

# St. Bartholomew's

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." *Mt 10:29-31*

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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

**The Cost of Discipleship**

The Gospel passages for today and next week are from the "Mission Sermon," second of the five great sermons in Matthew's Gospel. What we hear today is prefaced earlier in Chapter 10 with "Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus" (10:5). These words are addressed not only to disciples long ago and far away, but to us, right here and now.



Ominous indeed are Jesus' predictions of what the faithful disciples will face. Challenging, his expectations of how courageous we should be! Jesus is straightforward about our obligation to bear witness in a dangerous, cynical world. His warning is matched to the first reading from Jeremiah. Whenever the Gospel issue is cost of discipleship, we hear from that prophet whose life was a testimony to fidelity in the face of rejection and cruelty. Less dramatic, but no less painful, is the experience of anyone who today dares defend Catholic teaching on a wide spectrum of moral or social issue. But our obligation to do so derives from our Baptism, which anoints us to the prophetic office, and from Confirmation, which strengthens us for witnessing by gift of the Holy Spirit. The "Whispers" Jeremiah heard, especially from those he thought were his friends, are familiar to anyone who takes seriously discipleship's call to bear witness.

It is important, then, for us to hear another command that Jesus issues three times in this one passage: Do not be afraid! First, the general counsel: "Fear no one" (Matthew 10:26). Then more specifically: "And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (10:28). Finally, most comfortingly, Jesus invokes an image particularly apt as spring unfolds to early summer: "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (10:31). God's providential love is evident all around us in the world of nature. If that divine love does not fail to take account of trials that befall the humblest sparrow, "sold for a small coin" (10:29), surely it will not fail us, purchased at the price of Christ's precious blood. In fact, if we fear anything, perhaps we ought to be afraid that discipleship has cost most of us very little indeed.



If you were to give a public witness to God's action in your life, what is the worst that could happen to you? Is it anything that God can't or won't handle?

*(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017)*

**Blessings!!!!**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**PARISH NEWS**



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Francis J. Principe,

Reverend Monsignor Louis J. Mazza, and Reverend Robert P. Arce.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.



**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.

On Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the **Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Bart's will be conducting the 87<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 36 years since starting in 1981 **on Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6,430 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment** and tell your family and friends too.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



**ADOPTION**



Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Parish Picnic, This Sunday, June 25th
St. Joseph's Seminary Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society
Please join us for fun, food and games!!

Celebration of Fr. Anthony's
25th Anniversary of Ordination
Saturday, July 8th



Come join us for Mass and Pot Luck Dinner
celebration. See the sign up sheets at the rear of
the church. We need volunteers to help with the
set up and the day of the celebration. Your assistance is
appreciated. Please call the Parish office.

Join us for the showing of the movie
'Fatima—A Message of Hope' on Monday, July 10th in
McManus Parish Center at 7 p.m.



From May through October in 1917, the Virgin
Mary appeared to three shepherd children in
Fatima, Portugal. These incredible events were
witnessed by tens of thousands of people and are
considered the most prophetic revelations of the
20th century. On Monday July 10th at 7pm we
will have a showing of a 52 minute documentary
titled "Fatima, A Message of Hope". Join us for
an hour and learn the truth of the events and the
importance of Mary's message through insightful
interviews with Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, and Father
Benedict Groeschel, CFR amongst others including family
members of the children. This documentary will be shown in the
air conditioned McManus Parish Center and will begin
promptly at 7pm. It is definitely worth an hour of everyone's
time!

LAUGHTER IS ONE OF GOD'S GIFTS TO US

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his
boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the
beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its
mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God!
Help me!"

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-
air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, "I thought you
didn't believe in me?"

"Come on, God, gimme a break!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes
ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

FRANCISCANS VS. JESUITS

A Franciscan and Jesuit were debating which order was the
greatest. Neither could convince the other, so they decided to ask
for a sign from God. Suddenly, there was a bolt of lightning and a
thunderclap, and a note fell down from heaven. It read:

My sons,
Please stop bickering about such trivial matters.
God, O.P.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,019.85), Balance (- \$ 980.15), \*(Envelopes \$5,514.85, Online \$505)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of June (\$28,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$19,679.50)

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!"



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., Gina Obalde, Rosalia
Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola,
Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa
Venturino, Nicholas Arzola and Angela Lutomski.

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

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 Sunday, July 9th due to the 4th of
July weekend.

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.

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.

June 25, 2017

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, June 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Margaret Verderosa +

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**Sunday, June 25**

8:30 AM Margaret Manning +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish.

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

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Monday, June 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Emma Pozzi +

Tuesday, June 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

9:00 AM Joe & Ellen Chimenti (Living)

Wednesday, June 28

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 AM Gloria Cirillo +

9:00 AM George Klobosits +

Thursday, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, III +

Friday, June 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Lillian Capuano +

9:00 AM Teresina & Luigi Pagnotta +

First Saturday, July 1

Weekday

9:00 AM Domenic & Emilia Di Carlo +

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, July 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

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**Sunday, July 2**

8:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +

10:00 AM Clare Yaskovic (Living)

11:30 AM Margaret & Michael Hickey +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

June 25, 2017

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr  
June 28<sup>TH</sup>

The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the second century. He was a student, well trained, no doubt, with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.



As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their "secrets," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

The circumstances and details about his death, like those of his birth and early life in Asia Minor, are not at all clear.

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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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly 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!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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.