

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.

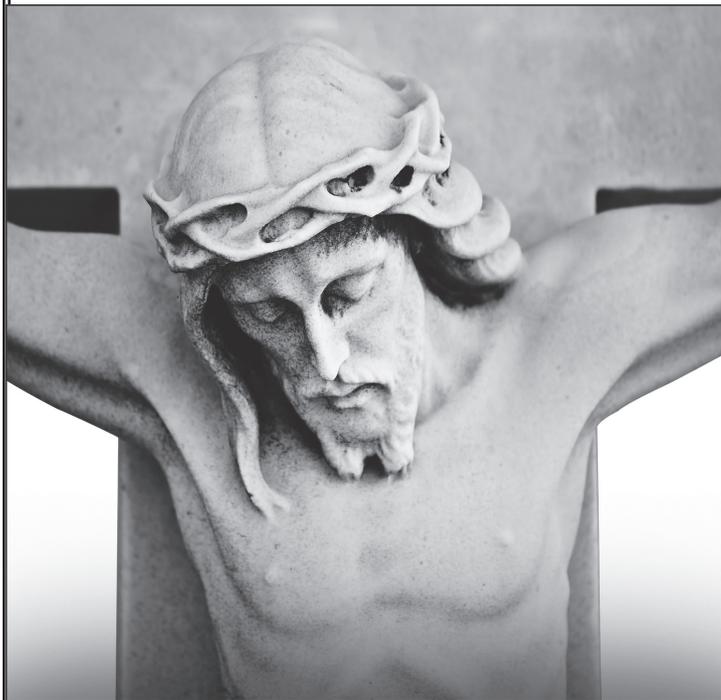
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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. President, Joan Liddell

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



Fourth Sunday
of
LENT



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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.

Pastor's COLUMN

OF SUBSTANCE AND APPEARANCE

Appearance, they say, can be very deceptive. For example, to ordinary eyes, the Body of Christ is just bread and the Blood is just wine. But we, Catholics, look beyond the appearance to the substance (Christ). The substance makes all the difference and matters deeply to us!

We know that very often our society prematurely stops at appearance, the peripherals. Sadly, often we too make the same mistake. In the first reading (1 Sam 16:1-13), Samuel reminds us to always go beyond appearance. He saw the seven sons of Jesse and their outstanding "kingly" physical attributes, but wasn't quite satisfied. When he saw David, through God's grace, he saw beyond his "unkingly" physical attributes.

May Christ, who opened the eyes of the blind man (John 9:1-41), open ours, help us to learn to see beyond all that beclouds the humanity and substance in our brothers and sisters and act accordingly. May we learn to focus more on who we are and who we are becoming, and worry less about how we appear to others. May we worry more about not becoming like graves – beautiful outside, but full of dead bones inside (Matthew 23:27).



IN THANKS & PRAISE - PASTA NIGHT

We sincerely thank the men of the Holy Name Society for the wonderful opportunity they provided us last week Saturday to gather together for a fun family night. We ate and drank. We laughed and danced. We chatted and bonded even more. Such are the times and events that make us who we are. Thanks to all who came out. Thanks to the guys who spent days to make it happen. We look forward to next year's Pasta Party. Blessings.

DONATIONS FOR PASSION PLAY COSTUMES

We are in need of costumes. Elvis Valdez has graciously brought the costumes they used at his former parish for us but many of them are not in good condition. We need \$2,000 to buy costumes and other things we need for the play. The bad news is that we have to spend a lot this first year. The good news is that whatever we buy now will be used for years to come. We need about 50 costumes and they range from \$20 to \$60. Any donation will be highly appreciated.

NEW MINISTRIES

While we continue to work on our new Pastoral Plan, we have three new ministries that are up and running: The Liturgical Art and Environment Committee; Youth Coordinators, and the Evangelization Committee. We will be inaugurating these committees and introducing their members to the parish in the coming weeks, one ministry at a time.



Have A Blessed Week,

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, April 3rd, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. For information, please call the Parish Office.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, April 4th, is First Friday. We will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular Monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, April 5th, 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.



CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, April 15th**, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please come support our own parish priests. To help plan an appropriate size bus, please call the Parish Office ASAP if you plan to attend.**

THE 2015 MASS BOOK HAS OPENED

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will be lit this week in loving memory of William Wassmer.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross is held in the Church at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to participate together. We will also have the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service.

Fourth Sunday of Lent



OUR 2014 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 1 Paschal (Easter) Candle @ \$450
- ◆ 10 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday @ \$60 each
- ◆ 50 *Passion Play* costumes, ranging from \$20 - \$60

Please, note that any of the above items can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be so noted in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: An all day excursion to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to see *Moses* on Friday, August 1st, is planned. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. The outing also includes an *All You Can Eat* buffet. **Seating is limited; reservations are required now.** For information and reservations, call Cheryl Duda (476-6676).

The members of the Rosary Altar Society will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 6th.



OUR FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday, April 6th, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m., at which we will welcome our newest parishioners. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting next Sunday, April 6th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES: Bible Studies is held on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. The next meeting will be held on **Friday, April 11th**.



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.

† STEWARDSHIP ☒
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

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

	3/24/13	3/23/14	Difference
Adults	\$6,201.55	\$5,283.80	-\$ 917.75
Children	\$ 193.75	\$ 103.95	-\$ 89.80
Total	\$6,395.30	\$5,387.75	-\$ 1007.55

PARISH SUPPORT: Next Sunday, April 6th, we will take up a second collection in support of our Parish buildings and grounds. Please endeavor to donate generously.

"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, Jule Yaskovic, 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 Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Gertrude Woska, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Teresa Buoninfante.

Don't Miss ...

THE PASSION PLAY

Performed by some of our very own St. Bart's Parishioners

When: **Palm Sunday**, April 13th, at 2 p.m.
and

Good Friday, April 18th, at the 7:30 p.m. service
More details to follow over the next few weeks!

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

March 30, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary Wenger +

Sunday, March 30

8:30 AM Deceased Members of DiPaolo Family +

10:00 AM Anthony Lalli +

11:30 AM Nicolantonio & Carmela Romagnoli +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

9:00 AM Richard Frischman +

Tuesday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Brendan Munnely +

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

Wednesday, April 2

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

9:00 AM William Wassmer +

Thursday, April 3

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Raymond Shannon, Jr. & Raymond Shannon, Sr. +

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

Friday, April 4

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Msgr. Anthony Dalla Villa & Rev. Anthony Fontanello +

9:00 AM Anne Frischman & Ceil Mahoney +

Saturday, April 5

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Rev. William B. Duggan +

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fontanello & Pagliocca Families

Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM 40th Wedding Anniversary Rich & Ellen Califano

11:30 AM Anthony Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

March 30, 2014

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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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 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.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

**Join fellow seniors for a Mass and
Gathering**

Thursday, April 3rd

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing,
followed by light refreshments and gathering
at the McManus Parish Center.

