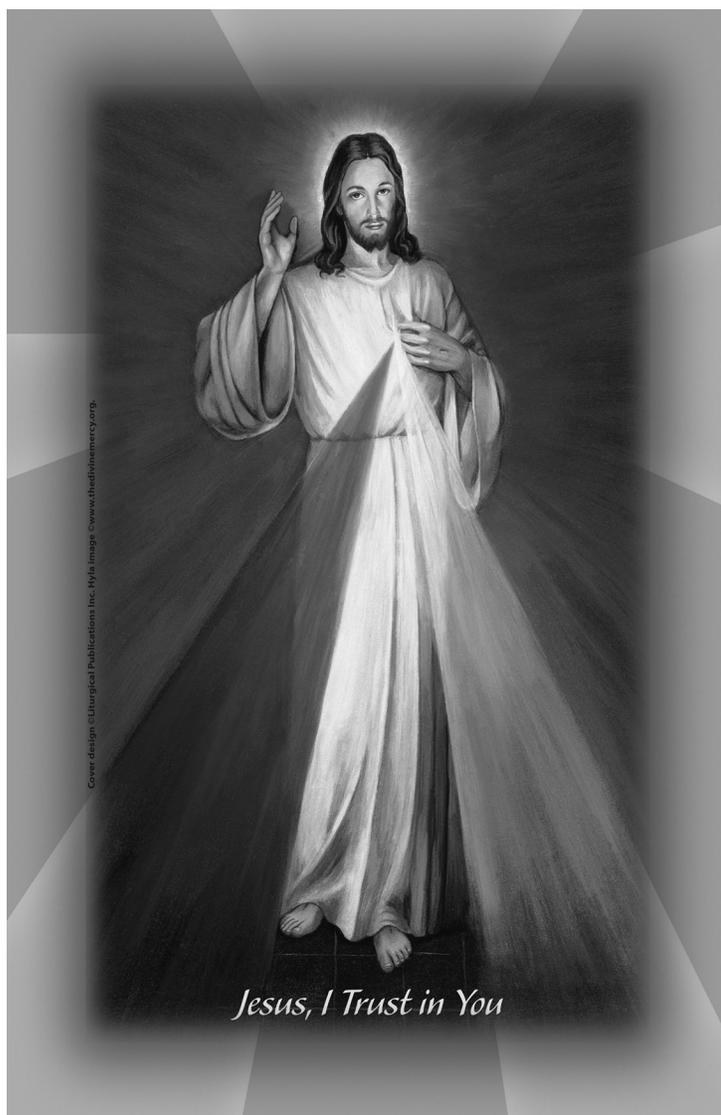


# St. Bartholomew's

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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

## TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, and to ensure that the faithful would observe the day with devotion, he established special graces for participating in prayers and devotions honoring God's Divine Mercy. In his homily at the beatification of Sister Mary Faustina, he reflected on the reading of the Second Sunday of Easter, saying: "The message of the divine mercy is implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes. Christ gave His life for each one, to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is both a celebration of God's merciful love and an example for us to follow. God's love for us is never more evident than when He forgives our sins. Today's Gospel describes Jesus' first appearance to His disciples after His resurrection; when He said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then breathing on them, He said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose you retain are retained." (John 20, 19-23)

What a great gift of His Divine Mercy we receive through our priests, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We have a duty not only to praise this gift of His Divine Mercy, but also to be agents of mercy in the lives of other people by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

## HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday, 1937 Christ appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This chaplet is often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and St. Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet.

- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ Pray the Opening Prayers: "You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us." "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You." (3 times).
- ◆ Pray the Our Father
- ◆ Pray the Hail Mary
- ◆ Say the Apostles Creed
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times on the Hail Mary Beads: "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
- ◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7: On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat Steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sakes of His Sorrowful Passion.")
- ◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (three times)
- ◆ Pray the Closing Prayer: "Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."
- ◆ End with the Sign of the Cross



# PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated in honor of the living members of the Casey and Chimenti families.

The **ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in honor and memory of the living and deceased members of the Petris Mkhize family by Zasembo Mkhize.



**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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



**Next Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30am Mass, 35 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion.** The Mass will be very crowded and will be longer than usual. You may wish to attend a different Mass on this day.

**Congratulations to Jessica Balmir and Rachel Pihota** who were baptized, confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist **and to Charles Hrusovsky** who was received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass. We pray that God blesses them, their families, and sponsors; and we welcome them into our family of faith.

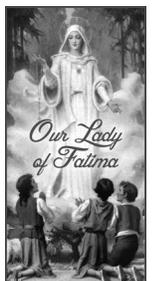


## ROSARY ALTAR EVENTS



The ladies of the Rosary Altar Society need donations for a **Baby Shower for Moms-To-Be from Good Counsel Homes**, on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the McManus Parish Center. They are looking for unwrapped new or gently used baby items. Help us fill the bassinets at the rear of the church. If you would like to join us, please call Liz at 914 403-8844. Donations will be accepted through Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The Rosary Altar Society is hosting a retreat at McManus Parish Center on Saturday, May 13, 2017 celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima.** We will start with Mass on Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. followed by refreshments and a light lunch. Sr. Mary E. McCormick, SC, will be our Spiritual Director for the Day. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP to Liz Mulvaney before May 9<sup>th</sup> at 914 403-8844. All are welcome.



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY



Please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially Monsignor Howard W. Calkins and Monsignor James F. Cox.

PARISH CLUSTER MISSION REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY



ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM PARISH CLUSTER MISSION

The archdiocese of New York will launch an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day. The three day program will be led by Father Kenan, Peters, from the Passionists who specializes in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with Adoration, followed by the mission. Each cluster parish will host one evening :

- St. Bartholomew's will host Monday, May 1st
St. Anthony's will host Tuesday, May 2nd
Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, May 3rd
Come join us!

SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL



Friday, May 12th, Admission is \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676

TAG SALE

Donations are needed for our annual tag sale on Saturday May 20th. We will begin to take donations on Monday May 8th. 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 further information, please call 914-476-6676.



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.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, April 23rd. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,027.40), Balance (- 972.60), \*(Envelopes \$5,577.40, Online \$450.00)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of April (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$21,084.80)

The Holy Thursday collection totaled \$1,436.00

The Good Friday collection in support of the Holy Land totaled \$1,662.00

The Easter collection totaled \$12,966.00

"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 or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 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, 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, 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 and Anthony Guarente.

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study, will not be held this Thursday, April 27th but will resume on Thursday, May 4th.

April 23, 2017

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**Saturday, April 22 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

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**Sunday, April 23**

8:30 AM Deceased members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Living Members of Casey & Chimenti families

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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Monday, April 24

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM Gerard J. Monahan +

Tuesday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:00 AM Ana Pinedo +

9:00 AM Dellen Garvey (Living)

Wednesday, April 26

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Mem. of Petrus Mkhize family

9:00 AM Josephine & Barney Scardino +

Thursday, April 27

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Frank Fayden +

9:00 AM Benjamin Pelliccio +

Friday, April 28

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Margaret Maccia +

9:00 AM Silvia & Carmine Di Marcello, Angela

Rush & Aristede Scipioni +

Saturday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Eleanor Kolnik +

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, April 29 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

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**Sunday, April 30**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank Zito +

5:00 PM Deceased Mem. of the Baumeister family

**April 23, 2017**

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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 the 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration**



*St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017), please call the Parish Office no later than Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.*

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**SPRING PRAYER**

Dear God, Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.



May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring.

Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

**Rev. Mark Bekkedahl**