

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

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

*Trustees:* Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



*The Holy Family*

*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.

**HEALING THE FAMILY**



Ever wondered what kinds of pressure families endured during the time of Christ's birth? Some of them we do know, including poverty, political unrest, heavy taxation to support the Emperor, inequality between men and women, and religious problems. But

some of them we really don't know. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, we cannot but think of our families and other families around the globe and the ever-growing threats to families and the institution of family life. As in many cases, everyone probably agrees that things are getting worse, but then differ on what the best solution might be. So, we end up with thousands of programs and solutions proffered by experts around the globe, sometimes for specific peoples or countries.



In different and significant ways, the Church has and is always concerned about the family, which forms the foundation of the Church herself. So, in October of this year, Catholic bishops met in Rome to think of ways to help reposition our families to continue the important roles they have always played in the Church and society. The meeting (Synod) was more of a preparation for the World Meeting of Families coming up in 2015 in Philadelphia.

Here at St. Bart's, we'll be part of this preparation like other parishes. Parishes have been encouraged to participate through some level of discussions, lots of prayers, including Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Hour, etc, all for the Family. You and your family will be part of it all through special family devotions, house blessings, enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our homes, etc.

We are all encouraged to pray for all parents, brothers and sisters, extended family members, those who have died in our families and for our vocation to live a holy life. Parishes are encouraged to pray for married couples, parents and grandparents, children, those who are not married, etc.

At our last Parish Pastoral Council meeting, we requested the newly formed Parish Life Commission to plan two Valentine Day Celebrations for Couples in our parish and for Singles. I really look forward to next year as we work together to strengthen our families and our couples. We'll work extra hard to encourage couples who are not yet married in the Church to re-examine their situations and see what they could do to return to the Sacraments (receiving Christ in the state of grace). We'll continue to look for ways to help parents be wonderful parents that the Lord has called them to be. Every member or segment of our families is more or less under pressure from the young to the elderly, healthy to not-too-healthy, male or female, married or not, divorced, separated or widowed, single or cohabiting, etc. I always believe that this is the core of my ministry, our ministry as a parish.

**With the Holy Family behind us, who can be against us? May the Lord continue to bless our efforts with success. Amen.**

**Have a blessed week!**

~ **Father Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



**NEW YEAR'S DAY  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of God**

Just as we begin all things with prayer, this New Year's Day, every Catholic is encouraged to begin the year by attending Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; which is a holy day of obligation. As a parish family we will honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, and also pray for peace in our world. The times for Masses are as follows:

Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 5 p.m. Vigil Mass  
Thursday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.**

The members of the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.



**OUR MONTHLY FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated **next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**. The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome!

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Vitullo, Romagnoli & Sacchetta families by Anna Marie Vitullo.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** and the **ALTAR CANDLES** are lit this week in loving memory of Eleanor Graeff.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** Even though the first Thursday of January falls on a holiday, New Year's Day, the Sharing Community will be by to pick up our ziti and desserts Thursday morning, January 1<sup>st</sup>. In order to give you options, our **Social Ministry Committee will be accepting ziti and desserts before the Vigil 5 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, or before the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office (914 965-0566).



**The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, New Year's Day, in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.**

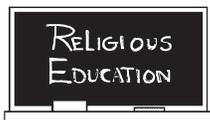
## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Our warmest welcome to our visitors. We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. If you looking for a "church home," please consider our faith community. Speak with any of the hospitality ministers after Mass or call the parish office.

And of course welcome to each and every parishioner. Thank you so much for all you do for St. Bart's all year round. We remember our Sick and Homebound.; you are always in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you healing and peace.

Andy Maniglia has provided CDs with seasonal music to be sold as a fund raiser for St. Bart's. The songs are sung by a variety of people including Stan Buoninfante, Andy himself and his daughter, Bianca. The songs include *All of Me*, *Let It Snow*, *Christmas at St. Bart's*, *A Merry Little Christmas*, and five others. The CDs cost \$10 each, and can be purchased after Sunday Masses or in the Parish Office during the week.



Religious Education classes will resume after the holidays, on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

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

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Bartholomew's who contributed to our Christmas Giving Tree. Four very happy groups, Immaculate Conception's Needy Families, Richmond Hill, Westchester Living Center, and the Central Committee of Veterans Org., benefitted from your generosity and Christmas was brighter for some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. God bless you all!



**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.

The **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. There will be a meeting next Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**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

	12/22/13	12/21/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,373.05	\$5,781.55	-\$ 591.50
Children	\$ 135.30	\$ 92.00	-\$ 43.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,508.35</b>	<b>\$5,873.55</b>	<b>-\$ 634.80</b>

The second collection to defray the cost of snow removal and salting totaled \$1,123.10.

### 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."**

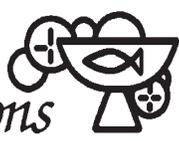
~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, 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 Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, 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 Bruculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, 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, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, and Ariella Castillo.

**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Saturday, December 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Tony & Antoinette Cognatello +

**Sunday, December 28**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

5:00 PM Rafael & Edwin Rivera +

**Monday, December 29**

**Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 AM A Needy Soul

9:00 AM Antoinette Cognatello +

**Tuesday, December 30**

**Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 AM Robert Jadowski +

9:00 AM Eleanor Graeff +

**Wednesday, December 31**

**Seventh Day within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

7:00 AM A Special Intention

9:00 AM Lawrence Rodriguez +

5 PM Vigil Caroline Klee +

**Thursday, January 1**

**Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

8:30 AM Wilma Wilhelm +

10:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

11:30 AM Herculano Ribeiro +

**Friday, January 2**

**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

7:00 AM A Needy Soul

9:00 AM Helen Trinchera +

**Saturday, January 3**

**Christmas Weekday**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

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**Epiphany of the Lord**

**Saturday, January 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Frank Nanoia +

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**Sunday, January 4**

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM Maria de Carmen Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

