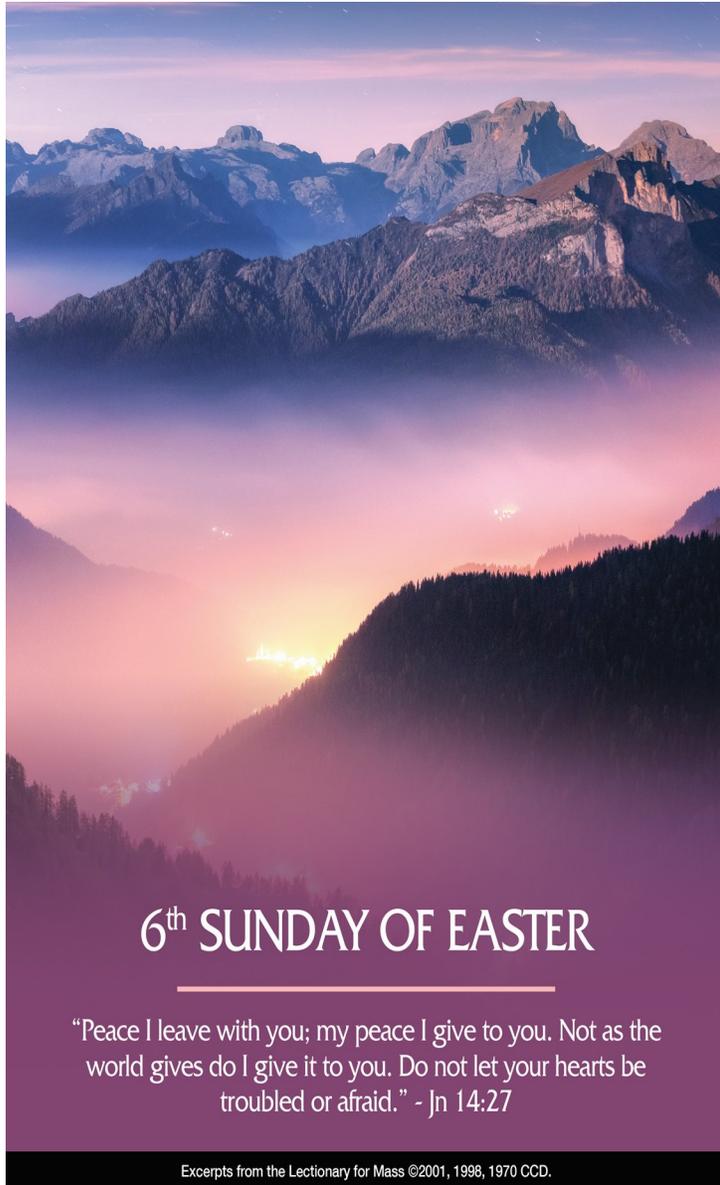


Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

DIVERSITY WITHIN UNITY

The final paragraph of today's first reading consists of a letter from the church leaders in Jerusalem to the newly converted Christians in the non-Jewish regions of Syria and Cilicia. The headline here, of course, is that Gentiles who were baptized did not have to "become Jewish" to be Christian. But as it proceeds to that decision, the letter delivers some very compassionate sentiments to the Christians of Gentile origin. It acknowledges their feelings, recognizing that they're upset. Even though this was caused by the actions of Jewish Christians whom the church leaders did not send in the first place, they express sympathy for the results of those actions. In fact, they decide to choose representatives themselves so this can be avoided in the future. They found a solution for a problem they did not create.

Unity is not the same as uniformity. The leaders of the early church realized that their beliefs were of the most importance, not their practices, even those associated with long-standing traditions. It was possible to have diversity within their unity. We are called to the same ideals today. Though we are unified in our beliefs, which we proclaim each Sunday in the creed, we welcome diversity in our backgrounds, traditions and customs.



Revelation describes the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, in all its glory and splendor. Significantly, a dozen gates lead into the city and the gates face in every different direction. In other words, people can enter the heavenly Jerusalem no matter where they are coming from. One destination, many routes in.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What do I find inspirational in welcoming all people to our parish and community, and what do I find uncomfortable? How can the Holy Spirit affect my reaction?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



This Monday, May 27th, is Memorial Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and there is only one Mass at 9 a.m.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated by the Rosary Altar Society in loving memory of the following deceased veterans: Bonaventure Amato, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Gabriel Nanoia, John Raffa, Sr., John Raffa, Jr., Orlando Romano, Daniel Talone, Jerry Pisacreta, John Laudadio, Robert Liddell, Margaret Liddell, Louis Loscalzo, Harold Smith, Robert Smith, Edward Smith, Daniel De Rosa, Robert Howley, Sr., Richard Frischman, Joseph Frischman, Frances Romano, Carmine Manno, Louis Martelli, Frank Fayden, John Donagher, John Zielinski, Gene DelBene, George Salerno, and James Salerno.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: 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 19th. We thank God for them 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:



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| Johenny Jose Adames | Axel Rodrigo Castro |
| Christopher Robert Chavez | Janet Herrera |
| Jonathan Steve Lopez | Jessica Ann Nicolo |
| Teara Yvette Perez | Bryant Jose Pintado |
| Madison Noelia Reyes | Rey Sean Roman |



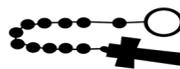
DATE FOR SENIOR GATHERING CHANGED FOR JUNE

The Special Blessing and Gathering for the Seniors normally held the first Thursday, June 6th will take place instead on Tuesday, June 4th after the 9 AM Mass.

Saturday, June 1st, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** is planning their **year end dinner, on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30 PM at Calabria Mia Restaurant** at 2150 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710. The cost is \$30 per person. Please contact Dolly at 914 965-0975 or Liz at 914 403-8844. **Reservations and money are due no later than Friday, May 31st.** All women of the parish are invited.



PARISH EVENTS

June

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND, COMMUNION BREAKFAST AFTER THE 10 A.M. MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY YEAR END DINNER AT 6:30 P.M. AT CALABRIA MIA RESTAURANT

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH, CULTURAL NIGHT

THURSDAY, JUNE 13TH, HEALING MASS WITH ST. ANTHONY BREAD, 7 P.M.



FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH, OUR SECOND "POCKETBOOK" BINGO AT 7 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH, FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10 A.M. MASSES

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND, TAG SALE, 9 AM TO 3 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, THE PARISH PICNIC, 12 NOON TO 5 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH, LIFE LINE SCREENING, CALL TO PRE REGISTER AT 1 888-653-6450.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of juices, canned fruit, and macaroni and cheese. Thank you for your support.



Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's



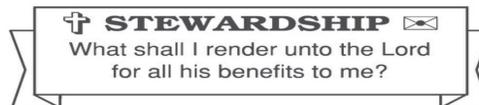
There will be a Mass at St. Bartholomew's for St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2019) on June 9th. The couple(s) will be blessed and honored during the 11:30 Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. **Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you are celebrating this special anniversary, no later than Tuesday, May 28th.**

FATHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH

We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 16th and will end on Monday, June 24th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week.



RELAY FOR LIFE
IS FRIDAY, MAY 31ST AT 6 PM AT GORTON HIGH SCHOOL, 100 SHONNARD PLACE, YONKERS NY, PLEASE SUPPORT ST. BART'S ANGELS BY ATTENDING!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,146.90
Balance	- \$1,853.10
*(Envelopes \$4,456.90, \$690.00 Online)	
Amount Needed for Month of May	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$15,618.10

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue and Douglas Newhard.

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

THANK YOU



A Special Thank You from Quincy Venturino and the Venturino family for all of the prayers and support given to them during Theresa's illness and passing. They appreciated all of the love given to them by Father Raphael and their St. Bart's family.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. **Their next meeting is next Sunday, June 2nd.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

COME, BE AN ALTAR SERVER

If you have made your First Holy Communion and are now in Grades 5 through High School and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676. Training will begin within the next few weeks



May 26, 2019

*Mass for the
Intentions Week*

Saturday, May 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Giovanni & Antonina Cucchiella +

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso +

10:00 AM Linda & Gene Skelly +

11:30 AM Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, May 27

Easter Weekday-Memorial Day

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Capuano & Lucchetti Families

Tuesday, May 28

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angelo De Polito, Jr. +

Wednesday, May 29

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

9:00 AM Robert Mahoney +

7:00 PM Angelo De Polito, Jr. +

Thursday, May 30

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Duda +

9:00 AM Salvatore Darretta +

7:00 PM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

Friday, May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nancy Melillo +

Saturday, June 1

Saint Justin, Martyr

9:00 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +

Saturday, June 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

10:00 AM Yvette & Jason Zevon & Doris Blanco (Living)

11:30 AM James Lynch +

5:00 PM Living Members of the Pezzola Family

May 26, 2019

LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time. And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).**



Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, OP at 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website at www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

STEAM INTO SCA (Saint Catherine Academy: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) is a comprehensive one month summer program, July 1-26th, for rising 7th and 8th grade girls. The program reinforces Math, Reading and English language skills, as well as classes in art, dance, robotics, coding and sports. A great way to spend the summer, make new friends and progress academically, Program fee: \$750, includes daily lunch, course materials and two T shirts. For more information, please contact Tracy Keelin, tkeelin@scahs.org or 718-882-2882, Ext. 122. Additional information is available at www.scahs.org.

A special prayer on Memorial Day

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of Your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in Your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and Your presence as



they stand in the gap for our protection. We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for Your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray Your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives. May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

From Mary Fairchild at about.com