

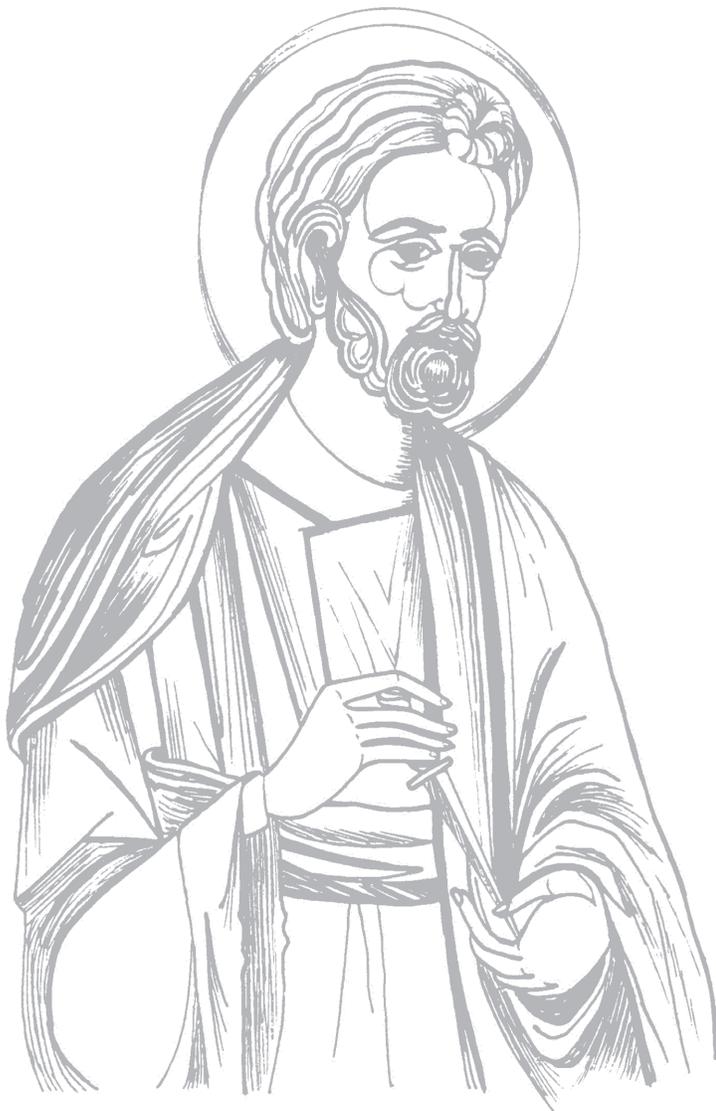
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

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

OF LIFE AND POSTERITY



In lots of ways humanity is blessed with lots of varieties. One area we see this is in how and where we invest ourselves. I marvel that what I consider important is completely of no interest to another person, even another priest, and vice versa. Right now, we're doing the landscaping of the church grounds. Because landscaping and gardening is a hobby to me, I get involved in choosing the plants and flowers and the layout. This past week we went to purchase more plants and pots at Home Depot and got our hands dirty, planting and potting. I've spent hours watering the plants. Other parishioners who love gardening have been of tremendous help.

I often think of pet owners, realizing that just as pets are not my thing, gardening and landscaping may not be a pet lover's thing. I marvel at how each person gradually got to love whatever hobby they've invested time in. Some also become extremely passionate about their hobby. I once heard in the news how a man shot and killed a neighbor whose dog kept "pooping" on his immaculate lawn. Talk about being consumed by something.

I also keep remembering what the secretary in my New Orleans parish once told me: "Pick your battles." That was the very first time I heard that saying and since then, it stuck with me and comes to my mind quite often. Life is very full of things that compete for our limited attention. And the reading from Ecclesiastes invites us to choose our battles well. It's very important to choose the areas of life to take seriously and the areas to be less concerned. Obviously, everyone does this on a regular basis. So, the point becomes more of what areas should be top priority and what areas should be medium priority and what areas should be low priority.

So, what are the things that catch your fancy? Beyond pets and hobbies, what are the things that make you who you are? For what have you spent your life laboring? What do you have to show for it? What would you like to be remembered for when you are long gone? These and more are some of the important questions raised in today's readings from Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 and Luke 12:13-21. The first reading is that famous "Vanity of vanity, all is vanity." Although it was written when the idea of afterlife was not yet known, the reading does invite us to consider the important choices we make in life – choices that define our life – choices that count – choices that will live on, long after we're gone.

And now that we know that there's indeed life after death, this knowledge places us in a better position to make better choices than Ecclesiastes' audience. So, once again, for what have you spent your life laboring? And what do you have to show for it?

One of the many tragedies that may befall an adult towards the end of life is to gradually realize that what they spent their lives laboring for – what they thought was of life and death importance was really just "smoke", a "mirage", "vanity". Luckily with God and us no time is late! We can always re-prioritize and make the best of whatever time we have remaining.

It's not just making the right choices but also doing so in good time. Ecclesiastes warns young people against the belief that time is on their side and so they could afford to pursue vanity until later years. That also seems to be part the problem for the man in the gospel who approached Jesus to help him resolve some family issues, albeit material issues. The scriptures remind us that where our treasure is there will our heart also be" (Matthew 6:21).

We pray for the grace to pursue the things of heaven, things that are beyond us, so that ours will never be a life lived in vain. Amen.

Blessings and Peace!

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



PARISH NEWS




Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Eleanore M. Del Bene.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, August 4th

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



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, August 4th, 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.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



Religious Education

CONGRATULATIONS



Best Wishes and Many Years of Happiness
to

Nicole Marcello and Francis Basciano, Jr.
who were married at St. Bart's on Saturday, July 23rd.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, July August 5th, is First Friday. We will have our Friday Adoration, beginning at 9:30 a.m., ending at 7 p.m. Our monthly Friday Holy Hour will be held at 1 p.m. This Saturday, August 6th, 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.

Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still 2 items available, emerald green arborvitae (6) and winter gem boxwoods (1). Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Final Reminder for Fr. Raphael's Pot Luck Birthday Celebration!!!! It's next Saturday, August 6th after the 5 p.m. Mass.



If you have not done so already:

- Indicate if you are coming by signing the sheet at the rear of the church. A final count is needed this weekend.
Indicate also what food dish you can bring. Food can be dropped off at the school next Saturday, August 6th after 4 p.m. at the school. Cooked food should be dropped off hot or warm.
If you are giving a monetary donation, please give it to the hospitality minister after Mass today or drop it off at the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. this week.

Saturday, August 27th The Feast of St. Bartholomew Block Party from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. More details to follow in next week's bulletin.



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.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited. Their next meeting is next Sunday, August 7th.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!

Looking for Certified Home Health Aides: Westchester Care at Home (WCAH), an affiliate of VNS Westchester, provides certified Home Health Aides to seniors and others in need of assistance with the task of daily living. Please contact Kristine Giglio at 914 682-1480, ext. 656 or kgiglio@vns.org if you are interested.

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



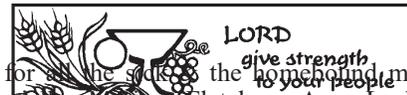
TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

Table with 4 columns: Category, 7/26/15, 7/24/16, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

The second collection for next weekend is in support of our building and grounds. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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 use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lactner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Joseph Fletcher, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Rosalia Guzman.

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

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.

CELL PHONE ALERT

As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please TURN OFF your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.

JULY 31, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the*
Week

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Emily Lavelle +

Sunday, July 31

8:30 AM Rose Milder +
10:00 AM Angela Rush +
11:30 AM Mary & Carmelo Terrusa & Family +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Anna Kozicky +

Tuesday, August 2

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Angela Rush, Carmine & Silvia DiMarcello +

Wednesday, August 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Alexandra Plescia +

Thursday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Baby James (Living)
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Friday, August 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
9:00 AM Shawn Godfrey +

Saturday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 AM Alma Villavincencio Viera +

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, August 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Barbara McCormack +

Sunday, August 7

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Prior +
11:30 AM Donato Sacchetta +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JULY 31, 2016



TAKE A CHANCE

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle
\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets
Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast
Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the
collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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.

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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.
- ◇ 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.