

# 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



## DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TO THOSE WHO SOLD DOVES HE SAID, "TAKE THESE OUT OF HERE, AND STOP MAKING MY FATHER'S HOUSE A MARKETPLACE." HIS DISCIPLES RECALLED THE WORDS OF SCRIPTURE, *ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.*

- JN 2:16-17

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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

32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY: DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN

This week, I want to focus on things happening in the parish and our Vicariate or Deanery.

## SCHOOL TANK REMOVAL

This past week, North Eastern Environmental, Inc. came to dig out the 5,000 gallon oil tank buried in front of the school. It was used to store oil for the old boiler that was replaced earlier this year. The total cost for conversion to gas boiler was \$122,029.00. This current project will cost us close to \$10,000.00 in the end. We'd have left it there and let the "sleeping dog lie" but the City had already planned to cite us on that. If you remember they cited us for the rectory oil tank forcing us to remove it last year at the cost of \$6,075.00.

## FUNDRAISING FOR ST. BART'S

Every parish has fundraising activities each year. Parishes with schools tend to have more organized activities, developed over the years. Almost always, once a parish loses its school, such fundraising activities dwindle and often die. I always believe that every parish should explore a few solid fundraising opportunities, taking their demographics into consideration, and then select two or three and build them up as the years go by. And to do that, a group of devoted parishioners should be commissioned to serve as a Fundraising Committee under the direction of the Finance Council.

Here at St. Bart's, as part of the new Parish Pastoral Plan, we have formed a new Fundraising Committee. We will introduce them in the coming weeks and commission them. They have started meeting. One of their first orders of business was to explore some fundraising options available to us. The final 5 are:

**Penny Social (Sweepstakes)** – this has been our best fundraiser for years. Last year we netted a little over \$8,000 from the event.

**50-50:** This has been a regular event but will need to be re-evaluated. Last year we netted \$2,000 from it.

**Raffle Scratch-Offs:** This is a new one we're introducing this year, beginning this Sunday. Please give it your support. We're hoping that it will be fun and worthwhile for the parish. If it works, it could become a regular. Good thing is that it will not require lots of personnel and physical work. It will be less time consuming too, something that affects all of us nowadays.

**Dances:** This has come up several times. We'll be exploring it. The good thing with this is that it will draw from non-parishioners and we have parishioners who are willing and excited to help make it a good source of income for the parish. Details are yet to be fleshed out.

**Concerts:** One is already in the works. Two of our new parishioners, Frank and Wilfredo are working hard to bring some musician friends to perform a concert for the parish. This will also be targeting non parishioners.

**Bingo** (the whole nine yards) and a **Murder Mystery Shows** are being considered, too.

Every parish has things breaking down or needing improvement and we're not exempt. Extra fundraisers, especially ones that will attract non parishioners will help to take care of needed expenses.

## MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Everyone must have heard about the two parishes that will be closing in our area: St. Denis, which will be merging with St. Peter's, and Holy Trinity, which will be merging with St. John's. More parishes will still be affected and will be announced by Spring of next year; and the Cardinal indicated that assessment will be done more regularly in the future. Once again, St. Bart's is in good standing but we must grow from strength to strength.

## CONNECTING IT ALL TO TODAY'S GOSPEL

In the gospel today, John tells us that Jesus' disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me" (2:17). And Paul tells us in Romans to "never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (12:11). Like Jesus and the disciples, may we be zealous about our faith, our parish and the mission God has entrusted to us. Amen.

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

**MEETING:** This Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

**VETERANS' DAY:** This Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans' Day, is a legal holiday. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. and the Parish Office will be closed.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** have been donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Victor D'Angelo, Gene DelBene, Daniel DeRosa, Vito J. DeSantis, Anthony DiPaolo, John DiRodio, Anthony Giuriceo, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Joseph Laudadio, Margaret Liddell, Robert Liddell, Martin Magzag, Carmine Manno, Andrew T. McCormack, Gabriel Nanoia, Benjamin Pelliccio, Frank Pelliccio, John Raffa, Jr., John Raffa, Sr., Francis J. Romano, Orlando Romano, Harold Smith, and Daniel Talone.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** and **ALTAR CANDLES** are lit this week in loving memory of the Rosary Altar Society's deceased veterans.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive** through next weekend. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on the **Sunday and Monday morning (November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>)** of Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

**ATTENTION DRIVERS - TIME IS RUNNING OUT:** We will be hosting the New York **Defensive Driving Class** in our school building next **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of this course is \$49. **To enroll, please call Chris Morea on (800) 492-9444 or (718) 824-9698 or contact the Rectory Office on (914) 965-0566. Seating is limited!**

## DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BISILICA

### ADVENT MORNING REFLECTION



On **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**, Detective Steven McDonald of the NYPD who was left a quadriplegic on a ventilator after being shot in July 1986, will share his story of forgiveness.

Our Advent Morning Reflection begins with the 9 a.m. Mass, followed by refreshments and the inspiration talk of how Steven's deep faith led him to forgive the 15 year old who shot him. **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.**

### A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Heavenly Father,

On this day, help us remember those  
Who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.

Enkindle in our consciences a desire

To serve those who served their country selflessly.

Give us the grace to aid those

Who have given aid and protection to us and others

Both here and overseas.

Let us never forget the causes for which they fought

Or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.

May we always be mindful of those

Who paid the price for our freedom,

Just as Your Son gave His life

To free us from the bondage of sin.

Amen.



**Please  
Join Us**

The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:30 – 7:30 PM**

**MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**



Please plan on participating in St. Bartholomew's Blood Drive the day after Thanksgiving. For an appointment call Tony Sciacca (423-3592).

**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.

✠ **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*

	11/3/13	11/2/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,500.60	\$6,523.65	+\$ 23.05
Children	\$ 175.20	\$ 171.50	-\$ 3.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,675.80</b>	<b>\$6,695.15</b>	<b>+\$ 19.35</b>

**The collection for All Saints Day was \$958.10.**

**The collection in support of our buildings & grounds totaled \$1,180.60.**

### “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 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, 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.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass for the next two Sundays in November. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together during the Mass.



The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

NOVEMBER 9, 2014

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**Saturday, November 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, November 9**

8:30 AM Carl Dietze, Robert & Chester Rodesky +

10:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +

5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco & Epimenio Damian Espinosa +

**Monday, November 10**

**Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

**Tuesday, November 11**

**Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veteran's Day**

9:00 AM Victor D'Angelo +

**Wednesday, November 12**

**Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

7:00 AM Theresa Sarich +

9:00 AM Tatyana Shannon (Living)

**Thursday, November 13**

**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:00 AM Canon Mark Diamond +

9:00 AM Alfred Falcone & Anna Lawrence +

**Friday, November 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Mary, Vincent & Gerard Hickey +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Saturday, November 15**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM John Bryce +

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**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, November 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

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**Sunday, November 16**

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Charles & Stefana Barba +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

## DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the diocese of Rome where the bishop of Rome presides.

The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family.

That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until Pope Gregory XI returned from Avignon in the fourteenth century to find the church and the adjoining papal palace in ruins.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran has a towering façade crowned with fifteen colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and twelve doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, Saint Peter celebrated Mass.

**COMMENT:** Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major, August 5; Sts. Peter and Paul, November 18), this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the pope's parish, the cathedral church of the bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the church.

**QUOTE:** "What was done here, as these walls were rising, is reproduced when we bring together those who believe in Christ. For, by believing they are hewn out, as it were, from mountains and forests, like stones and timber; but by catechizing, baptism and instruction they are, as it were, shaped, squared and planed by the hands of the workers and artisans. Nevertheless, they do not make a house for the Lord until they are fitted together through love" (Saint Augustine, *Sermon 36*).

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

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## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

The word "stewardship" is often invoked in religious circles to encourage members to be supportive of their congregation. That usually includes the contribution of financial support along with a commitment of time to assist in the work or ministry of the community. At its root, stewardship implies the responsible overseeing and protection of something worth caring for. In a congregation, true stewardship is a reciprocal relationship. It is very much like the covenantal relationship between God and His people as described in the Bible. A faithful steward recognizes that what one has is not one's own possession. It is a gift, meant to be treasured, preserved, and used for the benefit of others. In turn, the community responds with care and support in time of need, because it too is a steward of the resources it has been given.

