

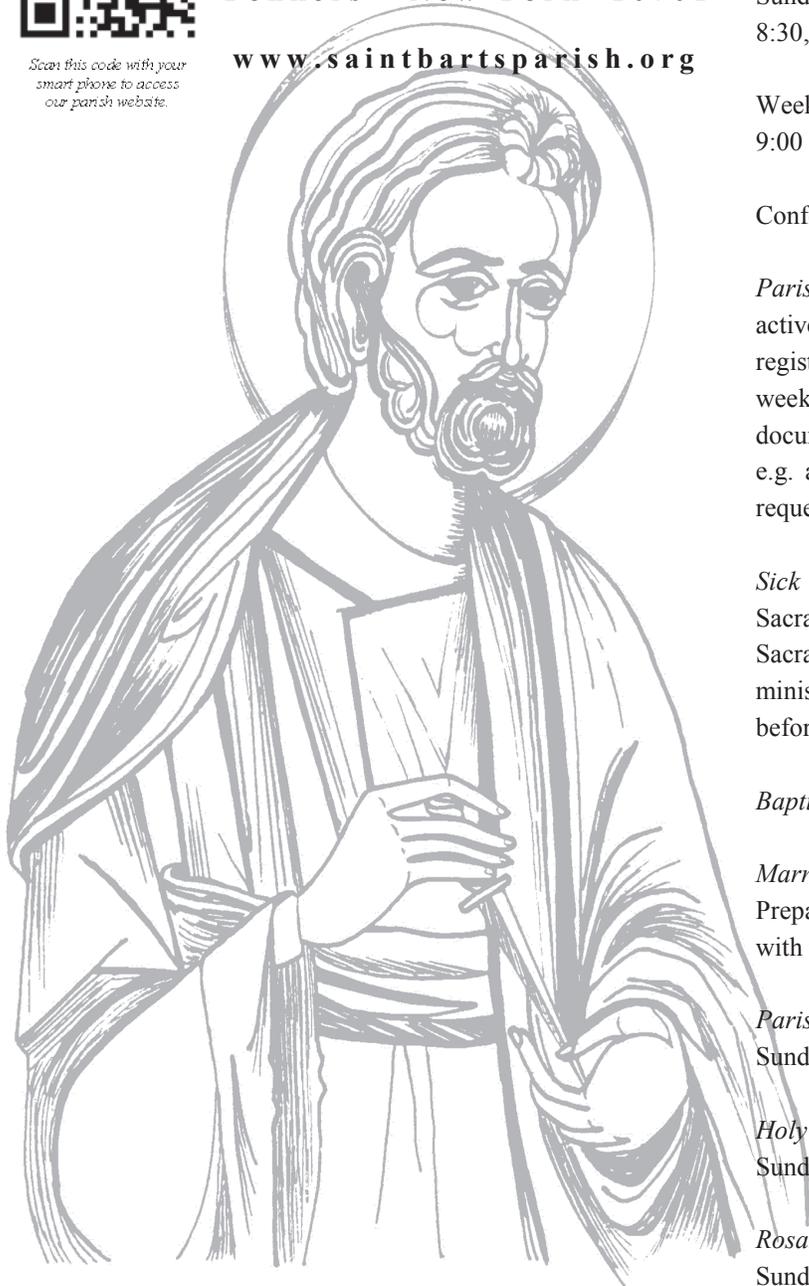
# St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. 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

## IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PRIEST (1491 ~ 1556) JULY 31



The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, he whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat (near Barcelona).

He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything - prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that he began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. He spent the next eleven years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, he fell victim twice to the suspicions of the time, and was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of forty-three, he and six others (one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier) vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity - the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *ad maiorem Dei gloriam* - "for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

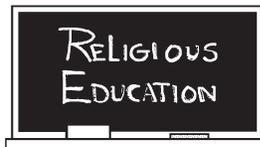
**COMMENT:** Luther nailed his theses to the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. Seventeen years later, Ignatius founded the Society that was to play so prominent a part in the Counter-Reformation. He was an implacable foe of Protestantism. Yet the seeds of ecumenism may be found in his words: "Great care must be taken to show forth orthodox truth in such a way that if any heretics happen to be present they may have an example of charity and Christian moderation. No hard words should be used nor any sort of contempt for their errors be shown." One of the greatest twentieth-century ecumenists was Cardinal Bea, a Jesuit.

**QUOTE:** Ignatius recommended this prayer to penitents: "Receive, Lord, all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. You have given me all that I have, all that I am, and I surrender all to Your divine will, that You dispose of me. Give me only Your love and Your grace. With this I am rich enough, and I have no more to ask."

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

## PARISH NEWS

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Register **now** for the coming 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 (914 476-6676) for information.

**OUR FAMILY MASS:** Next Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate our Family Mass at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated this week in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Louis and Angela Brusco.



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR** will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

### 2016 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2016 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.



*As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all.*

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



We welcome **Sister Barbara Bartlett** of the **Society of the Holy Child Jesus** to our parish community. Her Society was founded in 1846 in England. Today they have convents in England, Ireland, France, Italy, 13 of our States, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Nigeria & Chad. The Sisters are involved in education at all levels, parish ministries, adult formation programs, clinics, legal services for immigrants and asylum seekers, and counseling.

We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by supporting the Propagation of the Faith, through prayer and financial aid. Please, let us be generous in supporting this worthy cause of the Church's mission.



*Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received ...* Worldwide Marriage Encounter can help you strengthen your sacrament of Matrimony or Holy Orders. For more information, call toll free (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.



St. Bartholomew's is again hosting a Block Party to celebrate the feast day of our Patron Saint. Date is **Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Thank you to the 77 donors who came to our Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive and also to the 9 high school students and 7 parishioners who volunteered to help. If you were unable to participate that day, you can still do so at your convenience by calling the Hudson Valley Blood Service (800 933-2566) and crediting your donation to St. Bartholomew's Church, Group # 7747.



In the 81 Blood Drives we have held since 1981, we have collected 6,140 units of blood that have potentially saved over 18,000 lives! Our next Blood Drive will be around Thanksgiving.

**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.

**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*

	7/20/14	7/19/15	Difference
Adults	\$5,104.05	\$5,342.30	+\$ 238.25
Children	\$ 23.00	\$ 52.25	+\$ 29.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,127.05</b>	<b>\$5,394.55</b>	<b>+\$ 267.50</b>

There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, 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, 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, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn Mesler, Grace Finnerty, and Sister Eileen Burns, OSF.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need for dry goods, especially **juices, pasta sauces, macaroni & cheese, rice, canned fish/meat, and cereal**. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!



JULY 26, 2015

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gabriel Nanoia +

**Sunday, July 26**

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM Stephen Fecko +

11:30 AM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Monday, July 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

**Tuesday, July 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +

**Wednesday, July 29**

**Saint Martha**

7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

**Thursday, July 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Cecilia & Maria Nguyen +

**Friday, July 31**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

7:00 AM Angela Rush & Aristide Scipioni +

9:00 AM All Souls +

**Saturday, August 1**

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of Church**

9:00 AM Kenneth F. Moore +

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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, August 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Constance M. Ballanno +

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**Sunday, August 2**

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Mary & Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Martha Cianfaglione +

5:00 PM Jessica Basa + & All the People of Our Parish

**JULY 26, 2015**

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## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- I am a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the *Catholic New York*.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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**APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:** The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.