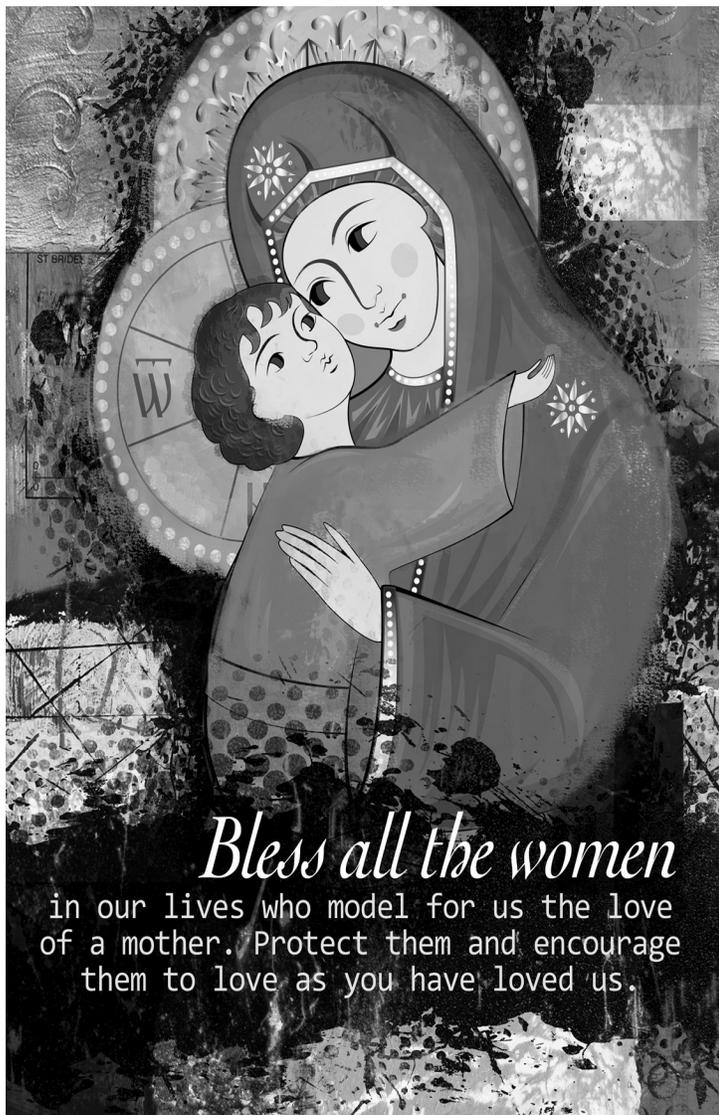


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 Ezech, 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

Community: Conflicts & Resolution

With comforting realism, Acts presents the early church's very human nature. A dispute breaks out among widows about food. In a way that both comforts and challenges us, the Holy Spirit helps the community resolve its difficulties so that deeper unity develops even as healthy diversity flourishes. Crucial insights for today's Church include:

- 1) The resolution keeps people in rather than driving them out
- 2) The diverging perspectives that prompt the dispute proves less important than the common faith that binds the two sides together.
- 3) The Hebrew-speaking majority (Abraham's heirs) does not dismiss the concerns of the Greek-speaking minority ("outsider" Gentiles).
- 4) Indeed, the "disgruntled minority" is invited to surface "indigenous leadership," so that the community's structure is modified and its ministry expanded in creative continuity, enhancing both worship and witness.

Prayer and the ministry of God's word are not neglected, and Christ continues to be ministered to the community's needy members.

Thus the community "incarnates" the insight of the First Letter of Saint Peter: All of us, without exception, are "living stones" with which a unified "spiritual house" is being built (2:5).

Jesus completes the lesson: "Do not let your hearts be troubled.... In my Father's house there are many dwelling places" (John 14:1,2). For the believer, that future begins in the present. Though detoured by unforeseen obstacles and imperiled by inevitable dangers, we are already in the Father's house, the community in which Jesus reveals himself in the world, Eucharist, and one another, diverse yet one in Jesus, "the way and the truth and the life" (14:6).

Drawing on the strength of today's word and Eucharist, how can I offer creativity and understanding as a path towards resolution?

(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

HAPPY, BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY
TO OUR MOTHERS



May the Lord continue to bless and keep you. May He let His face shine upon you. May He fill you with His abundant blessings so that your lives will continue to bear witness to the Risen Christ. And may He bless your families abundantly. Amen.

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP.

PARISH NEWS

Happy
Mothers
Day

May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day!. In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all our Mothers. We also pray for our deceased Mothers, that they may rest in peace.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES** are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia – and Angelina Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco



The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Religious
Education

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. 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. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



Congratulations to those who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Bartholomew's Church by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh last Sunday, May 7th

Richard Pio Balmir
Angelis Rose Calderon
Vannary Elizabeth Lillman
Jaden Louis Lombardi
Amaya Altagracia Mayhew
Justin Mayhew
Sebastian Orozco
Cordelia Rose Pastor
Tyler Jai Gonzales Pelayo
Julssa Rose Pena
John Carlos Perez
Katherine Sinchi
Erik Rodrigo Sinchi
Lesmy Mary Velasquez
Emily Teresa Wong

We thank God for you and ask all our parishioners to pray that the graces they have received from the Sacrament of Confirmation be used for their salvation and the salvation of all.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ANNUAL DINNER MEETING: This Monday, May 15th, the Holy Name Society will receive new members during Holy Mass at 7 p.m. which will be followed by a dinner in the McManus Parish Center. Contact Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 for any additional information.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, You wrap your arms around Your people, and show Your everlasting love in the same way a Mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love You have taught us through the Mothers in our lives: Our own Mothers who brought us into this world, the Mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our Grandmothers who took time for us, and the Mothers who have helped us, even though we were not their children. Bless all Mothers of this world today, may they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every single day of their lives. And grant our deceased Mothers eternal rest in Your Kingdom. Amen.



Today is Mother's Day, a reminder that if you wish to remember your Mother or any Mother, living or deceased, please see the cards and envelopes at the rear of the church and drop them off at the Parish office no later than Monday, May 15th.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

TAG SALE, Saturday, May 20th

Donations are needed for our annual tag sale this Saturday May 20th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. For drop off time, please call 914-476-6676.



MARK INTERNATIONAL CULTURE NIGHT Saturday, THIS DATE June 3rd.

RELAY FOR LIFE Saturday, June 10th.

Join the St. Bart's Angels in the Relay for Life Walk on Saturday, June 10th. More details to follow.

Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office, not later than Thursday, June 1st to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. The Youth Group will meet next Sunday, May 21st.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$7,771.55
Balance +\$ 771.55
*(Envelopes \$6,096.55, Online \$1,675.00)

Amount Needed for Month of May \$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far \$ 7,771.55

The second collection in support of our Building and Grounds totaled \$1,343.10

Next Sunday's Collection is a one time special collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The Basilica is the patronal church of our nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This great American shrine exists today because of the generosity of American Catholics, the prayers of the faithful and the hard work of the artisans and laborers who began building it 100 years ago. 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.paritypay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 14 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente and Theresa Venturino.

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

The Catholic Widows and Widowers Group of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization. They meet on the third Thursday of every month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is this Thursday, May 18th at 1 p.m. New members are welcome.

May 14, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, May 15

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Martha Loscalzo & Dec. Mem. Of Loscalzo Family

Tuesday, May 16

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Dec. Members Of Salerno & Del Bene Families

Wednesday, May 17

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Federico Perruzza +

Thursday, May 18

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

Friday, May 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Sr. Esther Byrne & Sr. Ann Marie McMahan +

Saturday, May 20

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Robert Clemens (Living)

Sunday, May 21

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

11:30 AM Dec. Members of Baumeister Family

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

May 14, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

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OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

Mount Hope Cemetery Association

A Memorial Mass will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery , Saw Mill River Road, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY this Saturday, May 20th at 12:30 p.m. for all of our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Father Matthew Janeczko of Sacred Heart Monastery, Yonkers, New York.

St. Catherine's Academy Summer TACHS prep program

St. Catherine Academy's Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for 7th and 8th grade girls will be taking place July 5th through July 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. HAP will help to strengthen and reinforce English, Math and Reading skills for success in the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). Your daughter will also have the opportunity to experience enrichment courses in Robotics and Art. Please visit our website, www.scahs.org or contact Ms. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at [718-882-2882, ext. 122](tel:718-882-2882) for more information.