

# St. Bartholomew's

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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread  
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him." *Jn 6:51, 55-56*

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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

**This Is My Body, Given Up For YOU**

This weekend, as we celebrate one of the greatest gifts Christ left us, His Body and Blood, it is my hope that we might strive a little bit more to understand this gift a little bit more, realize the power in it, and become better acquainted with what it could help us accomplish, and how, etc.



I know, to some extent, what this precious gift has accomplished in my own life and how often it has helped me. I can also guess that those who will read this also know the importance and power of this gift. As usual, the majority of those who may need to learn more about this gift and its potency will most probably not read this. But as Jesus said, to the one who has, more will be given, and to the one who has not, even the one he/she already has will be taken away (Matthew 13:12).

However, even those who make extra efforts to understand and enjoy this gift, there's always a lots of room for growth, more so because it is a mystery. I used the following reflection a couple of times for prayer and thought it's a good message to share with you on this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. I hope you find it as fruitful as I did, and still do.

"The Eucharist is one of the most tangible ways God is present in our world today. If confusion or loneliness weighs too heavily on our hearts, if we struggle with meaninglessness, if we long to step off life's frantic treadmill and slow down to ponder the direction of our lives, Jesus invites us, "Come to me." The Eucharist can become our safest refuge where we share with Jesus our vulnerability, our pain, our weakness, and where we bring our concerns for others, our worries for the wounds of the world, hoping to find them transformed into His joy, His love, and His peace.



The Eucharist is God's greatest gift to us – it is where Jesus' heart meets the needs of the world on a daily basis. If we want to fully, faithfully live our Christian vocation, we need to be rooted in the Eucharist.

We center our lives in the Eucharist by giving priority to the Celebration of the Eucharist: attentively listening to the proclaimed Word of God, truly uniting ourselves with Jesus in his offering to the Father, joyfully receiving the loving embrace of Jesus in Communion, and going forth as the body of Christ, renewed in our determination to love and to serve.

Thus, the Sunday Eucharist becomes the center of our week; if we are able to attend daily Mass, it becomes the focal point of our day. Eucharist adoration, or prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, becomes a way to enrich our participation in the Eucharistic Celebration. Adoring Jesus in this way allows us personal time to more deeply immerse ourselves in the Paschal Mystery so that we begin to take on Jesus' own attitudes, way of life, and love for the Father. Eucharistic experience can be a powerfully transforming experience. (From *Bread of Life: Prayer For Eucharistic Adoration*)

**In Appreciation**

This past Wednesday we had an Appreciation Dinner for the many parishioners involved in various ministries here at St. Bart's. We had over 120 in attendance, out of over 200 ministers or more. On behalf of the parish, I

want to once again, thank you for all you do for the parish. Special thanks to Christine Fitzpatrick and all the members of Social Ministry who helped to coordinate the event. This time around the ministers sat down to a nice meal. They all got to be served by others. Thank you so much, and keep up the good work. Blessings on you!

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS!!**

*Fr. Raphael*



**PARISH NEWS**

Happy Father's Day

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH, WE LOVE YOU ALL!!!!**

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year.

We also pray for our deceased Fathers, may they rest in peace.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in the school building at 7 p.m.. All members are encouraged to attend.



**The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated for the living members of the – Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia families.



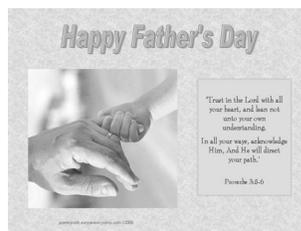
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

**CHILDREN'S MASS**

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sunday's in June. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Children's Choir will sing at the Mass; and all children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**Father's Day is this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**



We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Bart's will be conducting the 87<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 36 years since starting in 1981 **on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6,430 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment** and tell your family and friends too.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



**Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

St. Joseph's Seminary Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

See the flyer in today's bulletin and sign up after the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday.

**Celebration of Fr. Anthony's  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination  
Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**



Come join us for Mass and Pot Luck Dinner celebration. See the sign up sheets at the rear of the church.

**Join us for the showing of the movie  
"Fatima—A Message of Hope" on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> in  
McManus Parish Center at 7 p.m.**

From May through October in 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. These incredible events were witnessed by tens of thousands of people and are considered the most prophetic revelations of the 20th century. On Monday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm we will have a showing of a 52 minute documentary titled "Fatima, A Message of Hope". Join us for an hour and learn the truth of the events and the importance of Mary's message through insightful interviews with Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, and Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR amongst others including family members of the children. This documentary will be shown in the air conditioned McManus Parish Center and will begin promptly at 7pm. It is definitely worth an hour of everyone's time!



**FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Father, we ask that You bless those Fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers, who lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Father, we ask that You bless those fathers, who despite divorce have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.



Father, we ask that You bless those fathers, who as stepfathers, freely chose the obligation of fatherhood and earn their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their hearts.

Father, we ask that You bless those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Father, we ask that You bless those men, who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Father, we ask that You bless those men, who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And Father, we ask that You bless those fathers, who have died, but live on in our memory, and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,643.00
Balance	- \$1,357.00
*(Envelopes \$5,323, Online \$320)	

Amount Needed for Month of June	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$13,659.65

The Second Collection in support of the Black and Indian Missions totaled \$1,078.50

"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!



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., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola and Angela Lutomski.

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

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. They will not be meeting this Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> due to Father's Day.

**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.

**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.

June 18, 2017

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

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
**Saturday, June 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Joanne D'Angelo +

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**Sunday, June 18—Father's Day**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Living Mem. of the Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia fam.

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

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Monday, June 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Tuesday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III +

Wednesday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Carmine and Margaret Maccia +

Thursday, June 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Roberto Capuano +

Friday, June 23

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

Saturday, June 24

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

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**Sunday, June 25**

8:30 AM Margaret Manning +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish.

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

**June 18, 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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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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**10 TOP QUOTES TO SHARE WITH DAD ON FATHER'S DAY**

- It is a wise father that knows his own child. - William Shakespeare
- "When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years." - Mark Twain
- "One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." - George Herbert
- "My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, 'You're tearing up the grass'; 'We're not raising grass,' Dad would reply. 'We're raising boys'." - Harmon Killebrew
- "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." -Jim Valvano
- "I think my mom put it best. She said, 'Little girls soften their daddy's hearts'." - Paul Walker
- "I'm a strong person, I'm a strong family man, I'm a strong husband and a strong father." - David Beckham
- "It's an ongoing joy being a dad." - Liam Neeson
- "My dad's my best mate, and he always will be." - Cher Lloyd
- "I mean, I look at my dad. He was twenty when he started having a family and he was always he coolest dad. He did everything for his kids, and he never made us feel like he was pressured. I know that it must be a great feeling to be a guy like that." - Adam Sandler **IB Times Singapore**