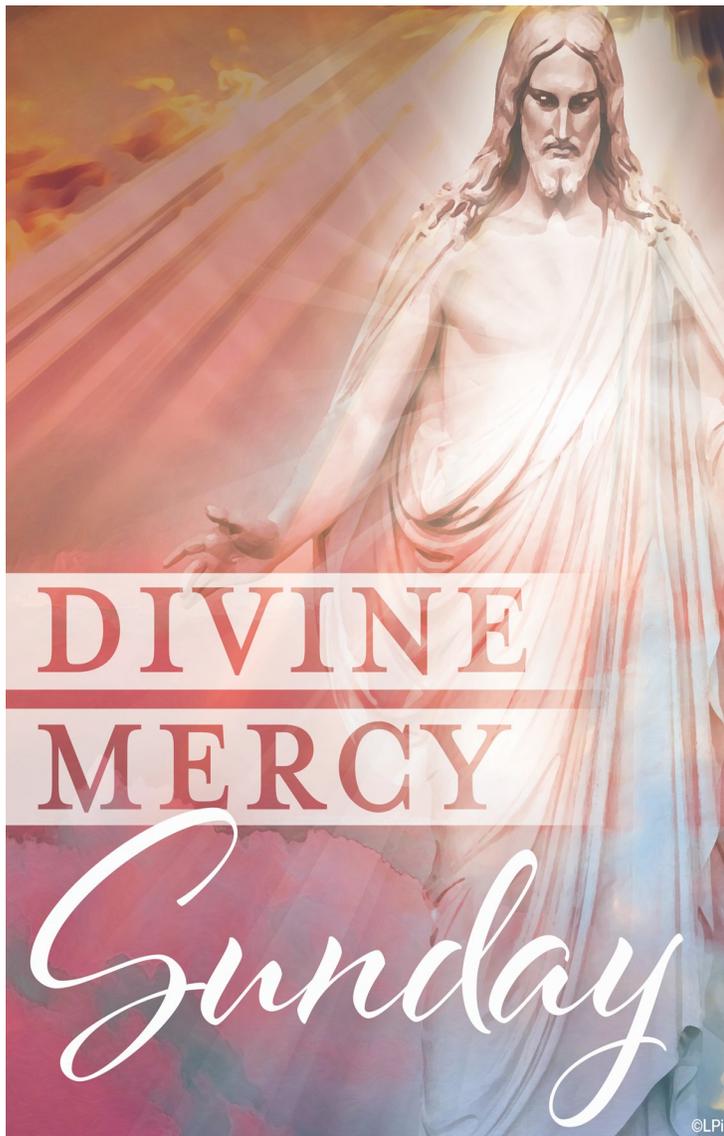


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 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

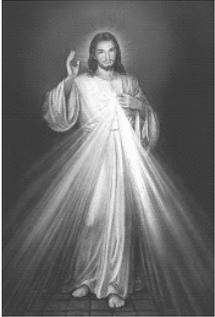
Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Liz Mulvaney

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

Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, and to ensure that the faithful would observe the day with devotion, he established special graces for participating in prayers and devotions honoring God's Divine Mercy. In his homily at the beatification of Sister Mary Faustina, he reflected on the reading of the Second Sunday of Easter, saying: "The message of the divine mercy is implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes. Christ gave His life for each one, to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy.



The Feast of Divine Mercy is both a celebration of God's merciful love and an example for us to follow. God's love for us is never more evident than when He forgives our sins. What a great gift of His Divine Mercy we receive through our priests, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We have a duty not only to praise this gift of His Divine Mercy, but also to be agents of mercy in the lives of other people by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday, 1937 Christ appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This chaplet is often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and St. Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet.

- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ Pray the Opening Prayers: "You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us." "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You." (3 times).
- ◆ Pray the Our Father
- ◆ Pray the Hail Mary
- ◆ Say the Apostles Creed
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times on the Hail Mary Beads: "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
- ◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7: On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat Steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sakes of His Sorrowful Passion.")
- ◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (three times)
- ◆ Pray the Closing Prayer: "Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."
- ◆ End with the Sign of the Cross

# PARISH NEWS



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.**

## Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors on **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Next Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our children will receive their First Holy Communion.** This Mass will be very crowded and will be longer than usual. You may wish to attend a different Mass on this day.



## Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant  
The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2019.



All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5p.m..

## Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's

There will also be a Mass at St. Bartholomew's for St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2019). **Date to be announced in the upcoming weeks.** The couple(s) will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. **Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you are celebrating this special anniversary!!!**



PARISH EVENTS

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM



MAY CROWNING, TUESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 pm

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

CONFIRMATION, SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM

**BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

Not on formed yet? Go to [saintbartparish.formed.org](http://saintbartparish.formed.org). Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Bart's and Hudson Valley Blood Services express sincere appreciation to the 76 donors, 7 students and 8 adult volunteers who came down to the 92<sup>nd</sup> Blood Drive on 4/12/19 to donate 82 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 6980 units of blood. Once again, Hudson Valley Blood Services can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.



16 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system. 50 donors gave a regular donation. 10 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 8 new donors, 3 reinstated and 240 walk-ins. 14 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 14 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 7747. **We have scheduled our next drive for the FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2019** and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all! Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

*The Cluster Parishes of Christ the King, Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and St. Bartholomew's invite all to join them for:*



Mass with Anointing at Sacred Heart Church, Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. "The Feast of St. Peregrine", the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients. We all, either have been or know someone who has been affected by this serious illness.

Outdoor Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Mary's Field. Refreshments will follow.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,180.90
Balance	- \$ 819.10

\*(Envelopes \$5,200.90, \$980.00 Online)

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$17,726.50

The Easter collection totaled: \$8,260.00.  
The Holy Thursday collection totaled \$1,069.35.  
The Good Friday collection in support of the Holy Land totaled \$868.00.

"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 Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, and Jeri Michele Sugrue.

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

***Please take note that the RAS Tea Party, planned for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is cancelled and will be re-scheduled.***

Father Raphael is planning a few more upcoming weekends for family pictures for the Parish Family Directory (after each Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>). This will be the last call for you to have your pictures taken for the family directory.



April 28, 2019

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

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

5:00 PM William & Anna Groth +  
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**Sunday, April 28, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Capuano &  
Lucchetti families  
10:00 AM Angela Rush & Aristide Scipioni +  
11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Florida America Tarcinale +  
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**Monday, April 29**

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Michael Ruggiero +  
9:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +

**Tuesday, April 30**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Elizabeth Liga +  
9:00 AM Peter DeMattia +

**Wednesday, May 1**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Nancy Melillo +

**Thursday, May 2**

**Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Reimond Batac (Living)  
9:00 AM Intang Sadia +

**Friday, May 3**

**Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

7:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +  
9:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

**Saturday, May 4**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +  
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**Saturday, May 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +  
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**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Constance & Adolf Steffens +  
10:00 AM Elias Ocasio +  
11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva & Deceased  
members of Streva family  
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

**April 28, 2019**

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**LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, OP at 646 794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website at [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.*

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**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING**

**EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **Go to: [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.** (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



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**The Stepinac Theatre** presents the national high school premiere production of, *A Bronx Tale, The Musical*. Show dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and a matinee on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For tickets and reservations, please call 914 946-4800 ext. 200. For further information e mail [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org).

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***Life Line Screening is coming to St. Bart's on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends.***

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**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Become a member of the Cardinal Hayes Council # 3995. You can join the K of C on line at: [Kofc.org/joinus](http://Kofc.org/joinus), or call **Ted Reiper** at 914 457-3865 or **John Fucco** at 914 774-0527. Men 18 years and older are welcome to join. Monthly meetings are at St. John the Baptist Church, Yonkers, NY.

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**Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry.** If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith (Director of Human Resources and Volunteers) at 914 693-6800, ext. 571 or Yvonne at ext. 592.

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**Online Support for those struggling with Divorce/Separation**

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this group meets every first Tuesday from 8-9 p.m. And it is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and (optional) sharing by an experienced facilitator. To learn more (or sign in): Visit the website: [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org); visit social media at "PhillyNonnatus", or call 215 870-9913 or e mail [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com).