

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.

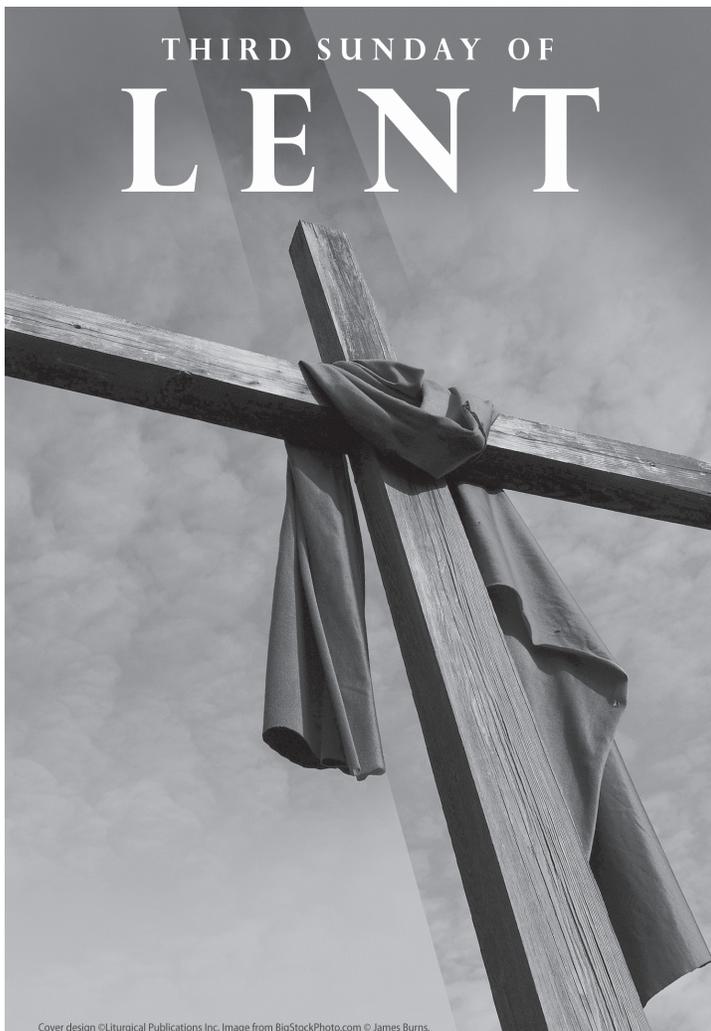
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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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.

Of Elections Results & Our Fruits



I read about Jeb Bush dropping out of the GOP primaries. I felt sad for him more than those who dropped before him because of the whopping amount he spent on his campaign with very little to show for it. One online report put it in a sincere but biting way, "\$130 million, that's how much the campaign with nothing to show actually cost investors and supporters of the former president's brother." It went further to say, "Bush campaign managed to burn \$1.1 million every 24 hours, picking up not even one of the states during the Caucus and never going higher than 5.5% in the polls." (From moar.lol)

A factor is the fact that he entered the campaign way before the others and at that time had already put together an amount that surpassed those of the other candidates put together. You realize the depth of sadness that must hang over him and his supporters and donors. On the other hand, Trump is investing less and reaping a harvest of rich delegates.

Now, the report gets sadder, as it actually delves into what that \$130 million wasted in a very badly organized campaign, could have achieved, including the sedation of 75 million children with polio and other generic diseases in Third world countries or provision of nutritious food to the same number of kids who go to bed at night hungry right here in the U.S.

Now, politics aside, in the gospel today, Jesus tells the parable of the person who had planted a fig tree and went in search of fruit and found none. Sounds familiar? No, I'm no longer talking about Bush and Kasich and Carson! I'm talking about you and me! Rather than donors, we're now talking about God.

Have you ever imagined or experienced the wrenching sadness of a parent who invested lots of money into, let's say the education of their child, only for the child to have nothing or very little to show for it? Now, it's one thing if the child has shown serious efforts to bear fruits but didn't succeed, and another thing if the efforts are simply halfhearted or perfunctory.

How sincere are your efforts (and mine), taking into consideration all that our loving God has invested in you – beginning from the gift of life and health (no matter how bad yours is), the incomparable gift of His Son and His suffering and death which won you salvation, to His graces and blessings, and His trust and confidence in you?

Happily, when a winner emerges in the nomination process, God will not judge the others as though they failed, despite the amount of money they burned. He'll probably praise their courage and desire to serve their brothers and sisters, no matter how imperfect such efforts were. However, judge us, He will, according to our fruits as Christians.

What are these fruits, you may ask. Not to worry, I have a list for you. I happened to sit in at the kids' Confirmation class this past Tuesday and their lesson was on a topic I had introduced at the beginning of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy – Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. We'll have pamphlets that contain these various works of mercy soon.

This Sunday we conduct the 2016 Cardinal Annual Stewardship Appeal. Your gift will go a long way to help promote these works of mercy near and far.

May we never ever feel like Jeb in terms of his campaign investments and returns when it comes to God's investments in us and our fruits. And may God never feel like Jeb's donors when our moment of truth comes around. Amen. Amen. Lent is your/my opportunity to evaluate and refocus.

~ Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP



The ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP for this week have been donated in loving memory of John Brusco by Louis & Angela Brusco.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, March 3rd, 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. Please keep up the good work! For more information, please call the Rectory Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering

Thursday, March 3rd

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

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.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, March 4th, is First Friday. We will have Eucharistic adoration from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, March 22nd**, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please come support our own parish priests. To help plan an appropriate size bus, please call the Parish Office ASAP if you plan to attend.**



We want to congratulate the following who have just joined our church ministries and thank their families for supporting them in their efforts to serve our parish and community:

Altar servers

Johenny Adames
Ryan Costello
Teara Perez

Elijah Cordero
Lisa Gentile
Andrea Zapata

Kaitlyn Costello
Sofia Henriques
Jason Zevon

Lector

Estaban Zapata

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

OPENING OF THE 2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th**. There are also some 2016 Masses still available. You may come to the Rectory Office during the week from 8:30 to 4:30 to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. Their next meeting is Sunday, March 6th. 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.

ST. BART'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Mission

Monday March 7th—Wednesday March 9th

Life Line Screening

Friday March 11th McManus Center

*Holy Name Pasta Night in memory of Vincent J. Campisi
Saturday, March 12th*

Passion Play

Palm Sunday, March 20th and Good Friday, March 25th

Sweepstakes Social

Saturday, April 9th

LENTEN PRAYER

God of love and forgiveness, You give us this season of Lent to call us back to You through repentance and acknowledgement of our sins and offences. Through our prayer draw us closer to You and help us to know the depth of Your Love..

Through our fasting help us to rely on You as we put aside our own wants and needs. Through our almsgiving make us aware of the needs of our brothers and sisters whose only hope is often in You alone. In Your great mercy, heal us from our sins and wipe out our offences, so that, renewed in Your grace and revived by Your love, we may rejoice in Your saving power. Amen.



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

	2/22/15	2/21/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,443.20	\$5,925.90	+\$1,482.70
Children	\$ 78.90	\$ 173.85	+\$ 94.95
Total	\$4,522.10	\$6,099.75	+\$1,577.65

The collection for Snow Removal was \$1,415.80

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 use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 5 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, 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, and Anna Bonacci.

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

AN AUTHOR IN OUR MIDST....

Fr. Anthony Mbanefo wrote two books which are very profound meditations on Christian life and human suffering in the light of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. The books are wonderful companions for Catholics who want to grow in intimacy with Jesus especially those who want to make a fruitful Lenten journey and a rewarding Holy Week celebration. The first one is **THE SEVEN WORDS ON THE CROSS** which is \$10. The second one is **THE WISDOM OF THE CROSS** which is \$15. You can get them after Mass at the rear of the Church or you can come to the parish office during the week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Helen Syso +

Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Charles Sullivan +

5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Kelly (Living)

Monday, February 29

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Melillo +

9:00 AM Bernard Mistal +

Tuesday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Margaret Grace Muraik +

9:00 AM William Mitchell +

Wednesday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John Brusco +

Thursday, March 3

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Basse, MSP +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Friday, March 4

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Angelo Marcello +

9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Saturday, March 5

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Ed & Rose Bell +

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Carmine Aprea +

Sunday, March 6

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Jovita Romero & Sofia Vazquez +

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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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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From out of the Mouths of Babes

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table were a large pile of apples. A nun made a note and posted it on the apple tray: *"Take only one... God is watching the apples."*