

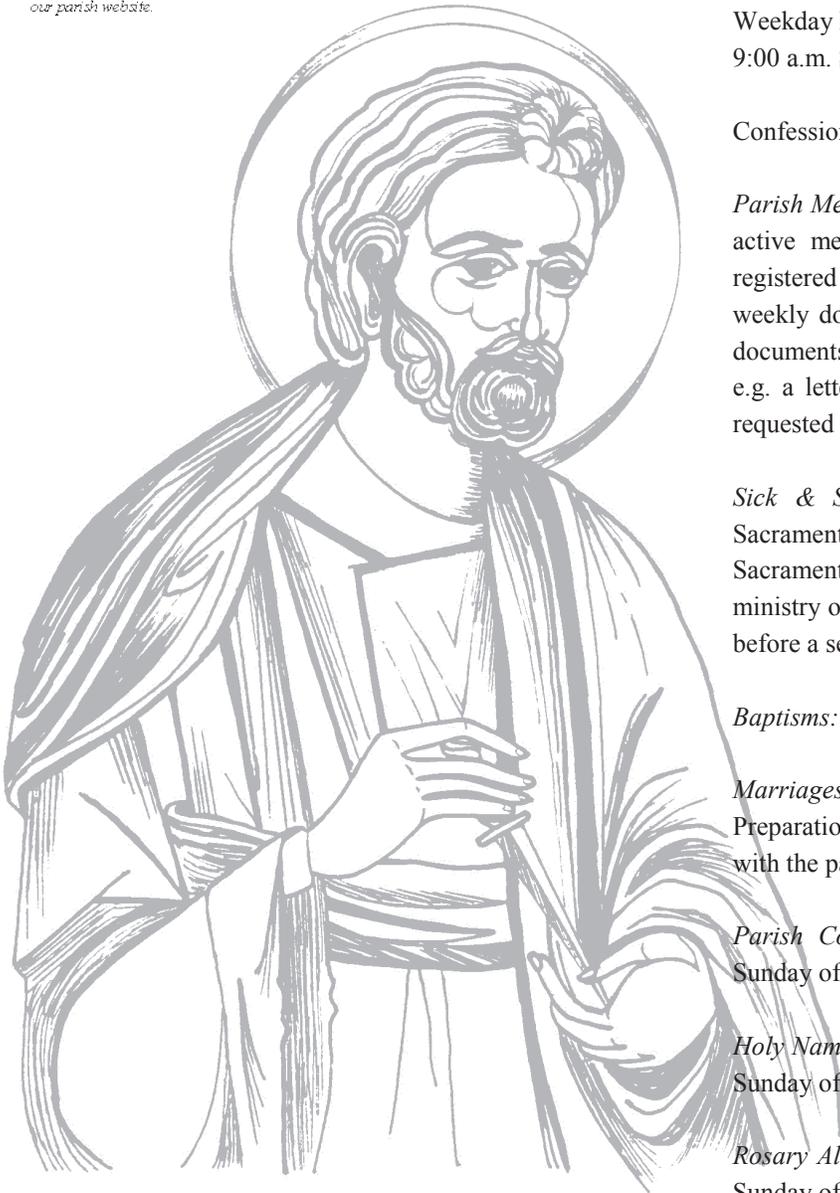
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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. 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. President, Joan Liddell

**Bereavement Ministry:** For information call (914) 965-0566,  
Tina Falcone

**Trustees:** Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**A HIGHER STANDARD**



*"Unless your virtue/righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20). Jesus did not say this to condemn or frighten His listeners. I'm sure He was fully aware that telling them this hard truth might cause them to lose heart and even give up, but He still let them know that lukewarm and halfhearted observation of His call to holiness and righteousness will never suffice.*

There's so much mediocre in our world today, and probably that had always been the case. But we also have exemplary people who rise above all that to shine among us and among their peers. You find them in every walk of life. John Paul II and John XXIII will be canonized on April 27 in Rome. May we never settle for a standard of life (moral or otherwise) lesser than what God is calling us to be. Amen.

**ANNUAL STATE OF THE PARISH REPORT**

We have copies of the report in the bulletin this weekend. It will be posted to our website, too. I hope parishioners do read the report. I always wonder how many people read the Pastor's message in the bulletin every week or even how many read the bulletin itself. Hopefully, our St. Bart's parishioners read the bulletin and will find time to read the annual report. Overall, I thank you for being a member of St. Bart's and for giving of your time, talent and treasure. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and your family and loved ones. Amen. Happy reading! The quiz will come .... it'll be a surprise quiz!

**TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT CHURCH**

Think of an event or ministry here at St. Bart's - one you really value or appreciate. Perhaps it's the parish picnic or the social ministry. Are you thinking of one? Now name all the people who volunteer to make that event or ministry happen. If your own name didn't appear on that list, think about the reasons why (and say 5 Hail Mary's while you're at it).

**MYTH #1: "I'm Not Good At Anything."**

When we think of volunteering at church, we often think of the more visible ministries like singing in the choir or reading at Mass. But there are less visible but just as important ministries such as an Usher or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and there are plenty of people who are really good at being married Catholics who never think to volunteer for some marriage and family programs or even marriage preparation programs. We have a good number of young couples and we will at some point need some older couples to help mentor and encourage them, directly or indirectly. Youth Week is going on and the passion play is also going on. If reality television has taught us anything, it's that *America's Got Talent*. **We shall hold our very own ST. BART'S HAS GOT TALENT!** I invite you to begin thinking of what you are good at and how you can use it to serve God more .... not only here at St. Bart's but at home and everywhere. Take the basket off your light, and let it shine. Remember last Sunday's reading (Matthew 5:13-16)?

We will address the remaining 4 Myths in future bulletins - stay tuned!

Have a Wonderfully, Blessed Week.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



**President's Day:** This Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, is Presidents' Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed and there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. 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.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need, especially for pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits, jelly, cereal, juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. This week they are holding a special **YOUTH WEEK**, which runs from this Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for a detailed schedule of activities. All parishioners are asked first to pray for the success of this undertaking and are invited to join in the fun! **Please note the invitation to a special Potluck dinner celebration next Saturday, which requires a RSVP.**



All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.



**OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM**

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or has not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in

our parish.

**PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES:** Bible Studies is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

# MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

*"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything even the depths of God."*  
The Holy Spirit invites you to take a good look at your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wmearchny.org](http://www.wmearchny.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, February 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.

## THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



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Sharing God's Gifts 2014

The 2014 Appeal is underway! In January Cardinal Dolan sent a letter asking for the support of the faithful. 32 of our parish families and individuals have already responded. Your generosity will help the Cardinal meet projected needs in these areas: support for needy parishes and schools, academic & spiritual formation, works of charity, support of retired priests & religious, and preparation of clergy.

## FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

**Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers  
Admission, including Lunch: \$30

Registration required; Go to [www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org) or call 646 794-3195

**POST-ABORTION HELP:** If you are suffering from the pain of a past abortion, know that there is hope and healing! Retreats are available in the tri-state area for those who have lost a child to abortion. Upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing for Women: March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>. You must preregister for a retreat by contacting the Sisters of Life on 866 575-0075

**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.



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

	2013	2014	Difference
Adults	\$6,058.80	\$5,217.85	-\$ 840.95
Children	\$ 141.30	\$ 114.60	-\$ 26.70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,200.10</b>	<b>\$5,332.45</b>	<b>-\$ 867.65</b>

The Peter's Pence Collection in support of the Holy Father totaled **\$1,468.60.**

## 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!

**"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



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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 Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, 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, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

## REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Mildred Madaras and Mary Ellen Riznychok.  *Rest in Peace*

**February 16, 2014**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

5:00 PM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

**Sunday, February 16**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Charles & Stefana Barba +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Luigi Lucchetti +

**Monday, February 17**

**Weekday - President's Day**

9:00 AM Michael Daly +

**Tuesday, February 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anna Radovanovich +

9:00 AM Jean Hanusik +

**Wednesday, February 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary Esposito +

**Thursday, February 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Mikhail Podolyak +

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

**Friday, February 21**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc Savard Families

9:00 AM Mary Sheeran +

**Saturday, February 22**

**Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 22 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +

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**Sunday, February 23**

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +

5:00 PM Antonio Vitullo +

## **25 WAYS TO BE A HAPPY TEENAGER**

- ◇ Know, love and serve God.
- ◇ Know that you are precious and that God loves you.
- ◇ Set high standards for yourself.
- ◇ Smile and laugh a lot.
- ◇ Love and respect yourself.
- ◇ Walk, talk and dress modestly.
- ◇ Choose your friends carefully and do things in groups.
- ◇ Have fun and enjoy being a teenager.
- ◇ Think positively and concentrate on your good points.
- ◇ Care about people—reach out and help them.
- ◇ Communicate with your family and friends.
- ◇ Listen to adult role models.
- ◇ Pray and go to church.
- ◇ Count your blessings and be grateful.
- ◇ Be choosy about your dates.
- ◇ Be patient—you deserve the best!
- ◇ Save the gift of yourself for marriage.
- ◇ Stay away from bad situations.
- ◇ Avoid temptations—persons, places or things.
- ◇ Stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- ◇ Remember that you are valuable, rare and very precious.
- ◇ Treat yourself that way.
- ◇ Know that God loves you and has a special plan for you.
- ◇ Believe in God and trust Him to guide you.