

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



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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.

INSPIRATIONS FROM OUR 2015 PARISH MISSION

Among other things that touched me, and some told me the same, are these inspiring words Sister Eileen and Jenny shared with us. Enjoy them, especially if you missed the last night.

12 LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES OF JESUS THAT INSPIRE ME
By Ron Edmondson

Jesus was willing to invest in people others would have dismissed. Consider the disciples. They were not the "religious" elite, yet Jesus used them to start His church.

Jesus released responsibility and ownership in a ministry. Consider how Jesus sent the disciples out on their own. No micro-management it appears.

Jesus had a leadership succession plan. Jesus consistently reminded the disciples that He wouldn't always be with them. Of course, He was still the "leader," but He left others to take the ministry forward.

Jesus practiced servant leadership better than anyone. The King of kings was willing to wash the feet of His followers.

Jesus was laser focused on His vision. Regardless of the persecutions or distractions, Jesus kept on the mission God had called Him to complete.

Jesus handled distractions with grace. When the woman who had been bleeding for 12 years touched His garment, Jesus stopped to heal her, even though headed to a definite purpose.

Jesus was into self-development. Jesus constantly slipped away to spend time with God.

Jesus was into leadership development and replacement. He very purposefully prepared the disciples to take over the ministry. He pushed people beyond what they felt they were capable of doing.

Jesus held followers to high expectations. Jesus was not afraid to make huge requests of people. "Follow Me" meant the disciples had to drop their agenda to do so. He told the disciples they must be willing to lose everything to follow Him.

Jesus cared more about people than about rules and regulations. He was willing to jeopardize Himself personally by breaking the "rules" to help someone in need.

Jesus celebrated success in ministry. He rewarded people generously who were faithful to Him and His cause.

Jesus finished well. Any question whether His ministry was effective? Still working today.

IN THANKS AND PRAISE

- To Sister Eileen Burns, OSF & Mrs. Jenny Echevarria for accepting to come and share God's word with us. Thanks for three beautiful nights and inspiring messages and relaxing exercises. May the Lord continue to bless your work. Amen.
- To our choir for coming out all three nights. To our Social Ministry for helping with the snacks and refreshments. To our Altar Servers for helping out at Mass. To our Liturgy Commission for coordinating the events of the Mission. Blessings on everyone of you!

May the seeds God sowed in our hearts during our 2015 Mission bear fruits in abundance. Amen.

Blessings and peace upon you!

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

ADORATION: Eucharistic Adoration will be held in our church every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with the exception of Good Friday. All are invited to spare some time and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week is lit in loving memory of Arthur Simon by Barbara & Joe Troutman.



THE CARDINAL'S APPEAL—SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Our bond with Christ is everlasting. The Cardinal's Appeal now supports offices and programs that nurture and encourage our journey in faith including Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Outreach, Liturgy, and University Apostolate.

Thank you to all who braved last week's inclement weather and participated in our In Pew Solicitation for the Cardinal's Appeal. **As a parish we are prayerfully asked to all participate as our means allow.**

Your gift to the 2015 Appeal ensures we are in a position to continue providing support to those most in need throughout the Archdiocese. May God bless you for your generosity.

CHRISM MASS - TUESDAY, MARCH 31ST

Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, March 31st**, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with our Archbishop and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people. **Please come support our own parish priests.** Arrangements have been made for reserved seats at the Cathedral and for a coach to leave from our parking lot at the cost of \$15 per person. Please make your reservations this week, before unclaimed seats are offered to other parishes. Please plan on arriving at our parking lot by 1:30 p.m. that Tuesday.

This Tuesday, March 17th, is the feast of St. Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. There will be one Mass at 9 a.m. and the Parish Office will be closed.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



OUR 2015 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 1 Paschal (Easter) Candle @ \$450
- ◆ 10 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday @ \$60 each
- ◆ *Passion Play* props & accessories, ranging from \$20 - \$60

Please note that any of the above items can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be noted in the bulletin the week after Easter. Thank you for your consideration.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is offering a healing weekend from March 20th – 22nd, at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages and faiths who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. It is endorsed by the Archdiocese Office of Family and Youth and reservations are required. Call Tom on 845 462-6192 or Nancy on 518 785-1351 extension 304 or e-mail ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org, for information or registration.

Maria Regina High School hosts A TASTE OF WESTCHESTER & THE BRONX

Thursday, March 26th, 7 - 10 p.m.

Food, wine & beverage (supplied by favorite local restaurants) tasting event to provide their students with the latest advances in instructional technology. Admission is \$40 per person. For information and tickets, please call 914 761-3300, ext. 210 or visit www.mariaregina.org.

The **YOUTH GROUP** usually meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Because of inclement weather, Palm Sunday, Easter, and other commitments the next meeting will be Sunday, March 22nd. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Iveliz Delgado, Doris Starro, and Angelo Marcello.

 *Rest in Peace*

✠ **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*

| | 3/9/14 | 3/8/15 | Difference |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Adults | \$6,120.15 | \$5,074.45 | -\$ 1,045.70 |
| Children | \$ 133.45 | \$ 109.50 | -\$ 23.95 |
| Total | \$6,253.60 | \$5,183.95 | -\$ 1,069.65 |

The Collection for snow removal and salting our parking lot and sidewalks totaled \$1,405.05.

***"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, 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, Barbara McCormack, 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, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo and Gail Chappory.

Don't Miss ...

THE PASSION PLAY

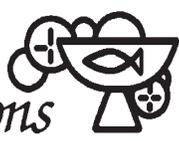
Performed by some of our very own St. Bart's Parishioners

When: **Palm Sunday**, March 29th, at 2 p.m.
and

Good Friday, April 3rd, at the 7:30 p.m. service

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, March 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) 964-4441 for information.

MARCH 15, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, March 15

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi +
10:00 AM Anthony Perrino +
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +
5:00 PM Sofia, Juan Rosa & Magdaleno Vazquez +

Monday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Thomas J. Biamonte +
9:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

Tuesday, March 17

Lenten Weekday - Saint Patrick, Bishop

9:00 AM Patrick Massaroni +

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Elizabeth Liptak +
9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Thursday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Anna Baumeister +
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Joseph Family

Friday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Darlene Levorsen Leone +

Sunday, March 22

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
10:00 AM Frank, Carmela, & Luciano Legio +
11:30 AM Martha Cianfaglione +
5:00 PM Salvatore Labruzzo +

MARCH 15, 2015

**SAINT PATRICK,
BISHOP (415? ~ 493?)
MARCH 17**



Legends about Patrick abound; but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: He was humble and he was courageous. The determination to accept suffering and success with equal indifference guided the life of God's instrument for winning most of Ireland for Christ.

Details of his life are uncertain. Current research places his dates of birth and death a little later than earlier accounts. Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. He called himself both a Roman and a Briton. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold.

After six years, Patrick escaped, probably to France, and later returned to Britain at the age of twenty-two. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France; and was consecrated bishop at the age of forty-three. His great desire was to proclaim the Good News to the Irish.

In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. Despite opposition from those who felt his education had been defective, he was sent to carry out the task. He went to the west and north, where the faith had never been preached, obtained the protection of local kings and made numerous converts.

Because of the island's pagan background, Patrick was emphatic in encouraging widows to remain chaste and young women to consecrate their virginity to Christ. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ.

He suffered much opposition from pagan druids, and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission.

In a relatively short time the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Patrick was a man of action, with little inclination toward learning. He had a rocklike belief in his vocation, in the cause he had espoused.

One of the few certainly authentic writings is his *Confessio*, above all an act of homage to God for having called Patrick, unworthy sinner, to the apostolate.

There is hope rather than irony in the fact that his burial place is said to be in strife-torn Ulster, in County Down.

COMMENT: What distinguishes Patrick is the durability of his efforts. When one considers the state of Ireland when he began his mission work, the vast extent of his labors (all of Ireland) and how the seeds he planted continued to grow and flourish, one can only admire the kind of man Patrick must have been. The holiness of a person is known only by the fruits of his or her work.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.