

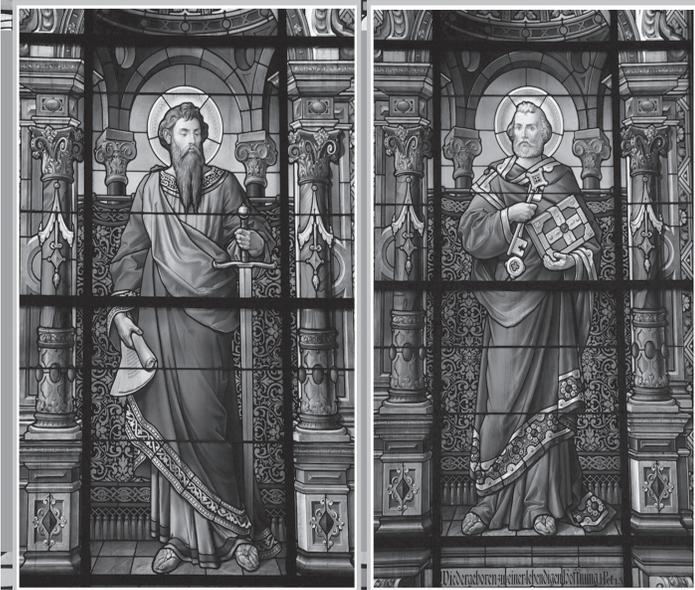
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Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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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

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS. PETER AND PAUL



Today, we celebrate Saint Peter, the "Prince of the Apostles, the first Bishop of Rome, and Saint Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles and all the nations. Both are held in such high esteem that even when this feast day falls on a Sunday it replaces the usual Sunday readings and prayers. Among others, let's two points for reflection. One is that Jesus called each of them to fulfill specific tasks in his salvation plan and they responded in their own unique ways – with all that they are - strengths and weaknesses. Second point is that in the process of carrying out the mission Jesus entrusted to them, they encountered conflicts, internal and external. The book of Galatians recounts some of the strained relationship and contrasted leadership styles of these two great apostles and pillars of the Church. It is encouraging to note that rather than destroy or hinder the work of God, these differences in personality and style actually enhanced and moved it forward in tremendous ways. God seems to thrive in pluralities.

So, as we continue the work of Christ at home, church, work places and schools, and as our personalities and styles clash, let us know that God thrives in pluralities. And we have abundance of pluralities here at St. Bart's. Am sure you home is the same. May the Lord bless the work of our hands as he blessed the work of Peter and Paul, the great apostles. Amen.

IN THANKS & PRAISE

Immense thanks to the men of Holy Name Society for once again organizing a fantastic Family Picnic. I learnt we've been celebrating it since 1982. Many thanks to the person or people who thought up such a great idea and to those who gradually built it up into what it is today. This year's picnic was my first and I thought it was fantastic. Indeed, I don't think any family should miss it. It's fun for the entire family and for us as a parish. It's a great time for parents to spend time with their kids and for everyone to get to meet other parishioners. Simply great and filled with great opportunities. Once again, many thanks the men of Holy Name Society and to everyone that bought tickets and participated in the event. Thanks for supporting the 50/50 raffle, even though you know you had little chances of winning. 2015 may be your year!

Many thanks also to Cheryl and her team for the Tag Sale. Thanks to all who donated stuffs. She told me we had more people come through the doors this year but had little or none of the items that would normally fetch a few extra dollars more. So this year's total income was a lot less than last year. Hopefully, next year will be better. Thanks again to everyone who helped out. Thanks to Tony Martelli who dressed up in clown outfit and helped direct extra traffic to the sales. Blessings upon everyone.

PARISH PROJECTS

Ramp: About three months ago one of our seniors had a bad fall on the steps leading up from the parking lot to the church. We took her to emergency and it took her over two months to recover. Shortly after that, there was a second incident involving another senior. Each time I stand there greeting parishioners, I worry about them going down the steps. Out of love, care and concern for all and to avoid an incident that could cost the parish dearly, one of the Finance Council members, Bill Mascetta, suggested we put a ramp there. He said his company would not charge the parish for labor, if the parish would pay for the materials. The Finance Council evaluated the situation and agreed. Work is not done yet, but we sincerely thank Bill and his family for all they do for us.

School Flooding: On Sunday, June 15th, Cheryl went down to alarm the building and found 1-2 inches of water everywhere on the first floor (school side) and the basement under it. The leak came from a urinal that was faulty. We shut off the main and had to wait till Monday to call in a company to remove the water, clean, dry, and dehumidify the entire area to prevent mold.

In summary, as of now, we think the flooding was due to a combination of product failure and misuse. There will be a \$2,500 deductible for the parish. Again, Bill Mascetta sent his men to begin clean up early on June 16th, before we decided that we needed professionals there to avoid mold problems in the future.

More updates next week.

**WELCOME INTO ST. BART'S FAMILY
RHYZA MARIE TIANO**

Congratulations to your parents, Bryan Tiano and Amber Rochelle Wesley. May the Lord continue to bless you as you grow among us. Amen.



Have a blessed week!

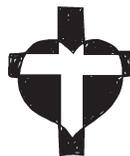
~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Wishing all of you a happy, safe Fourth of July and a summer filled with good times, good friends, good health of spirit, mind and body. On Friday, July 4th, there will only be one Mass at 9 a.m.; and the Rectory Office will be closed.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, July 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.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

**Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering
Thursday, July 3rd**



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

HOLY HOUR: Because of the Independence Day Holiday, we will hold our First Friday Holy Hour from 8 - 9 a.m., followed by the 9 a.m. Mass. On Saturday, July 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.



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ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.



FRIDAY, JULY 11th
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bartholomew's will be conducting its 78th **Blood Drive** in the 33 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5,807 donations to date. Thank you to all who have participated in our past drives.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bartholomew's Parish special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca (423-3592) for an appointment. Also, please encourage your family & friends to participate.

OUR FAMILY MASS: Next Sunday, July 6th, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. 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 Archdiocese of New York takes stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, 877 820-0541, or on the internet, www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Register **now** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.



Religious Education helps to build a strong foundation

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE**, and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Joanne Moscarello by Dolly De Rosa.



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

† **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

	6/23/13	6/22/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,915.65	\$5,155.05	-\$ 760.60
Children	\$ 47.75	\$ 42.85	-\$ 4.90
Total	\$5,963.40	\$5,197.90	-\$ 765.50

There will be a 2nd Collection next Sunday, July 6th, in support of our buildings and grounds.

"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

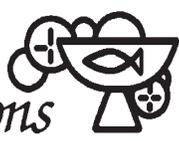


Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, 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 Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, 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, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, and Richard Meyers.

2015 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

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 Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

June 29, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Saturday, June 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, June 29

8:30 AM Anna & Martin Magzag +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Monday, June 30

Weekday

7:00 AM William Duncan Valentine III +

9:00 AM Teresina & Luigi Pagnotta +

Tuesday, July 1

Weekday

7:00 AM Dominic & Emilia DiCarlo +

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

Wednesday, July 2

Weekday

7:00 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Thursday, July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

9:00 AM James Giacomo +

Friday, July 4

Weekday - Independence Day

9:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Saturday, July 5

Weekday

9:00 AM Father Anthony Bassegy's Intentions

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

Sunday, July 6

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

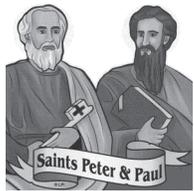
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Mary Ann Karpinski +

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

June 29, 2014

PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
JUNE 29TH



Peter (d.64?) Saint Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: "You are the Messiah" (Mark 8:29b).

It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter's life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets along the Sea of Galilee to become a fisher of men for Jesus.

The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with Him. With James and John, Peter was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life and the agony in Gethsemani. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter alone did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

But the Gospels prove their own veracity by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no PR man. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an obstacle to Me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus's ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. Because of the depth of Peter's sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and Peter goes away to shed bitter tears.

Paul (d. 64?). If Billy Graham suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us to understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the strictest of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.



Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort - even the most scrupulous observance of law - can create a human good that we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from themselves, from sin, from the devil and from death, people must open themselves completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted onto the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.