

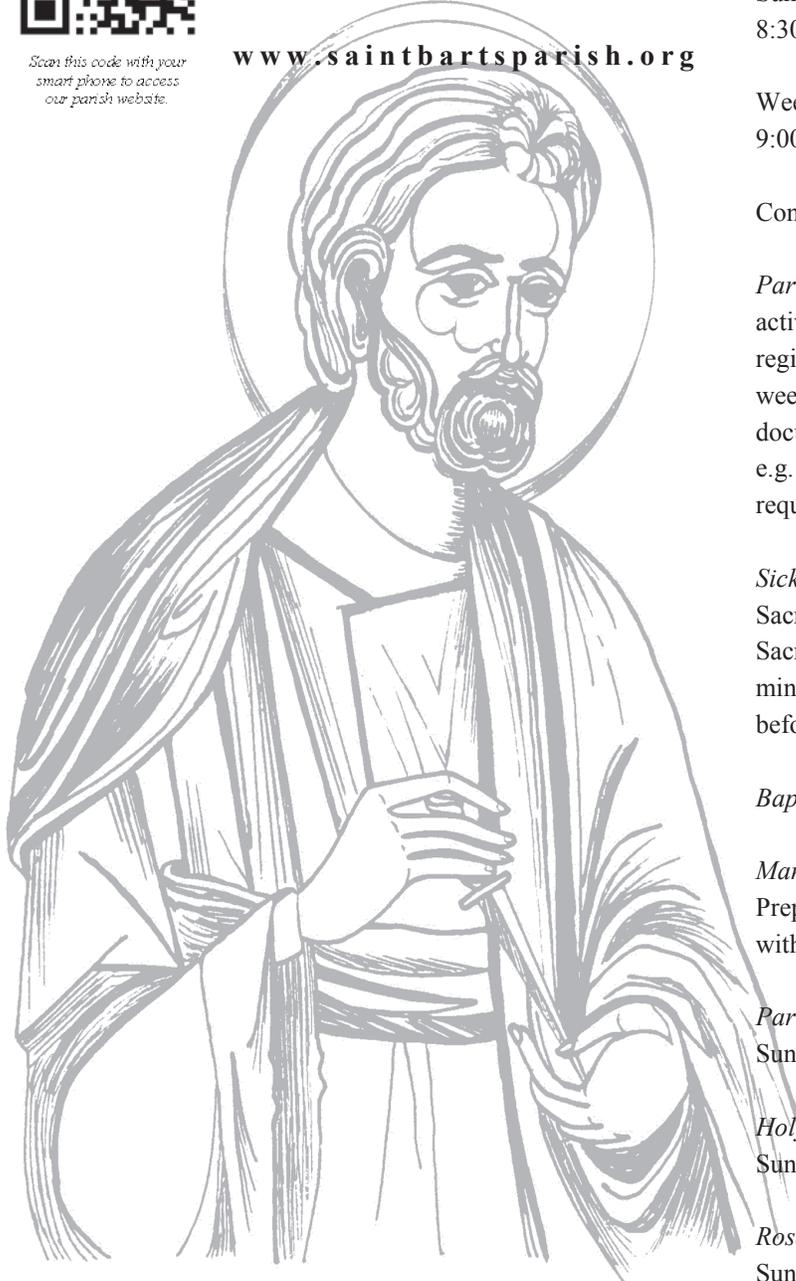
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

**MARIA GORETTI
VIRGIN & MARTYR (1890 - 1902)
July 6th**

PARISH NEWS

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization - 250,000 - symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti.

She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When she made her First Communion not long before her death at age twelve, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite twelve years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, Alessandro, eighteen years old, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help, gasping that she would be killed rather than submit. "No, God does not wish it. It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

She was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good - concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family) and her devout welcoming of the Viaticum. She died about twenty-four hours after the attack.

Her murderer was sentenced to thirty years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria, gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after twenty-seven years, his first act was to go to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her mother (then eighty-two), two sisters and a brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at her canonization, a sixty-six-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

COMMENT: Maria may have had trouble with catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God's will was holiness, decency, respect for one's body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love Him - at any cost. As the virtue of chastity dies the death of a thousand qualifications, she is a breath of sweet fresh air.

QUOTE: "Even if she had not been a martyr, she would still have been a saint, so holy was her everyday life" (Cardinal Salotti).

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

**MONDAY, JULY 13th
1:30 – 7:30 PM**

MCMANUS PARISH CENTER



Please note the new date!! St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 81st **Blood Drive** since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6,063 donations to date. Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.

CHILDREN'S MASS

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in July. 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.



If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year'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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



Thank you to all the parishioners and friends of St. Bartholomew's Parish that so generously supported our 50/50 Raffle. Our Church and the lucky winner, Brigid O'Sullivan, each received \$2391 because of your efforts.

May God smile on your generosity and reward you one hundredfold!!



"For when I am weak, then I am strong." Allow yourself to be vulnerable to your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwme.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

The Archdiocese of New York requests that the following be included in all bulletins annually:

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, at www.reportlineweb.com/adny. Both are available 24 hours a day.

With your help, the Church in Africa can play an active role in the evangelization of the world. African families face many social challenges that undermine the development of a strong practice of Catholic faith and an active participation in society, such as many children living on the street, a rising number of single parents, unstable marriages, and domestic violence.

The projects supported by the Universal Church allows the Church in Africa to give the world many vocations and a vibrant expression of faith. Please give generously to next week's second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

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.

 *Rest in Peace* Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Louis J. Loscalzo, M.D.

Visit our Parish's official Facebook page at St. Bartholomew's Yonkers



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

	6/29/14	6/28/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,189.95	\$4,757.90	-\$ 432.05
Children	\$ 38.20	\$ 43.75	+\$ 5.55
Total	\$5,228.15	\$4,801.65	-\$ 426.50

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn Mesler, and Grace Finnerty.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for dry goods, especially **pasta, rice, pasta sauces, cereal, macaroni & cheese, juices, canned fish/meat, canned fruits & condiments, such as mayonnaise, mustard, and ketchup.** Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



JULY 5, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion DeMuro +

Sunday, July 5

8:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

Monday, July 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Ann O'Malley +

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Tuesday, July 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Lester Spear +

9:00 AM Giovanni & Teresina Brusco +

Wednesday, July 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Roche +

9:00 AM Deborah Vetrano +

Thursday, July 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Friday, July 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Virginia Hanley (living)

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Saturday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

9:00 AM Reverend Michael J. Feeney, OFM +

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion DeMuro +

Sunday, July 12

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM Stan Buoninfante +

JULY 5, 2015

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:

- 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.

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Abortion for many, is a painful secret carried for years. Unresolved, this pain can lead people to feel distant from and misunderstood by the Church. Often it is associated with hidden anxieties, depression, addictions, etc.

Have you suffered an abortion? Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org. For men, call Lumina: 877-586-4621 or e-mail: lumina@postabortionhelp.org.