

St. Bartholomew's

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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." *Lk 9:61-62*

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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
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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

A Cup of Water/Disciples' Reward

Today's Gospel culminates the missionary discourse from which we heard a passage last week. Matthew wants to make it clear to the followers of Jesus that the cross is central to discipleship. For a community such as Matthew's that had already experienced persecution, this teaching was critically important. Related to this sense of solidarity between disciple and Master was the notion that one honors the presence of the Master in the disciple. This viewpoint was common in the culture of the time, but Matthew gives it theological weight by tying it to the notion of reward for those who honor one of



Christ's disciples. The simplest act of practical kindness, "a cup of cold water" given to a disciple, is cause for a reward (Matthew 10:42).

The first reading from the second Book of Kings prepares us for this idea of a reward for one who honors a disciple. The woman who has prepared a place for Elisha to stay whenever he passes through is rewarded by Elisha's promise of a baby son.

The Christian ideas that Jesus is present in his disciples can also be seen in today's second reading from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul is teaching about Baptism. His use of prepositions is highly suggestive: "baptized into buried with died with living for God in Christ Jesus" (6:3, 4, 8, 11). Paul evokes the experience of Baptism and links it to Jesus' experience of going down into the earth in His tomb, only to rise up out of the earth "in newness of life" (6:4). His point is to emphasize the solidarity that exists between Master and disciples.



Question for the Week:

In reflecting on the sacrifices and rewards of Christian discipleship, what sacrifice do you think God is asking of you today? What reward do you think will make it worthwhile?

(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

In Appreciation:

Many thanks to members of the Holy Name Society for the wonderful parish family picnic they organized for us. Attendance was lower than last year, but that did not dampen the fun and appetite.

And there was enough food and desert to go around. Blessings upon you guys. Keep up the good work.

Blessings!!!!

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Wishing you a happy, safe Fourth of July and a summer filled with good times, good friends, and good health of mind, body and spirit. **The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th.**

There will be a 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Mass on Monday but only one Mass at 9 a.m. on Tuesday.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, July 6th, 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.



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!



Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, July 6th
9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, July 7th, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m.



BLOOD DRIVE



St. Bart's will be conducting the 87th blood drive in the 36 years since starting in 1981 **THIS FRIDAY, July 7th 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!!



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. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



**Celebration of Fr. Anthony's
25th Anniversary of Ordination
THIS 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!



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 next 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.

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.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,717.00
Balance	- \$2,283.00
*(Envelopes \$4,447, Online \$270)	

Amount Needed for Month of June	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$24,396.50

**The second collection next week will be in support of Pastoral
Solidarity for the Church in Africa.**

"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.



Dear Lord, we call our country, "One nation under God" when we pledge allegiance to the flag.
May we always remember that we are subject to You.
Help us always to recall that a nation is great only so long as it worships You as its author.
Remind us that no nation can truly prosper unless it acknowledges its dependence on You.
Give us the grace to remember always that the true sign of strength for any nation or person is how well we treat the weak and helpless among us, and make us truly thankful for all You have given us throughout our history. Amen.

July 2, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

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

Monday, July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Tuesday, July 4

Weekday—Independence Day

9:00 AM Evangeline Yaskovic +

Wednesday, July 5

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Thursday, July 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM For the Young Women of the Parish

First Friday, July 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Bernadetta Triscari +

9:00 AM Giovanni & Teresina Brusco +

Saturday, July 8

Weekday

9:00 AM Peter Objay +

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

Sunday, July 9

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia & Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

July 2, 2017

Saint Thomas the Apostle
July 3rd

Poor Thomas! He made one remark and has been branded as “Doubting Thomas” ever since. But if he doubted, he also believed. He made what is certainly the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament: “My Lord and my God!” (see John 20:24-28) and, in so expressing his faith, gave Christians a prayer that will be said till the end of time. He also occasioned a compliment from Jesus to all later Christians: “Have you come to believe because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29).



Thomas should be equally well known for his courage. Perhaps what he said was impetuous—since he ran, like the rest, at the showdown—but he can scarcely have been insincere when he expressed his willingness to die with Jesus. The occasion was when Jesus proposed to go to Bethany after Lazarus had died. Since Bethany was near Jerusalem, this meant walking into the very midst of his enemies and to almost certain death. Realizing this, Thomas said to the other apostles, “Let us also go to die with him” (John 11:16b).

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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.

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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 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.