

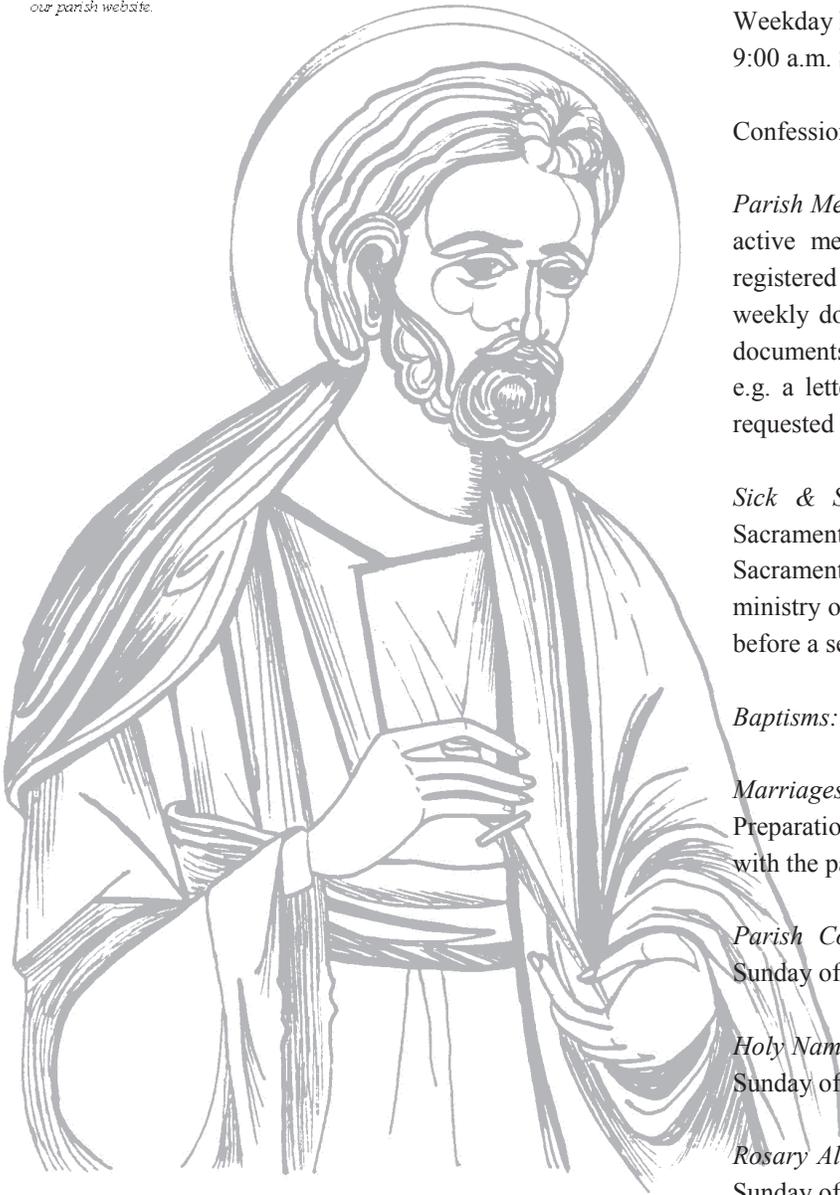
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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. President, Joan Liddell

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

TRUSTING IN GOD

We have been following the news out of the Ukraine where the former president, Viktor Yanukovich, was forced out of office. Immediately after that the authorities opened up his presidential palace, a multi million dollar mansion with an underground tunnel and lavish facilities the poor could only dream of and picture existing in heaven. Yanukovich stole and amassed wealth to the detriment of his people. This is a common story around the world. While this is extreme, it is a symptom of our collective sickness: the desire to secure our future wellbeing. From a religious perspective, it is simply the direct effect of lack of trust in our loving God. If I trust that God will take care of me now, tomorrow and for all eternity, then I won't be cheating and stealing, nor will I be robbing Peter to pay Paul by putting material, emotional, social, and financial security before the only one that indeed matters in my life: God! But no, we worry and fret as though our lives and future depend on us! May the Lord free us from unnecessary worries and anxieties and help us to trust Him more and more each day. Amen.



TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN CHURCH

We continue to address the 5 top myths people give for their lack of participation in their church community activities.

MYTH #3: "I DON'T HAVE TIME."

Saying we don't have time to do something simply means that it's not important to us. And there are lots of people who make time to teach youth faith-formation classes every Tuesday from September through May or even June. Even if there aren't enough hours in the day, there is time to help out at Mass on Sundays as a minister. You're already there for Mass and some of the groups don't even meet in a whole year. There's time to be one of the first familiar faces new parishioners look out for at Mass. St. Bart's is your faith community; make it important to you. Become a minister and give back.

IN APPRECIATION

Indeed I was very happy and impressed with the success of the Youth Week that concluded last Sunday. Each time I attended an event, I counted over 17 Youth members present; and at the Panel Discussion, Adoration & Ministration, and Dinner, I counted between 70-80 parishioners in attendance.

When I mentioned that the Adoration was my favorite event, someone rightly said that comparing any of the activities would be like comparing apple to oranges; that each was beautiful and unique in its own way. I agree. I gained something and I'm sure the Youth and parishioners who attended came out with blessings and hopefully some life lessons.

I don't want to start thanking any individuals because Fr. Daniel and Ellen Chimenti will do so, but let me take this time to once again thank both of them first of all and then EVERYONE who helped them to make it so successful. I thank the Youth members and pray that they continue to grow in number, grace and wisdom. We are proud of each of you.

SWEEPSTAKES

Please lend your help to make this event a successful one. I learned that the profit we'll make is dependent on the number of people we are able to get through the doors. Support the event by bringing as many family members and friends as you can. It is a major fundraiser for the year. Thanks for helping.

Blessings and Peace upon you. Amen. ~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.

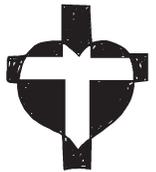
Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. See the flap of today's bulletin for the times ashes will be distributed.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fasting and abstinence**. **FRIDAYS** during Lent are days of **abstinence**.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal in quantity may be taken to maintain strength. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 & 59; others are encouraged to participate to the extent they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits those who are 14 years of age and older from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, March 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. Please keep up the good work! For more information, please call the Rectory Office.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering

Thursday, March 6th



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

HOLY HOUR: This Friday, March 7th, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

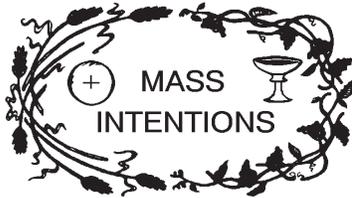


STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Starting this Friday and every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.



SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need, especially for pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits, jelly, cereal, juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!

OPENING OF THE 2015 MASS BOOK



The Mass Book for 2015 will open on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th**. You may come to the Rectory Office immediately following the Masses at 9 a.m. and 12 noon to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

You will have the added opportunity to book Masses on Saturday evening, April 5th, following the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, April 6th, following the 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

**59TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE
McLEAN AVENUE - STARTING AT 1 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND**

The merging of the official Yonkers parade along South Broadway with the McLean Avenue Merchants Association parade, creates one great city wide community event. Before the parade at 11 a.m., a Mass will be celebrated at St. Barnabas Church.

The Annual Dinner Dance & Changing of the Sash will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday March 8th, in the Good Time Room at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, following the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church on South Broadway.

Please join the parade as a marcher or spectator. For information on the March 8th, Dinner Dance, please contact Jean Tickell (914 419-3611) or Brigitte Puma (914 648-8854).

A THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH GROUP



Our Youth Group had a very successful Youth Week and would like to thank our parishioners for their prayerful support, generous donations, and enthusiastic attendance.

The Youth Group looks forward to becoming more active in service to our Parish. Thank you, again - please keep them in your prayers!

SAVE THE DATE: Our Parish Mission will be held Sunday through Thursday, March 23rd to 27th. Please plan on attending!

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

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.



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

	2/24/13	2/23/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,659.70	\$5,578.70	-\$ 81.00
Children	\$ 122.50	\$ 101.25	-\$ 21.25
Total	\$5,782.20	\$5,679.95	-\$ 102.25

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, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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 Petruolo, 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, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, Gertrude Woska, Michael Treacy, and Rosemarie Petti.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Nicola Lalli and James Giacomo. *Rest in Peace*



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated in loving memory of John Brusco by Lou & Angela Brusco.

**CHRISM MASS - TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH
St. Patrick's Cathedral**

We plan to run a bus. Please call the Rectory Office by **Friday, March 15th**, to reserve space on the bus. More information to come!

March 2, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, March 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary Wenger +

Sunday, March 2

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM John Brusco +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Pisacreta Family +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Rosemarie Petti (living) +

9:00 AM Mary Cachoian +

Tuesday, March 4

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

9:00 AM Thomas & Ita Keane +

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano Families

9:00 AM Ralph DeMartino +

12 Noon Raymond Fitzpatrick +

7:30 PM Anna Baumeister +

Thursday, March 6

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Pasquale Alessi +

9:00 AM Sophia Wirth +

Friday, March 7

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Catherine Moore +

9:00 AM Jovita Romero & Sofia Vazquez +

Saturday, March 8

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Alexandra Cancio +

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gina Pompalio +

Sunday, March 9

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM Charles Sullivan +

5:00 PM Julio Blanco +

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LENT IS UPON US



Lent Begins
Ash Wednesday

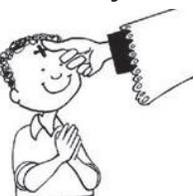
Metanoia is a Greek word for Lent, which connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. Lent is a period where we take a long look at where we are and try to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how

they stack up against the values that our Lord Jesus offers His followers. Subsequently, Lent is a time when we acknowledge our guilt for the sins that led to Christ's passion and death.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This **Wednesday, March 5th**, is **Ash Wednesday** and marks the beginning of Lent. As the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday calls us to the conversion journey that marks the season. The readings assigned to Ash Wednesday highlight this call to conversion.

The first reading from the prophet Joel is a clarion call to return to the Lord "with fasting, and weeping and mourning." On Ash Wednesday the Church invites us to receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin, and discipline ourselves through almsgiving, prayer and fasting.



SYMBOLISM OF ASHES

As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex and difficult to understand. In themselves, ashes have little meaning, but they have their own biblical and historical context in the liturgical practices of today. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). Consequently, when received in the light of God's revealing word, ashes can become a biblical symbol for us, and our desire to turn back to God. When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. We remember that we are creatures of the earth ("Remember that you are dust"). We remember that we are mortal beings ("and to dust you will return"). The reception of the ashes on our foreheads reminds us of the fact that we are God's chosen children on a journey of conversion, hence "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." The ashes remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and the blotch on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others, too.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5th; Mass times are 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m. There will also be a short service with the distribution of ashes at 4 p.m. that day. With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Service.