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Sunday of the Divine Mercy



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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. 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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

Martin I

Pope & Martyr (d. 655)

April 13th

When Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed with in the church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch.

A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Christ had no human will. Twice emperors had officially favored this position, Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith and Constans II by silencing the issue of one or two wills in Christ.

Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy (which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor), Martin held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. Constans II, in response, tried first to turn bishops and people against the pope.

Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Martin and to bring him back to Constantinople. Martin, already in poor health, offered no resistance, returned with the exarch Calliopas and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the torture imposed already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who himself was gravely ill.

Martin died shortly thereafter, tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

COMMENT: The real significance of the word *martyr* comes not from the dying but from the witnessing, which the word means in its derivation. People who are willing to give up everything, their most precious possessions, their very lives, put a supreme *value* on the cause or belief for which they sacrifice. Martyrdom, dying for the faith, is an incidental extreme to which some have had to go to manifest their belief in Christ. A living faith, a life that exemplifies Christ's teaching throughout, and that in spite of difficulties, is required of all Christians. Martin might have temporized; he might have sought means to ease his lot, to make some accommodations with the civil rulers.

QUOTE: The Breviary of the Orthodox church pays tribute to Martin: "Glorious definer of the Orthodox Faith ... sacred chief of divine dogmas, unstained by error ... true reprove of heresy ... foundation of bishops, pillar of the Orthodox faith, teacher of religion ... Thou didst adorn the divine see of Peter, and since from this divine see of Rock, thou didst immovably defend the Church, so now thou art glorified with Him."

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

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING: This Monday, April 13th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia and Karen Maccia McKenna.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will be lit this week in loving memory of Daniel P. DeRosa by Mary DeSantis.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

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.



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. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to pray with the Risen Christ at the Children's Mass for the rest of the Sundays in April. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir and the Folk Group will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with their friends and classmates during the Mass.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION TRIP: *Joseph*

An all day excursion to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see *Joseph* on Friday, July 31st, is planned. The bus leaves from Murray's Skating Rink, Tuckahoe Road, at 9 a.m. Lunch at the famous Miller's Smorgasbord prior to the show included. The cost is \$154 per person. **Seating is limited; reservations are required now.** For information and reservations, call Cheryl Duda (476-6676).

"You will witness Joseph through his life's journey, from his role as the youngest of Jacob's sons, to his trials in the house of Potiphar, and up to his role as Pharaoh's second in command. You will get to see the hard times in Canaan, and how Joseph's gift from God allowed him to forgive and work for the benefit of others."

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR PALM DONORS



Thank you very much for your generosity! The palms for this year's Palm Sunday were donated by the following:

- ◆ Laurie Bartolini in memory of Peter Objay & Carmine Aprea
- ◆ Ed & Martha Cesaitis in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cesaitis & Mr. & Mrs. Simon P. Lovett
- ◆ Mary Ann Cognatello in memory of the Cognatello & Gregorio families
- ◆ Frank & Edith D'Aquila in memory of the O'Leary & D'Aquila families
- ◆ Angelina DeRosa in memory of Daniel DeRosa
- ◆ Janet Madonia in memory of Dennis Madonia
- ◆ Joanne Pragana in memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille & Victor Serricchio, & Christine Bellino
- ◆ Rich & Maria Scardino in memory of the Scardino & D'Arienzo families
- ◆ Quincy & Theresa Venturino in memory of the Venturino & Martucci families

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

This year's Pascal Candle has generously been donated by Joan Manno in loving memory of Carmine Manno & Edna Wighton.



OUR THANKS TO OUR PASSION PLAY DONORS & General Wish List Donors



◆ Mildred Blanco in memory of the Blanco & Vazquez families

- ◆ Lois Brown in memory of Edward Brown
- ◆ Patricia & John Nieman in memory of Eileen Foley

A special thanks to Steven Cooke for finishing up the needs of our wish list with his generous donation in memory of Bertha & Eugene Cooke.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. They will meet next Sunday, April 19th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

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*

	4/6/14	4/5/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,363.10	\$4,657.75	-\$ 705.35
Children	\$ 97.20	\$ 151.05	+\$ 53.85
Total	\$5,460.30	\$4,808.80	-\$ 651.50
Last year's Easter Gifts totaled			\$11,974.95
This Year's Easter Gifts totaled			\$13,452.00

The Holy Thursday collection to aid the poor totaled \$1,387.25.

The Good Friday collection in support of the Holy Land totaled \$1,430.05.

***"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



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, 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 Cianfagione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowitz, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, and Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP.

The **CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS** will hold their next meeting this Thursday, April 16th, at 1 p.m. at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. For more Information, please call (914) 423-5331. **New members are welcome!**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially *Rest in Peace* Gaetano (Tom) Brucculeri.

APRIL 12, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 11 (Anticipated Mass)

8:30 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 12 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti & Capuano Families

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Anthony Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, April 13

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Bassey, MSP (living)

9:00 AM John Bryce +

Tuesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

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

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Wednesday, April 15

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM A Needy Soul

9:00 AM Linda Gasperino +

Thursday, April 16

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Bassey, MSP (living)

9:00 AM Ben Filippone +

Friday, April 17

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Saturday, April 18

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Samuel Orozco (living)

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

Sunday, April 19

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

10:00 AM Michael Lemme +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Ricciardi Family

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

HOW TO PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday 1937, Christ appeared to Saint Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), now known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



The chaplet is most often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and Saint Maria Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet. Here's how:

◆ Make the Sign of the Cross

◆ Pray the Opening Prayers

"You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us."

"O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!" (*three times*)

◆ Pray the Our Father

◆ Pray the Hail Mary

◆ Say the Apostles' Creed

◆ Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."

◆ Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times on the Hail Mary beads

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7

On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion").

◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (*three times*)

◆ Pray the Closing Prayer

"Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen."