

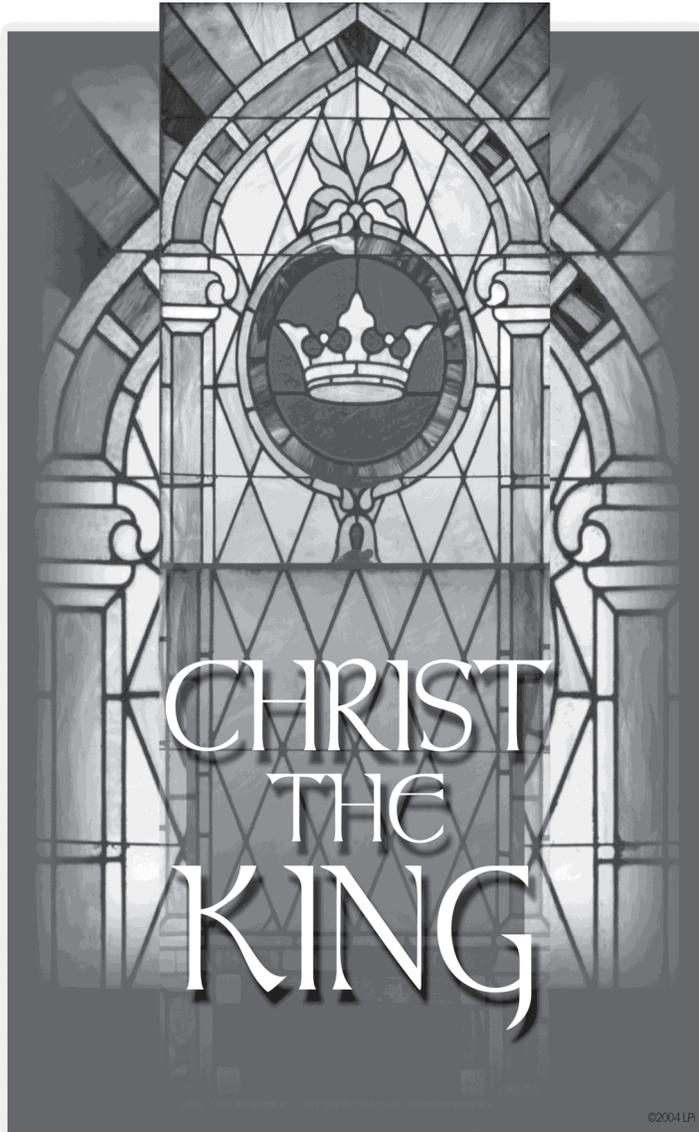
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*
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, 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

REFLECTION ON CHRIST THE KING: "OF CHOICES & HOME"

As I reflected on one aspect of this Sunday's gospel on the judgment of the nations, an example came to my mind. I hope you will find it helpful. An introduction to this example will help to understand it better, and also provide a little info about Nigeria. Just this past Tuesday, a student asked me and Mrs. Obasa (one of our parishioners and a Catechist) if we knew each other back home in Nigeria. The answer was no, we didn't and we actually don't belong to the same tribe nor speak the same language. She is a Yoruba and I am an Igbo. Both are two of the three major languages in Nigeria.

Now, about the Igbos, as far back as our history goes, among other things, we have been known to be travellers, very business oriented, and very spiritual. Some years back I travelled to Finland and as I toured Helsinki's grand station, I heard some guys speaking Igbo. They were selling things. I was once in Santiago, Chile, and was also surprised to hear Igbo spoken a few yards from me, on the street. They were selling things, too. Another tradition among the Igbos is that whether they live in a Nigerian city or outside the country, they will save up and build a house in the village. That village home is their real home and almost always, their burial place too, no matter where they die. This was not always the case.

Before the Nigerian civil war (1966-1970), when the Igbos tried to secede from Nigeria, many Igbos who lived and worked in Nigerian cities simply enjoyed life there and practically made the city their first home, so to say. They built homes and owned properties there and didn't think much about having a house in the village. Their fathers' little thatched houses in the village sufficed for them whenever they went home, say for Christmas celebration. When war broke out, and they fled back to the village, there were no accommodations. They lost their businesses, properties, savings, livelihood, etc. They came back empty handed and they suffered the consequences. After the war, they learned their lesson: wherever you find yourself, never forget your home in the village, save up and make sure you have a good house there.

Now, we come to the message of the Gospel. Jesus tells us of the judgment day and how it will be. Unlike his judgment and condemnation by the authorities, fraught with injustice, lies and hatred, my final judgment (and yours) will be simple, straightforward, transparent, and above all just. Jesus' judgment was all about sentencing him to death. Ours will not even be about sentencing because God does not delight in the loss of any soul. Christ the King will simply assign us **the place we've chosen by our decisions** while we were alive. They were decision to perform or to neglect such acts of charity like feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, visiting the imprisoned, etc. (Matthew 25: 31 - 46)

The final judgment will be like the Nigerian civil war, so to say. And each of us will leave this earth that we love so much and have made our home, along with all the wonderful investments we have made – family, business, career, friends, homes, cars, pleasures, sports, *here add whatever you treasure most*. We'll leave these behind, and end up naked on the other side, face to face with choices we made or didn't make. Those choices will place us where we belong. That will be our real home for – eternity! Scary, if we make the wrong choices and neglect to save up and build up our real home.

May our celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King remind us of our purpose here on earth. May it help us to live accordingly, especially in these Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. Amen.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving. Above all, may you save up for *Home* as you celebrate. Amen.
~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



PARISH NEWS

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!**

This Thursday, November 27th, is Thanksgiving Day. There will only be one Mass at 10 a.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come and give special thanks to God for all His blessings at the annual Thanksgiving Day Mass. The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday & Friday, November 27th & 28th.

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.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Our **Social Ministry Committee** will be distributing Thanksgiving Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters this Monday morning. If you plan to drop off a **frozen turkey, fresh / frozen pies, desserts or fruit**, please do so **Monday (November 24th) morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** Thank you for your generosity!



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Lou & Angela Brusco.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES**, and **SANCTURAY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Lou & Angela Brusco.



Congratulations to our newest Christian, **Angelina Rose Chiarelli**, who was baptized on Saturday, November 15th. We thank her parents and godparents for presenting her for baptism; and we pray God will bless and keep this child and her parents in their journey of faith.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bart's will be conducting its 79th Blood Drive in the 33 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5885 donations to date; and received a Silver Award for collecting 245 units in 2013. 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.

ADVENT MORNING REFLECTION

All parishioners are invited to attend our Advent Morning Reflection on **Saturday, November 29th**, beginning with the 9 a.m. Mass, followed by refreshments and the inspirational talk of how Detective Steven McDonald's deep faith led him to forgive the 15 year old who shot him. **PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US.**



ST. BART'S TURKEY TROT
ROCK & ROLL DANCE CONCERT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 8 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON

Food, Wine & Beer Available at Nominal Prices

For information & reservations call Frank Sullo (914 513-1872) or the Parish Office (914 965-0566).

The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Tuesday, December 9th**, for a special **6 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 Wednesday, December 3rd**. Please call Carolyn (914 963-2622) or Mary Anne (914 963-8885 or 629-9299). Payment marked RAS Dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.

Please
Join Us

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

SANTA'S BREAKFAST & BOUTIQUE
Saturday, December 6th - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pictures with Santa * Breakfast * Crafts * Holiday Boutique * Bake Sale * **Stop by and support our Youth Group!**

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.

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*

	11/17/13	11/16/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,163.90	\$4,683.15	-\$ 480.75
Children	\$ 152.25	\$ 136.70	-\$ 15.55
Total	\$5,316.15	\$4,819.85	-\$ 496.30

**"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

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, **"We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share."** Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



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 Swiatkiewicz, 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, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, 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, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Daniel Pezzola, Steven Colon, Daniel DeRosa, and Louis Loscalzo.

Sunday, December 7th, 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers

CHRIS SPINNER is presenting "Voices Heard 6" Celebrate the Holidays, a musical concert to benefit the Center for Discovery. Proceeds will go toward funding of the Center's innovative programs and services for children and adults with severe disabilities, medical frailties and autism spectrum disorders. Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at voicesheardholidayconcert.eventbrite.com or at the door.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

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Mass Intentions for the Week



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM Anthony D'Addario +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM Aureo Pinto, Sr. +

Monday, November 24

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions,
Martyrs**

7:00 AM Leonard Kurz (living)

9:00 AM Peter Adam Duke +

Tuesday, November 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Mona Zagtiti +

Wednesday, November 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

9:00 AM Frank G. Nanoia +

Thursday, November 27

Weekday - Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Gbenga Timothy Obasa +

9:00 AM Joseph Frischman +

Saturday, November 29

Weekday

9:00 AM Roberto & Pasquale Capuano +

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, November 30

8:30 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +

10:00 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Sevona +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Dorothy Karol +

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PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING



*Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe.
All that has been created has been made for You.
Make full use of Your rights over me.*

*I renew the promises I made in Baptism,
when I renounced Satan and all his pomp and works,
and I promise to live a good Christian life
and to do all in my power to procure
the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.*

*Divine Heart of Jesus,
I offer You my efforts
in order to obtain that all hearts
may acknowledge Your Sacred Royalty
and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace
may be established throughout the universe.
Amen!*

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THANKSGIVING PRAYER



Dear God,
In a world where much is available
Yet so many still go wanting
We thank You for all You have given us.
In a time when family life
Is often fragmented and chaotic
We thank You for the family we have with us today.
In a time when so many cannot express their faith
We thank You for our freedoms.
In a world that moves ever more quickly,
We thank You for this time today
To share a meal with loved ones,
And to rest, reflect, and refresh ourselves
On this Thanksgiving Day.
Amen.