

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

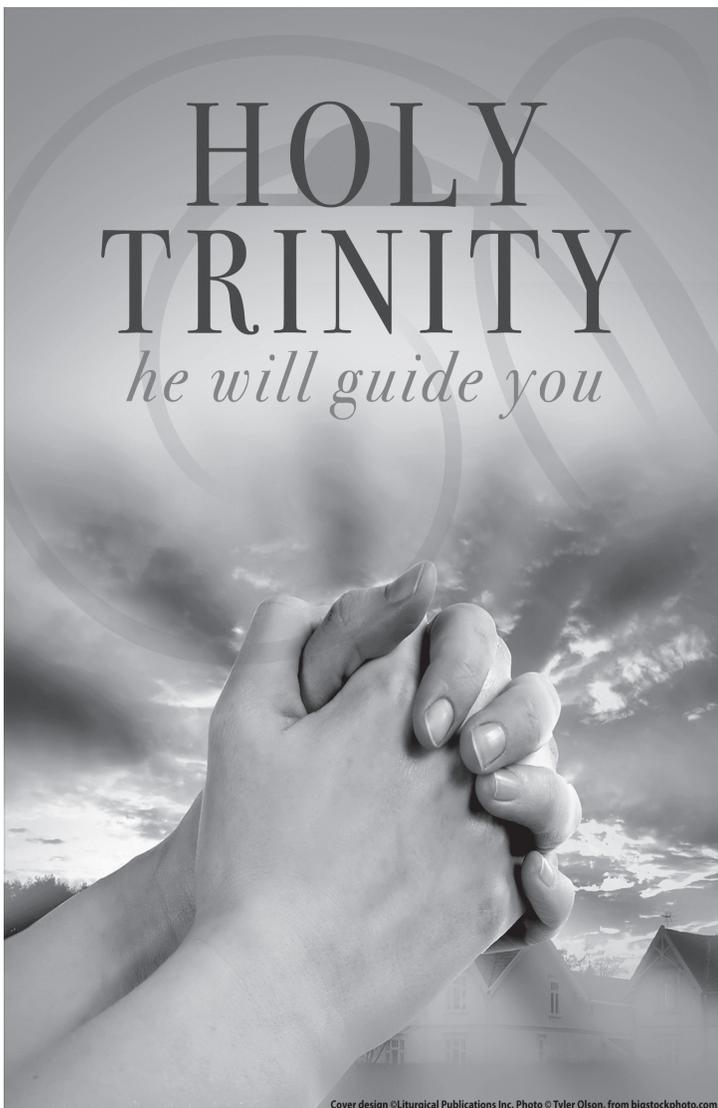
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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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.

OF ORDER, CHAOS AND MYSTERY

*Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God*



That's the lyrics of the beautiful song from Rich Mullins that hit the airwaves some years back. Our God is indeed an awesome God. Our God is an awe inspiring God. Our God is full of mystery. And today, we **celebrate** one of such mysteries: The Holy Trinity.

Notice that the action verb is celebrate! No question or need to explain or figure out, but celebrate!

Well, it sounds simple enough to be taken for granted. However, we should know that it takes faith, active faith, to simply celebrate the Holy Trinity. For many it is a puzzle that needs to be figured out, explained, understood and then believed in. Thus, in the meantime, it is a stumbling block. We can see how this is possible – we are in an age when almost any information is at the tip of our fingertips. Whatever answers we want, we get it, almost. So, having been spoiled, what we cannot explain, we dismiss with a wave of hand and refuse to give any answer.

But for those who believe, for those who still cherish and celebrate mysteries and the mysterious, we celebrate our God, the Holy Trinity, three Persons in One Godhead! From this celebration, we move into the rest of the everyday, simple mysteries of life. Some of them we celebrate – the conception and birth of a new child, the arrays of colors from the late evening sunset, the beauty of the flowers, the miracles of our modern day medicine, etc. Some of them we simply acknowledge and let be – sickness, death, life on the other side, etc.

When we lose sight of, and even dismiss the mysterious, we end up where we are today as a society. We relegate God to the background. We dismiss, change or deny realities we don't understand or agree with. We live in the here and now. It becomes all about what we can see and touch and feel. We become materialistic, and utilitarian. We lose sense of who are and who we are called to be. We lose sense of where we come from and where we are going. In essence, our very anchor is let lose, and like an unanchored ship, we float aimlessly over this ocean of life. And of course, the wind will definitely deal with us, not to talk of the storms. What these didn't finish off, the hurricanes and cyclones will complete.

I inserted in our bulletin what Cardinal Robert Sarah shared with his audience at the 12th annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast this past Tuesday, in Washington. I also inserted a prayer from a 15 year old, titled "Lord's Prayer". Both goes to show how upended our life has become and is still becoming.

Our God (Holy Trinity) is an awesome God. He works in mysterious ways. For instance, the Father is the Creator of all, the Son is the one that saves all, and the Spirit is the one who sanctifies, inspires and directs all. One same God. One same action. Same, yesterday, today, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



Today, let us simply celebrate, believe and live, knowing that there's more to life that meets the eyes. There's more to life than what we feel, taste, smell, touch, and hear. There's more to life than what we can understand and explain. This is what brings order to life. Remove this and we will continue to spiral out of the Divine orbit, individually and collectively. The good news is that each of us can choose to be part of the problem or part of the solution.

My God is an awesome God, alive and active. None (human or spirit) will convince me otherwise, for then I become a ship at the mercy of the elements.

Blessing and Peace upon you!

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and 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.

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 May. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



The Rosary Altar Society is holding their year end dinner at Fogarty's on Tuesday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m.

The cost for the dinner is \$25.00. All ladies of the parish are invited. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Smith at 914 476-5386 or Dolly De Rosa at 914 969-6575.



Bible Study

Please join us every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building.



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.

St. Bartholomew's Special Event

Friday June 3, 2016 7:00 p.m.

**FATIMA'S ANGEL OF PEACE
100TH ANNIVERSARY**

"Urgent Message of Hope for Us Today"

*Understanding, Praying & Living the Message
of Our Lady of Fatima*



Guest Speaker Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR
(EWTN Host & Author of "Fatima for Today")

****First Friday Adoration (9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) precedes the event.**

50th Anniversary Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2016) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 12th. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. after the 5 p.m. Mass in the scholl building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

The Serra Club of Bronx & Westchester

Luncheon May 25, 2016

Eastchester Manor located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road. Guest speaker is Reverend Rees Doughty, Pastor of St.Thomas of Canterbury, Cornwall on Hudson and St. Joseph, New Windsor. The Serra Club is an international organization to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Cost is \$25.00 per person, RSVP by May 23rd to 718 671-8915.

The Higher Achievement Program (HAP)

For Girls entering 7th and 8th Grades

Prepare to take the TACHS (The Archdiocesan Catholic High School) entry exam by enrolling in St. Catharine Academy's 3 week Higher Achievement Program, July 5th to July 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The program is specifically targeted to reinforce English, Math and Reading skills to ensure success on the TACHS. Program fee is \$500 cash or money order payable to St. Catharine Academy (includes course material and metro card). For more information, please call Mrs. Tracy Keelin, Program Director, at 718 882-2882, extension 122 or e mail: tkeelin@scahs.org.



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

	5/1715	5/15/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,436.65	\$5,274.90	+ \$ 838.25
Children	\$ 88.75	\$ 116.10	+ \$ 27.35
Total	\$4,525.40	\$5,391.00	+ \$ 865.60

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 use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 6 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 Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney and Mary De Santis.

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

St. Anthony of Padua Relic



The Franciscan Friars OFM are delighted to say that Friar Paolo Floreeta will bring a first classic relic of our beloved saint, Saint Anthony of Padua, to the United States during the week of his June 13th feast day. The relic will visit two churches in Yonkers on June 15th and June 19th

June 15th
St. Ann's Church
31 College Place
Yonkers, NY 10704
Veneration begins at 11 a.m.
until after the 7:30 p.m. Mass

June 19th
Church of St. Anthony
10 Squire Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703
Veneration begins prior and
after each Mass (8,10&12N)

MAY 22, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week

The Most Holy Trinity

Saturday, May 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

Sunday, May 22

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

11:30 AM Carole Ferarro +

5:00 PM Maria Ezeh +

Monday, May 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Judith & Edward Casey (Living)

9:00 AM Miko Gallego & Siblings (Living)

Tuesday, May 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

9:00 AM Raffaele Falcone +

Wednesday, May 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Renee De Boy Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM Stephen Cody +

Thursday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 AM Billy Deighan, Jr. +

9:00 AM Victoria Shannon (Living)

Friday, May 27

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

Saturday, May 28

Weekday

9:00 AM Caroline Hoffman +

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Saturday, May 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, May 29

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Paul Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +

5:00 PM Bernard Mistal +

MAY 22, 2016

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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Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office on 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 a visitor.
- ◇ 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.

TAKE A CHANCE.....

Parish
Raffle

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:
