

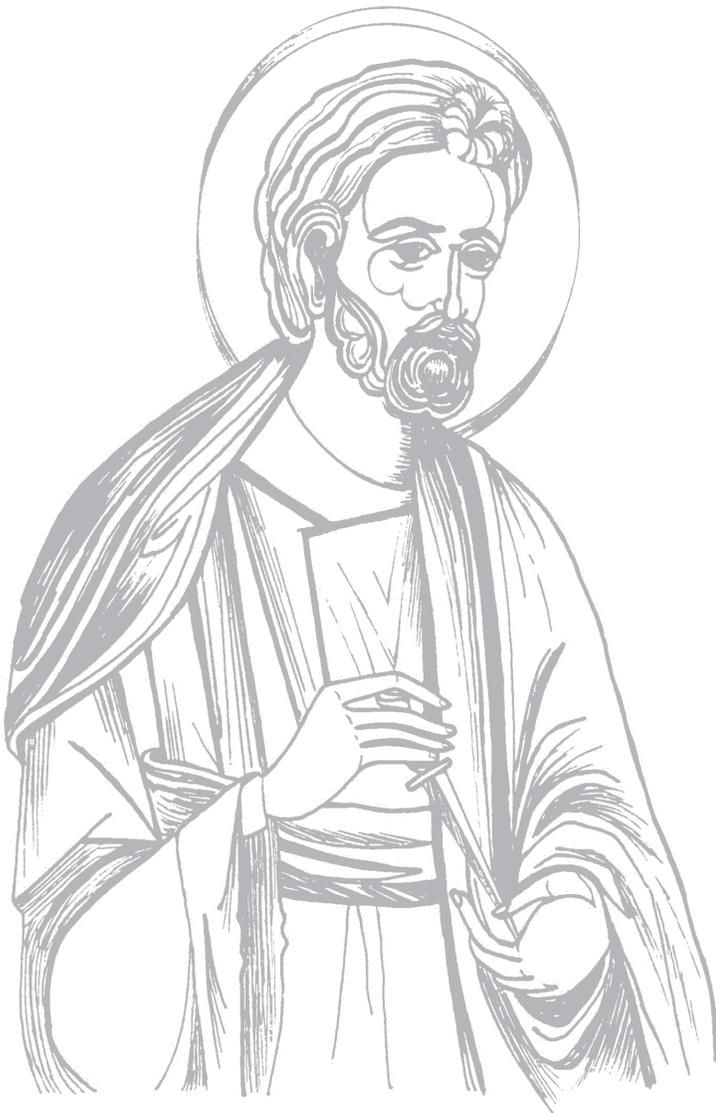
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. 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

**LOVE THY ENEMY**



This week's reflection from Pastoral Patterns is very informative. It gives a few background facts to the Gospel (Matthew 5:38-48). When Jesus asked his followers to "offer no resistance to one who is evil" (5:39), he is not really asking us to surrender to injustice. Rather he offers strategies that are "revolutionary" to break the endless cycle of offense-and-retaliation. This action is really meant to invite the aggressors to self-examination, even conversion.

In Jesus' culture, the left hand was hygienically considered unclean. "Turning the other (left) cheek" was meant to force the enemy to deliver an open-handed slap. Because such violence was permitted only between equals, the victim was portrayed as challenging the enemy with a statement of equality. In this way, the victim removed the intended humiliation that would have come with the slap. In addition, this action would also invite the enemy to reevaluate the whole concept of "status."

Jesus also changed the rules of lending and borrowing money. He instructed that if a creditor won a debtor's tunic or undergarment, the debtor should hand over his outer cloak as well. This would of course result in nudity in the courtroom, which would be a dramatic challenge to the "system's" fundamental injustice. This would thus create an opportunity to revisit such an accepted practice.

In those days, a Roman soldier was allowed to force a civilian in any of the occupied territories to carry his military gear for him. However, there was also a law that limited the distance to one mile. In effect, Jesus was teaching his listeners to carry the gear an "extra mile" thus exposing the soldier to potential disciplinary actions. This also would challenge the very legitimacy of such subjugation.

This shows why Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr, took Jesus' advice to heart. Both saw it not as being submissive but as being subversive, and a catalyst that could lead to a nonviolent transformation of evil.

These concrete examples effectively show that Jesus' command to love our enemies has little to do with "feelings". We have little control over our feelings. On the other hand, we can and should control our will. We may not love those involved, but as Jesus' followers, we must strive to turn the other cheek, hand over our tunic, and go the extra mile when the situation demands that we do so. It is not easy but the One who asks us to do so will give us the grace and strength to do it. Amen.

*(Curled from Pastoral Patterns, Winter 2017).*

**Blessings and peace.**

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh*

**PARISH NEWS**



**President's Day:** This Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, is Presidents' Day, a legal holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting will take place this Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.



**All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:** Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



**OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM**



If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or has not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

**OPENING OF THE 2018 MASS BOOK**

The Mass Book for 2018 will open on Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may come to the Parish 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.



**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!

**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.



## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH MISSION— 2017

*“WALKING BY FAITH—A Spirituality for Living Now”*

March 13—15 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Paul R. Fagan, C.P.—Parish Mission Preacher

For more information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676

See the flyer in today's bulletin

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**MARK THIS DATE**

St. Bart's Angels, Relay for Life Breakfast, next Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> after all the morning Masses. Please support their efforts!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.

**YOUTH WEEK WILL BE THIS WEEK,**  
February 19<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts\_youth.



### LOCAL EVENTS

#### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Annual Card Party  
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Tickets are \$20.00 per person, which includes food, drink and dessert  
For more information, please call Robyne Liberatore at 914 325-6373

#### FAMILY LIFE AND RESPECT LIFE OFFICE

##### The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents

*Serving the Spiritual Needs of Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause— No Matter How Long Ago*

February 25, 2017—one day retreat at St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY  
Or April 1, 2017 at Church of the Magdalene, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Register on line at [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny) or contact Sue Di Sisto at [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or call 646 794-3191  
Cost \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

#### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE OF HUDSON VALLEY

A Peer Ministry to widowed, divorced and separated men and women  
Healing Weekend from March 31 to April 2  
St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY

Open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation.

For information or registration, please call Mary Ann H at 914 962-1112 or Betty at 973 903-3941 or e mail at [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org)

#### HOSPICE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 2017

Group or Individual Available

Hospice of Westchester, White Plains, NY

914 682-1484 (Karen M. Dreher, Ext. 130 or Kim Gordon, Ext. 163)

### STEWARDSHIP

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

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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,170.25*
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-\$2,829.75</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,705.25, Online \$465.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$32,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$12,242.70

**The Collection for Peter's Pence totaled: \$879.00.**

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](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 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, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, 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 and Brittany Arzola.

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

**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.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, February 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

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**Sunday, February 19**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Geraldine Rose Grady +

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Baumeister Family

**Monday, February 20**

**Weekday– Presidents' Day**

9:00 AM Johanna Sokol +

**Tuesday, February 21**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM Robert Bracchitta +

**Wednesday, February 22**

**The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle**

7:00 AM Irene Vigilanti +

9:00 AM Andrew & Jule Yaskovic +

**Thursday, February 23**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Stephen & Catherine Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Joseph Mazzo +

**Friday, February 24**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anthony Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Loni Shost (Living)

**Saturday, February 25**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Eleanore Del Bene +

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**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, February 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +

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**Sunday, February 26**

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

10:00 AM Peter De Mattia +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelo Mastroddi +



## **25 WAYS TO BE A HAPPY TEENAGER**

- ◇ Know, love and serve God.
- ◇ Know that you are precious and that God loves you.
- ◇ Set high standards for yourself.
- ◇ Smile and laugh a lot.
- ◇ Love and respect yourself.
- ◇ Walk, talk and dress modestly.
- ◇ Choose your friends carefully and do things in groups.
- ◇ Have fun and enjoy being a teenager.
- ◇ Think positively and concentrate on your good points.
- ◇ Care about people—reach out and help them.
- ◇ Communicate with your family and friends.
- ◇ Listen to adult role models.
- ◇ Pray and go to church.
- ◇ Count your blessings and be grateful.
- ◇ Be choosy about your dates.
- ◇ Be patient—you deserve the best!
- ◇ Save the gift of yourself for marriage.
- ◇ Stay away from bad situations.
- ◇ Avoid temptations—persons, places or things.
- ◇ Stay away from drugs and alcohol.
- ◇ Remember that you are valuable, rare and very precious.
- ◇ Treat yourself that way.
- ◇ Know that God loves you and has a special plan for you.
- ◇ Believe in God and trust Him to guide you.