

St. Bartholomew's

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6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." *Jn 14:26-27a*

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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.

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

Blessings From Conflicts

In today's readings from Acts, Philip, who helped to resolve the food distribution dispute recounted last Sunday, evangelizes in Samaria, a positive, Spirit-guided consequence of the persecution and dispersal that followed Stephen's martyrdom. In other words, far from destroying the young church, persecutions expanded the community both geographically and demographically. In Philip's mission and ministry, Acts illustrates the diversification of ministries as the church expanded.

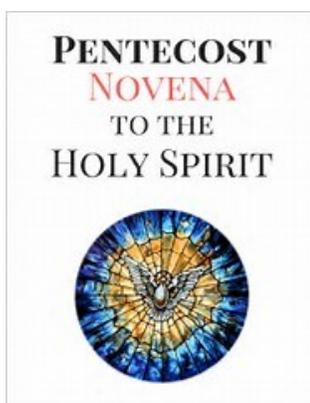
In the follow-up visit to Peter and John, we see the simultaneous determination to maintain the visible bond of communion with the apostolic leadership in Jerusalem. The apostles' laying-on of hands, imparting the gift of the Spirit, evokes our own Bishop's Parish Confirmation visits. Acts last Sunday and today reminds us that neither turmoil within nor attacks from outside should discourage us as we live our out baptismal commitment in the very human community of the Church.

Developing this thought, the First Letter of Saint Peter summarizes the mission (internal and external) of those baptized and confirmed: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in (our) hearts" and "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks (us) for a reason for (our) hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence" (3:15-16). Since the Master himself suffered, and our forebears in faith did as well, we should not be surprised or disheartened to share that aspect of bearing witness.

Indeed, that challenge finds enduring comfort and courage from Jesus' promise in today's Gospel: the gift of the Advocate-Spirit of truth, will abide forever within the community if we keep Jesus' commandments in mutual love and self-sacrificing service.

Remembering my Confirmation anointing and Saint Peter's challenge to be able to explain my Christian hope, how will I seek out a faith-enriching resource and set aside time to study it?
(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

ST. BART'S PENTECOST NOVENA



FRIDAY, MAY 26TH – SATURDAY JUNE 3RD
Be sure to join us, please!

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The Parish Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, May 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

This **Thursday, May 25th**, we celebrate the *Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation*. The Mass schedule is as follows: Wednesday, May 24th, at 7:30 p.m. and Ascension Thursday, May 25th at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. **The Parish Office will be closed for the Holy Day.**



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES** are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by
– Lou and Angela Brusco



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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: It is **NOW the time to Register** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade in September through High School are eligible for these classes. Our classes meet on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the children of working parents. Please contact Cheryl Duda for more information or to register at 914 476-6676.



Congratulations to Kayla Rodriguez who was confirmed by Archbishop Timothy Cardinal Dolan on Sunday, May 14th at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Kayla is a student in our Religious Education program. We would like to congratulate Kayla and her family on this very special day in her life.



Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. **Please call the Parish Office, no later than Thursday, June 1st to register** your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible study is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the school building. These sessions are moderated by Father Raphael. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



International Cultural Night, Saturday, June 3rd.

Please join us for a fun filled evening, beginning at 6 p.m.

Make an ethnic dish, or make a monetary donation if you can. Good Food, Entertainment, A Fashion Show and more.... See the flyer in today's bulletin.

Breakfast to Celebrate with our Communion and Confirmation Children, Sunday, June 4th



after the 10 a.m. Mass. All Parish Families are encouraged to attend!!!

St. Bart's Angels is sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, June 3rd

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please support their efforts as they raise money for Relay for Life.



Relay for Life, Saturday, June 10th.

Join the St. Bart's Angels in the Relay for Life Walk on Saturday, June 10th. More details to follow.

Parish Picnic, Sunday, June 25th

sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Stay tuned for details

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.

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. The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, May 21st.

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

St. Catherine's Academy Summer TACHS prep program

St. Catherine Academy's Higher Achievement Program (HAP) for 7th and 8th grade girls will be taking place July 5th through July 21st from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. HAP will help to strengthen and reinforce English, Math and Reading skills for success in the Test for Admission into Catholic High Schools (TACHS). Your daughter will also have the opportunity to experience enrichment courses in Robotics and Art. Please visit our website, www.scchs.org or contact Ms. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at 718-882-2882, ext. 122 for more information.

JOB POSTING-- SISTERS OF CHARITY OF NEW YORK

- 1. Companion to assist sisters with their needs.
2. Maintenance and Repair Technician

See more information on the bulletin boards as the rear of the church or contact Sharon Dossin, Director of Human Resources, 6301 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471, e mail hrinfo@scny.org.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$5,500.30), Balance (-\$1,499.70), and *(Envelopes \$5,010.30, Online \$490)

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Amount Needed for Month of May (\$28,000.00) and Amount Collected Thus Far (\$13,271.85)

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Half Year Summary (September—February), Amount Budgeted (\$182,000.00), and Amount Collected (\$146,242.00)

The second collection in support of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception totaled \$1,170.75.

There was an error on the calculation of the Easter Collection. The correct total is: \$12,180.

"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 14 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, 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, Anthony Guarente and Theresa Venturino.

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

May 21, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Robert Clemens (Living)

Sunday, May 21

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

11:30 AM Dec. Members of Baumeister Family

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

Monday, May 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

Tuesday, May 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Renee Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM Lois Ann Burton +

Wednesday, May 24

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Lee Thomas, Jr. +

9:00 AM Dr. & Mrs. Edward Casey (Living)

7:30 PM Lucille Sciacca (Living)

Thursday, May 25

The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

9:00 AM Cecile Marra +

12 Noon Eileen Murrin +

7:00 PM Maria and Michael Lewis (Living)

Friday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 AM Lillian Capuano +

9:00 AM Phil Mullaro +

Saturday, May 27

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Anella Aloia +

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito +

Sunday, May 28

8:30 AM Dec. Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

10:00 AM Anthony Esposito +

11:30 AM Lena & Patrick Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

May 21, 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!

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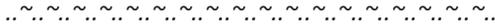
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Telephone: _____

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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