

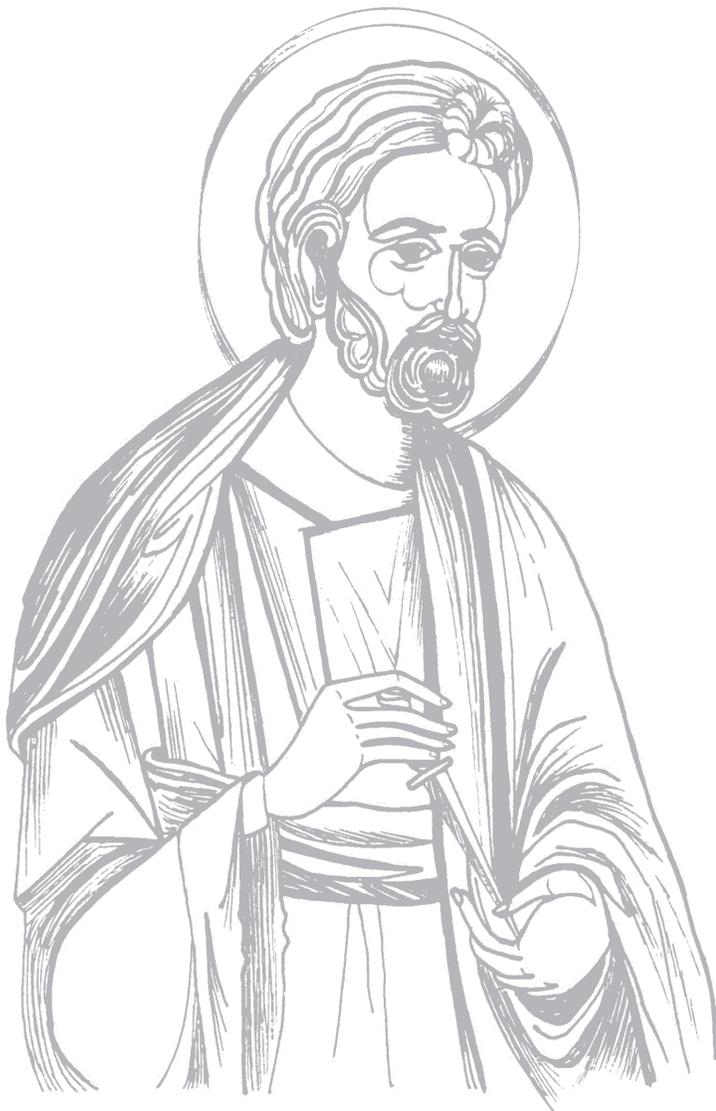
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, *Parochial Vicar*
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.

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

**MARY MAGDALENE
JULY 22ND**

Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.



Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2) - an indication, at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or, possibly, severe illness.

Father W.J. Harrington, O.P., writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life - a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." Father Edward Mally, S.J., writing in the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, agrees that she "is not ... the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with His mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses that might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given.

COMMENT: Mary Magdalene has been smiling at her "mistaken identity" for over twenty centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all, with her, "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.

STORY: Today's Gospel (John 20:1-2, 11-18) shows Mary at first not recognizing the risen Jesus in the garden, then knowing Him as He spoke her name. Her great love bursts forth, echoing the first reading, "I took hold of Him and would not let Him go" (Song 3:4b). Jesus says, "Stop holding on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father" (John 20:17a). The meaning probably is that there is an entirely new relationship now - a much deeper one, resting in faith rather than the former relationship that was possible because of His visible body. Saint John may also be stressing the fact that Jesus' exaltation at the right hand of the Father is the completion of the Resurrection.

At first, the apostles did not believe Mary. Christ's followers, even today, meet disbelief in their witness to the Resurrection.

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

PARISH NEWS



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Maryann Tolli by Victor Serrichio.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Viola Trani. *Rest in Peace*

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◇ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◇ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.



To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still 2 items available, emerald green arborvitae (5) and winter gem boxwoods (3). Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

JULY 17, 2016

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

Sunday, July 17

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Michael & Marianna Di Chiara +

11:30 AM Rose & Gatano Legio & dec. Family Members +

5:00 PM Efren & Arceli Samarita (Living)

Monday, July 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary Fabyonski +

Tuesday, July 19

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Hassan, Sr. +

Wednesday, July 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend James Miara and Family (Living)

9:00 AM Josephine Confalone +

Thursday, July 21

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary Brewus +

Friday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM Dec. Members of Bolduc & Savard Families

9:00 AM Dominick Sinopoli +

Saturday, July 23

Weekday

9:00 AM Justin & Steven Colon (Living)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maryann Tolli +

Sunday, July 24

8:30 AM Lorenzo Marchionno +

10:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

11:30 AM Robert Shannon (Living)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JULY 17, 2016



TAKE A CHANCE

St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle
\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets
Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September Family Breakfast
Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the
collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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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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 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.