

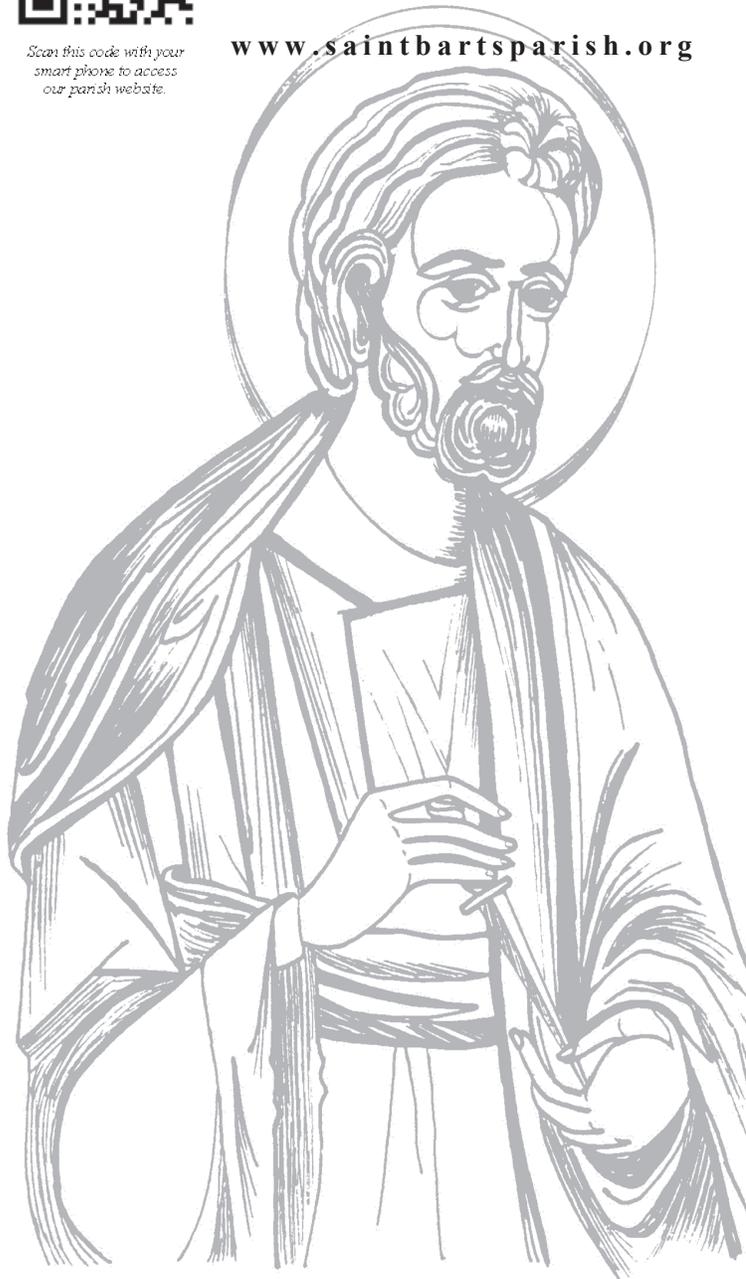
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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*
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

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL:

**THE PARABLE OF THE TALENT
DEVELOPING THE GIFT THAT IS ME**

The greatest gift we have from God is the gift of life. Well, the gift of salvation probably ranks ahead of it. But let's just focus on life for now. Eleanor Powell was quoted as saying that "Life is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." **What we become is our gift to God.** That's unequivocally and eternally important, and inspiring above all. Mostly we don't think of our lives as a gift we offer back to God, not just once, but again and again. Sometimes when I pray over the gifts we bring up to the altar at Mass (bread and wine), I pray that God accepts the gift of ourselves that we bring along, too. So, as we reflect on the parable of the Talents, let us focus on the condition of the life (mine and yours) that we give to God.

Everyone loves beautiful gifts, not necessarily the costliest and well-packaged ones, but definitely the ones that showed the efforts and thoughts put into them. And so does God who definitely delights in us as he did in Jesus. Just as parents often, and mistakenly, try to replace love, care and affection for their kids with material gifts, we sometimes mistake crucial personal, human development with material and career achievements. These constitute just a little portion of who we are and the 'life' that we give back to God.

For example, our society focuses on spectacular talents mostly, which explains the huge success of talent shows like "America's Got Talent." Everyone wants to be like the stars of such shows. Yet, we know that all that glitters is not gold. Some child stars who were catapulted to great heights long ago because of such talents failed to develop the gift of their own selves. They failed to make something of themselves.

Lindsay Lohan is one example of such kids. She is still struggling to reach that vital human development separate from career or talent development. It's never too late. On the other hand, Drew Barrymore, another kid star grew up struggling like Lindsay. Luckily, but more than luck, she put in raw efforts to develop her life and is now doing very well. It takes effort, with failures and successes. It's never too late.

From the religious side we have great saints like St. Augustine who, in a sense, realized that his life was not becoming that much of a gift and decided to make it a worthier gift. With lots of efforts he turned it around. We have Mary Magdalene in the Scriptures who turned her life around and made it a worthier gift.

We too should examine our lives to see if what we're offering to God every Sunday or at every Mass is as worthy as it should be. What can we do to make it worthier or a better gift? Ultimately, as we strive to offer to God a better gift of our lives, the better prepared we are to offer Him a beautiful gift at the end of life. Then we shall receive the greatest gift – eternal life. The Master in the parable of the Talent never kept the gift for himself, he returned it to the servants, along with the interests. So, yes, God will return to us the gift of our lives, with all the interests, and even more added.

"Life is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." Be generous, and you'll have gifts poured into your lap (Luke 6:38).

Have a blessed week!

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting will take place this Monday, November 17th, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.



Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY** is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive through next weekend**. Please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially canned sweet potatoes, canned vegetables or fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, juices, etc.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, desserts or fruit** on the **Sunday and Monday (November 22nd & 23rd)** of

Thanksgiving week. Due to a lack of refrigerator / freezer storage space, we can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our Sharing Table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.



ALTAR FLOWERS for this week have been donated in loving memory of Madeleine Savard by Louise Bolduc.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in Thanksgiving by the Orozco Valdovinos Family.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass for the next two Sundays in November. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together during the Mass.



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Please
Join Us**

The women of the parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society on **Tuesday, December 9th**, for a special **6 p.m. Mass and their Christmas Dinner** at Reno's Restaurant, 33 Lockwood Avenue, Yonkers. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required by Wednesday, December 3rd. Please call Carolyn (914 963-2622) or Mary Anne (914 963-8885 or 629-9299). Payment marked RAS Dinner can be dropped in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office.



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

	11/10/13	11/9/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,288.50	\$5,319.90	+\$ 31.40
Children	\$ 167.00	\$ 174.40	+\$ 7.40
Total	\$5,455.50	\$5,494.30	+\$ 38.80

TAKE A CHANCE TO WIN
100 FIVE DOLLAR NEW YORK STATE LOTTERY
SCRATCH-OFF TICKETS

At the time this bulletin was printed, **138 of the 200 Chances** were already sold. The remaining chances are available after the Sunday Masses or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Try your luck and help our church!



It's never too late! If you know of a school age child who has not prepared for First Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Religious Education Office on 914 476-6676. We have

Religious Education classes for public school children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should be enrolled in a Religious Education program.**

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, November 16th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



SANTA'S BREAKFAST & BOUTIQUE
Saturday, December 6th - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pictures with Santa * Breakfast * Crafts * Holiday Boutique * Bake Sale * **Stop by and support our Youth Group!**

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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

**"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

"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!



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 Cianfaglione, 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, 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, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Daniel Pezzola, Steven Colon, Daniel DeRosa, and Louis Loscalzo.

The **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will meet this Wednesday, November 19th, at 7 p.m. in Room 111 of St. John's Riverside Hospital, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers, for education & support to help cope with cancer. Call (914) 964-4441 for information.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS OF YONKERS will hold their next meeting at **1 p.m.** on **Thursday**, October 20th, in Father Anthony Hall, next to St. Ann's Big Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers. **New Members are welcome.** For more information, please call (914) 423-5331.

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +

Sunday, November 16

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Charles & Stefana Barba +

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Monday, November 17

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 AM Madeleine Savard +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello & Rosaria Barcello Gimmelli +

Tuesday, November 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

9:00 AM Jennie Salerno +

Wednesday, November 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Baumeister +

9:00 AM Charles Sweeney, Gordon & Elizabeth Wyatt +

Thursday, November 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Anthony Bonacci +

9:00 AM Mary F. Maddocks +

Friday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Mary Dunn +

9:00 AM Grace M. Ranellone +

Saturday, November 22

Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM Loreta Pellegrini, Rosa Cedrone, & Maria DeRubeis +

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

Sunday, November 23

8:30 AM Anthony D'Addario +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

5:00 PM Aureo Pinto, Sr. +

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. Please give to the CCHD Collection next weekend.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

St. Bart's will be conducting its 79th Blood Drive in the 33 years since starting in 1981. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 5885 donations to date; and received a Silver Award for collecting 245 units in 2013. 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. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca on 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends, too.

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ADVENT MORNING REFLECTION
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

On **Saturday, November 29th**, Detective Steven McDonald of the NYPD who was left a quadriplegic on a ventilator after being shot in July 1986, will share his story of forgiveness.



Our Advent Morning Reflection begins with the 9 a.m. Mass, followed by refreshments and the inspirational talk of how Steven's deep faith led him to forgive the 15 year old who shot him. **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING.**

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ST. BART'S TURKEY TROT
ROCK & ROLL DANCE CONCERT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 8 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER
TICKETS \$10 PER PERSON



Food, Wine & Beer Available at Nominal Prices

For information & reservations call Frank Sullo (914 513-1872) or the Parish Office (914 965-0566).