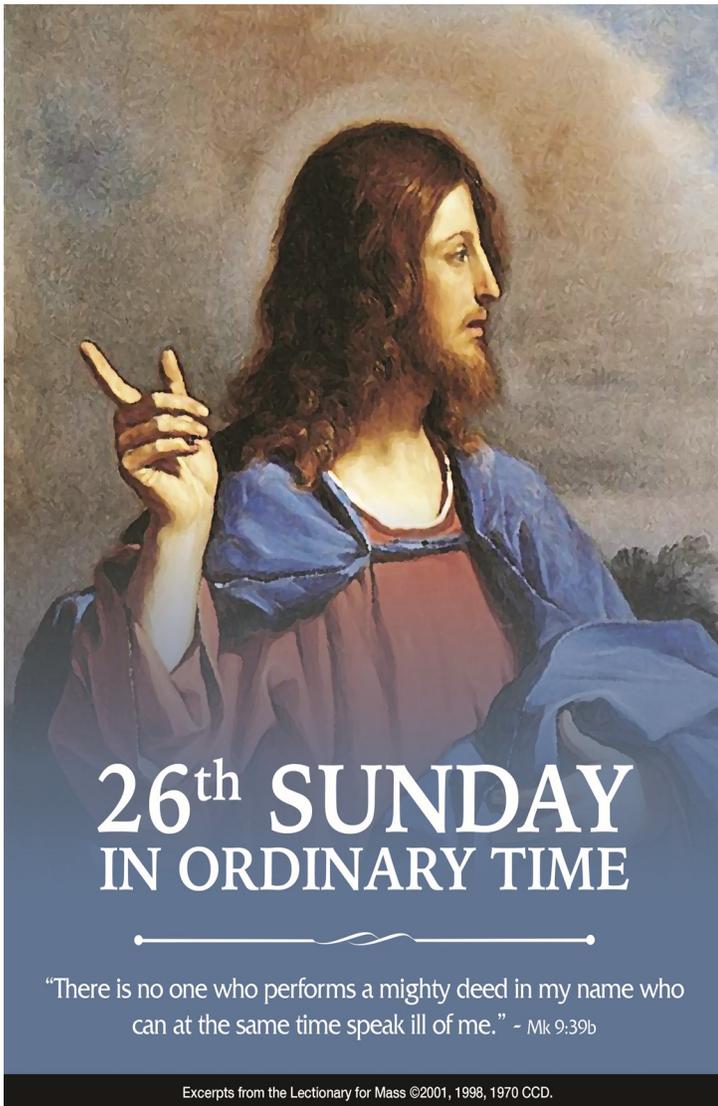


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

USING GOD'S GIFTS



What a vivid image James uses of the hearts of the rich being fattened for slaughter! Normally one thinks of animals being fattened for slaughter—animals that will provide food on our plates. But James is talking about people who foolishly and greedily hoard their wealth. Their hearts are not animated by a desire to share with those in need. In fact, they are impoverishing the very people who do the work to increase their profit. This leaves their hearts as bloated as their wallets. Their wealth will rot away. Their wealth is not eligible for eternal life.

God does not diminish anyone's own gifts when spreading those gifts among a wider population. Did Moses's ability to prophesy weaken after dozens of elders received the same ability? No. Where Jesus' exorcisms less effective because others were doing the same thing in His name? Of course not. God's grace is not a limited resource that can only stretch so far. We cannot put a limit on the gifts God gives.

Moses's wish that ends the first reading—"Would that the Lord might bestow His spirit on them all!" - does not go unfulfilled (Numbers 11:29). The Lord has indeed bestowed the Holy Spirit on us all. In baptism we all received exactly what Moses hoped for. We all have the ability to prophesy—to speak the word of God to those we encounter. From time to time we need to be reminded of that gift—and that duty. We are obligated by the presence of the Holy Spirit within us to preach hope to the hopeless and conversion to those whose hearts are in the wrong place.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I put too much faith in those impermanent things that bring me wealth and comfort? How can I express the Spirit who I received in baptism to others.

**Blessings on your week.**

*Fr. Raphael*

**St. Francis of Assisi— October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Novena to St. Francis**

Glorious Saint Francis, who voluntarily renounced all the comforts and riches of thy home to follow more perfectly the life of poverty and abnegation of Jesus Christ: Obtain for us, we pray, a generous contempt of all things in this world, that we may secure the true and eternal things of heaven. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.



O glorious Saint Francis, who during the whole course of thy life continually wept over the passion of the Redeemer, and labored most zealously for the salvation of souls: Obtain for us, we pray, the grace of weeping continually over those sins by which we have crucified afresh Our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may attain to be of the number of those who shall eternally bless His supreme mercy. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O glorious Saint Francis, who, loving above all things suffering and the Cross, merited to bear in thy body the miraculous stigmata, by which thou becamest a living image of Jesus Christ crucified: Obtain for us, we pray, the grace to bear in our bodies the mortifications of Christ, that we may merit one day to receive the consolations which are infallibly promised to all those who now weep. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PARISH NEWS**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** has been donated for the intentions of the living members of the Pezzola Family by Vivienne Pezzola.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566**



**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**



Join fellow seniors on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Register now for September'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. **First classes began on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.**

Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



*Religious Education*

**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.



**For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.**

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

OCTOBER



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
*This Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a blessing of the animals in the parking lot at 6 p.m.*

OKTOBERFEST

In honor of Steve Hickey, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.  
**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 6 p.m. in McManus Parish Center  
 Great Food and Entertainment

**Reservations required.** Call Joe Chimenti at (914) 423-0975 or Tom Hoffman at (914) 476-7976 or contact the Parish Office.

**The Holy Name Men will be at the Masses over the next few weekends.**

*\$15 for adults \$5 for children  
 \$40 per family (this includes mom, dad and all children under 21).*



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT!!!**

**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**  
 Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>—Power in My Hands  
 McManus Center, 7 p.m.



**MOVIE THURSDAY**  
 Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30 a.m. —12 p.m. McManus Center

 Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The next meeting is next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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. **Their next meeting is Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> for a Halloween party.**

**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.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: **juice, apple sauce, canned fruit, and tuna.** Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,464.15
Balance	- <b>\$2,535.85</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,049.15, Online \$415.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of September	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	<b>\$19,523.85</b>

*The second collection next week will be in support of our building and grounds.*

"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 take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr. and Gina Obalde.

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

**LIFESCREENING AT ST. BART'S**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here on Monday, December 3, 2018 at St Bartholomew's Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

**Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment.**

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM Walter Zigabarra +  
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**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Carl Laredo+  
10:00 AM Nettie Cognatello +  
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Celestino Rodriques +  
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**Monday, October 1**

**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Dina Legio +  
9:00 AM Maria & John Spagnola +

**Tuesday, October 2**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Vivienne Pezzola (Living)

**Wednesday, October 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

**Thursday, October 4**

**Saint Francis of Assisi**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Friday, October 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Paul Hrabsky +

**Saturday, October 6**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Albert Gregorio +

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**Saturday, October 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mayme Higgins +  
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**Sunday, October 7, 2018**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Frank & Mary Fayden+  
10:00 AM Deceased Mem. Of Salerno & Del Bene Families  
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Cosimo Fiorentino +

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**LOCAL EVENTS**

**ANNUAL RED MASS**



Celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New York at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 92 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10608,

on **this Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 6 p.m.**

Lawyers and Members of Law Enforcement and their families are invited to attend. (A Red Mass is a solemn Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Courts and on the endeavors of all members of the legal profession and law enforcement).

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**Regis High School**, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents on **this Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For additional information, please write e-mail or call:

Eric De Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, 212 288-1100, ext. 2057, or edimichele@regis-nyc.org.

**Kennedy Catholic' High Schools' Open Houses** are scheduled for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 1:00p.m.to 4:00p.m. and Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Go to [KennedyCatholic.org/Open-House/](http://KennedyCatholic.org/Open-House/) to pre-register and learn more about one of the top Catholic high schools in all of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties.

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**PRAY THE MASS! WORKSHOP**

Are you looking for ways to make going to Mass a more generating, inspiring, and enriching experience? Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray at Mass because of distractions? Do you wish you could connect Sunday Mass more closely to your life throughout the week? This workshop series will explore the rich spirituality of the Mass and offer practical tips to help attendees get more out of every celebration of Mass.

**Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**: "Finding the Hidden Treasures in Every Mass",  
10am-11:30am, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers

Presenter: Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D, Director and Professor of Liturgy  
at St. Joseph's Seminary

Registration fee: \$10

Registration and more information: [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops)

Contact:[liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914.968-6200, x8177

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High School teens: no matter where you are on your journey come satisfy your restless heart at **CYFM's Girls' Day By Day Agape Retreat, October 12-14, 2018**. Led by teens and for teens; talks, presentations/activities relatable to real life, supported and assisted by adult team and Friars. Great music, food and fun and social breaks: Cost \$125/per person for materials, meals & lodging; full/partial scholarships available. Application & non-refundable \$75.00 deposit must be received by registration deadline Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Find info/application at [cyfm.org](http://cyfm.org) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY (845) 424-3609.