

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.

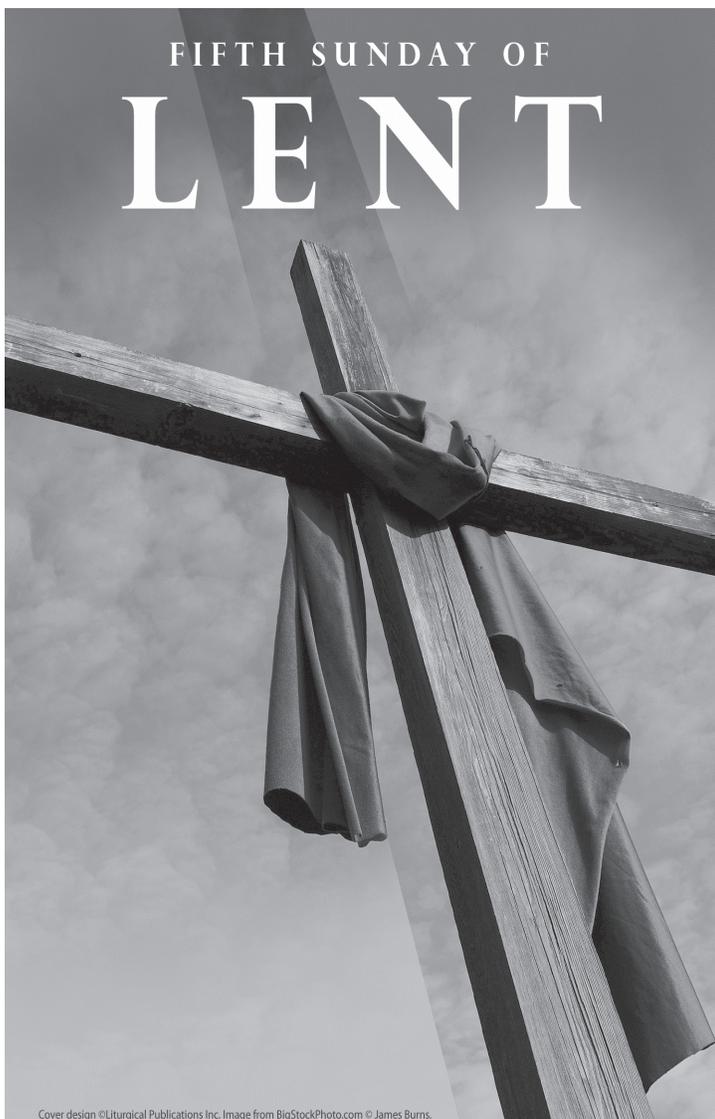
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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 MISERY, RAGE AND MERCY



There she was. In misery. Definitely frightened. Eyes wide like those of a mouse cornered by a starved cat. Her dignity gone with the wind, vaporized into thin air. What's going to happen to me, she must have agonized. Is this how my life will end? Did she regret all those choices that brought her to this moment? Were her thoughts more rebellious than repentant? Had she any hope of getting out of this alive? Was she wishing for a second chance and dreaming of what she could do differently.

There they were. Definitely enraged. A surge of righteous indignation running through their thirsty veins. How dare her break Moses' precious Law! Well, we need to teach her the lesson of her life. It is our duty! Stone her! Now!

There He was. As usual, looking for an opportunity. An opportunity to teach – to heal – to challenge – to console – to love. And came, it did. Sooner than later.

They each looked and saw, the same face. She saw peace. They saw war. She saw reassurance. They saw threat. She saw love. They saw conflict. She saw mercy. They saw judgment.

A grand meeting of Misery and Mercy, face to face. A meeting arranged by Rage and Judgment. And the unthinkable happened – in a few seconds it happened. Chains were broken. Misery gave way to joy. Hopelessness gave way to a new surge of hope. Loss of dignity was restored and reaffirmed. You are a daughter of Abraham, go and sin no more.

Year of Mercy! Fr. Charles, our mission speaker, also touched on God's mercy and the need for mercy on our own part. To develop and nurture a deeper sense of mercy, we definitely have to look at the other from a different perspective – their own perspective. Looking at them from the perspective of the crowd and the religious leaders will continue to make it difficult for us to forgive. That's simply looking at things from our own perspective – how it affects me.

For more meetings and encounters of misery and mercy, we must try to put ourselves in the shoes of the one in need of mercy.

ENCYCLICAL ON THE ENVIRONMENT

In the next couple of weeks, we'll be reading a little bit from Pope Francis encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. It's the much anticipated encyclical, released on January 18, 2016. People all over the world eagerly awaited the Pope's call to save God's creation and protect the poor (who are those most harmed by ecological destruction). News coverage was extensive and it generated much interest among people of many faiths around the world. You can find an introduction to the encyclical in a 6 ½ minute video that features Catholic voices, online at: <http://yaleclimateconnections.org/2015/06/video-outlines-background-for-pope-francis-papal-encyclical/> Or go to Yale Climate Connections and search "encyclical background."

Blessings and Peace! ~ **Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP**



MEETING: This Monday, March 14th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in loving memory of Elizabeth Liptak by Angela Sacchetta. 

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.

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.** The cost for transportation down to St. Patrick's and back is \$25 plus tip. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation. **Bus fee must be received no later than Tuesday, March 15th.**



Calling all Catholic teachers who teach in public schools. There is an annual Mass and Communion Breakfast at the Riverview in Hastings, NY on April 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reverend. Brian McWeeney will be the guest speaker. **Please register online at www.nyfaithformation.org.** For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their next meeting at **1p.m.** on **Wednesday**, March 16th, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 423-5331.

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 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Our **Social Ministry** will be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. **The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh / canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts.** The baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, March 22nd. The food pantry can always use pasta sauces, canned corn, juices and jellies/jams. Thank you for your support.

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

*Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @
St_Barts_youth.*

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.

ST. BART'S UPCOMING EVENTS

*Sweepstakes Social
Saturday, April 9th*

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED BEFORE AND ON
SWEEPS NIGHT**

Contact the Parish Office if you can help!!

*St. Bart's Angels Fundraiser Breakfast
Sunday, April 17th, after the 8:30 and 10 a.m.
Masses, more details to follow*

Other Local Events

Annunciation—Our Lady of Fatima Parish proudly presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. The concert will take place Sunday, March 13th at 3 p.m. at Annunciation Church, 470 Westchester Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY. Call 914 779-7345. Admission is free. All are welcome.

Salesian High School Summer Camp for Children ages 4 to 14. Open House Dates Saturday and Sunday, March 19th and 20th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Salesian is located at 148 E. Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Call 914 632-0248 or go to www.CampEchoBay.org for more information.

**Capuchin Youth and Family ministries presents
Living Stations of the Cross**

Please join this powerful prayer service as teens bring the journey of Christ's Passion alive. The service also includes Eucharistic Adoration and will take place at Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY, 10524 on Palm Sunday, March 20th at 3 p.m., rain or Shine. Call 845 424-3609 for additional information.



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

	3/8/15	3/6/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,074.45	\$6,356.00	+\$1,281.55
Children	\$ 109.50	\$ 188.60	+\$ 79.10
Total	\$5,183.95	\$6,544.60	+\$1,360.65

The second collection for building and grounds totaled \$1,265.45.

Next Sunday, March 20th, we will be taking up a second collection for snow removal. 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 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, Anna Bonacci and Benjamin Pelliccio.

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

OUR 2016 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 item needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

◆ **Easter Paschal Candle at \$400**

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.

MARCH 13, 2016

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Catherine Moore +

Sunday, March 13

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM Ronald Casali +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Juan Rosa & Magdaleno Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

Monday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

9:00 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +

Tuesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony Romano +

9:00 AM Lourdes Torres +

Wednesday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased members of Bolduc & Savard families

9:00 AM Joseph Yaskovic +

Thursday, March 17

Lenten Weekday—St. Patrick, Bishop

9:00 AM Mary & John Esposito +

Friday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Elizabeth Liptak +

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Joseph Aloia +

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ronald V. Romano, Sr. +

Sunday, March 20

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Helen Clemens +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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

