

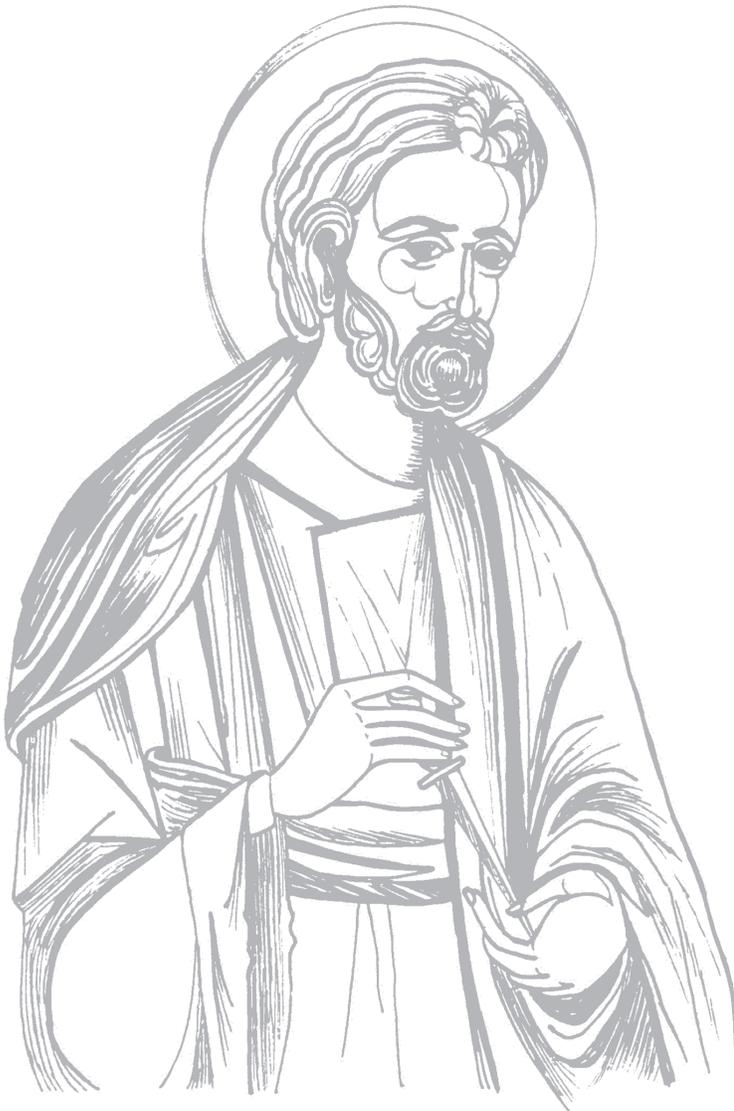
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

THE BIRTH OF MARY

The church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its liturgical year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).



Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium* of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Ann and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They received the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

**COMMENT:** We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

**QUOTE:** "Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse."

(adapted from *Byzantine Daily Worship*).

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

*May the Blessed Mother come into your life today with a special blessing for you. May you always be grateful for the Blessed Mother. Without her we would not have Jesus Our Savior.*

PARISH NEWS



This Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, is Labor Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed. There will only be one Mass that day at 9 a.m.

The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES and SANCTUARY LAMP for the week have been donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Louis & Angela Brusco.



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.

We want to congratulate the following who have just joined our church ministry as Altar Servers; and we thank their families for supporting them in their efforts to serve our parish and community:

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| Eric Sinchi     | Katherine Sinchi |
| Frank Hernandez | Amaya Mayhew     |
| Justin Mayhew   | Eric Valdez      |
| Jenna Wong      |                  |



**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for canned fruit, juices, pasta sauces kidney or black beans, peanut butter, jelly, sugar and rice. The food pantry services our community all year long. Thank you for your continuing support!!



Plants In Honor of Fr. Anthony Bassey

There are still items available, (3) emerald green arborvitae. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. A plaque will be erected in appreciation to all donors.

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

A **Parish Pilgrimage** is planned for the Year of Mercy for Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> to the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Stony Point, New York. The cost for the day is \$75 per person which includes round trip bus transportation from our parking lot, a morning of reflection led by the Salesians of Don Bosco, lunch, a visit to the Holy Doors designated by the Archdiocese for the Year of Mercy, and Gift Shop.



Weather permitting, there are outdoor exhibits which include a 48 foot high Madonna, a replica of Don Bosco House, a Padre Pio shrine, life size Stations of the Cross and the Rosary Way (work of Enrico Arrighini in Italian marble). Reservations can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 and are on a first come basis.

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. **Their next meeting is Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.** All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts\_youth.**



**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.

A special Thank You to all who made the Block Party a fun filled night, those who volunteered and those who participated. A good time was had by all!!



*Please pray for all our young people returning to school. May God grant them success in their studies and a safe school year.*



**MASS OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE CANONIZATION OF SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

St. Patrick's Cathedral,  
10, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.



Saturday, September

RSVP to: <http://>

[SaintTeresaArchNY.eventbrite.com](http://SaintTeresaArchNY.eventbrite.com)

Or e mail questions to: [specialevents@archny.org](mailto:specialevents@archny.org)



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

	8/30/15	8/28/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,466.05	\$5,187.00	- \$279.05
Children	\$ 46.00	\$ 52.00	+\$ 6.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,512.05</b>	<b>\$5,239.00</b>	<b>- \$273.05</b>

**The second collection for next week will be in support of  
Mission Sunday.**

"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.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 8 families that have signed up.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Joseph Fletcher, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry and Florence B. Swetz.

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

**Grandparents Day, September 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Grandparents Day is celebrated by many Americans in September. Promoted by Marian McQuade of West Virginia in the 1970's, a bill was finally signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 designating the Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day. Mrs. McQuade's work with seniors made her particularly attentive to shut-ins and other elderly not fortunate enough to have family members close by. She viewed National Grandparents Day as an opportunity for children to adopt a grandparent and so provide some friendship to those who might now be alone in their later years.



SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

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

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**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, September 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Marion DeMuro +

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**Sunday, September 4**

8:30 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +  
10:00 AM Angelina Brusco +  
11:30 AM George Klobosits +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, September 5**

Weekday - Labor Day

9:00 AM Emily Lavelle +

**Tuesday, September 6**

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Wednesday, September 7**

Weekday

7:00 AM Albert Baumeister +

9:00 AM John DiRodio +

**Thursday, September 8**

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Ponzini Family

9:00 AM Emma Pozzi +

**Friday, September 9**

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Salerno & DelBene Families

**Saturday, September 10**

Weekday

9:00 AM Andrea Henna & Baby Carmela Jo Young +

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**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, September 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Maryann Tolli +

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**Sunday, September 11**

8:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +  
10:00 AM Frances Nanoia +  
11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +  
5:00 PM Fallen Members of the NYPD

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**\*\*\*TAKE A CHANCE .....LAST WEEK\*\*\***

**Bring chances to the Parish Office no later than  
Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Drawing to go off on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the family  
breakfast**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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.