

Saint 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 Ezech, 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

LOVING AS GOD LOVES

John's Gospel does not include what we know as the Lord's Prayer; however, an entire chapter is devoted to his Father at the Last Supper. This prayer, if you will, is John's "Lord's Prayer." Jesus is praying to His Father, but He is praying for His disciples, both the apostles who are there with Him and also all "who will believe in Me through their word," which means that even we are included (John 17:20). In the section of the prayer we hear today, Jesus specifically prays that all his disciples may be one. Since the Church is the body of Christ, Jesus is asking that His body may remain unified, just as He and His Father are united.



How do you picture God? In his Gospel, John wrote, "No one has ever seen God" (John 1:18). He repeated this statement in his letter, but he gave us a way to see God: "No one has ever seen God." Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us" (1 John 4:12). The love that John described in his letter that we have heard over the last several Sundays – love that is generous and selfless, love that is faithful and merciful, love that is active and truthful, love, in short, that imitates the love God has for us – will lead us to seeing God. When we love one another in this way, we can see God. For many of us, appropriately on this Mother's Day, our first example of this kind of self-sacrificing love was from our mothers.



This, then, links the two greatest commandments. In loving our neighbor, whom we see, we love God, who we cannot. In this way, truly God's love is brought to perfection.

Question of the Week

How can I more closely imitate the love God has for me in the way that I treat those that I love? Do I see God in those I love? (Pastoral Patterns – Summer, 2018)

Novena to the Holy Spirit

Please join us as we start our 9-day novena to the Holy Spirit. We'll begin Saturday, May 12th and end Sunday, May 20th. There are so many things to pray for.

As a society, as families, and as individuals, we are losing respect and reverence for our Creator. In this area, we might want to pray for the gift of **Fear of the Lord**. It is not a fear that drives us away from God but one that actually fills us with a loving reverence for God, and fills us with awe and wonder.

Next to Fear of the Lord is **Piety**. We have all experienced the peace and fulfillment that comes from serving God while serving others. When we give of ourselves, like Christ did, the promised reward is not only in heaven but begins here on earth. We could pray earnestly for the gift of Piety.

Fortitude is another gift of the Holy Spirit. Our path in life is strewn with obstacles and crosses. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to help us with His grace of Fortitude so as to bear our cross with courage, overcome our cross and reach our final destination – HEAVEN!

Where our Risen Savior has gone, may we follow (when our time comes) AMEN.

International Cultural Festival: Cancelled

Once again, through your Renew & Rebuild gifts, we're already embarking on some of the projects. We're currently working in the rectory, and work on the gym floor will begin this Tuesday. Due to the work that will be going on in the gym, we cancelled our International Cultural Festival for this year. It was scheduled to be held on May 19th. We look forward to next year's celebration.

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

PARISH NEWS



May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all our Mothers. We also pray for our deceased Mothers, that they may rest in peace.

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

This Sunday, May 13th there will be a breakfast for Mothers and their families in McManus Parish Center after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses sponsored by the Holy Name Society.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES have been donated in memory of Frances Nanoia and Angelina Brusco by



Lou and Angela Brusco.



We congratulate 25 of our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 6th and we welcome them to the Table of our Lord:

- Kaylee Aimee Arevalo
- Royce Biju
- Angel De La Cruz
- Selena Gonzalez
- Natalia Bella Leon
- Derix Mercado
- Eric Daniel Molnar
- Jiana Morris
- Casedy Ortiz
- Legion Anthony Rago
- Angely Rivas
- Kevin Santana

- Abigail Betancourt
- Genesis Cunduri
- Savanna Defex
- Angelina Gueits
- Jessie Alba Mejia
- Khloe Marie Merlo
- Angelina Moreno
- Samuel Orozco
- Brianna Pimentel
- Salma Reyes
- Ifran Rodriguez
- Sebastian Santiago.

Karla Silva

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. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information



The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

MAY EVENTS

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Friday, May 25th, McManus Parish Center
Pre-registration is required. Please call 1 888
653-6450

JUNE EVENTS

TAG SALE

Saturday, June 2nd, 9a.m. to 3 p.m.

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 3rd after the 10 a.m. Mass

MONSIGNOR KENNEDY ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 9th, beginning with the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a reception in McManus Parish Center

CELEBRATION FOR COUPLES CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH & 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, June 10th 11:30 a.m. Mass and Reception After

HEALING MASS

Wednesday, June 13th at 7 p.m.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 16th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

MOVIE THURSDAY

Thursday, June 21st after the 9 a.m. Mass

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Friday, June 22nd (2— p.m.) and Saturday, June 23rd (9—4 p.m.)

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 24th sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, At Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant. Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018.

All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish. Registration will close this Monday, May 14, 2018.



Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center.

Please call the Parish Office, no later than Friday, June 1st to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,654.60
Balance	- \$1,345.40
*(Envelopes \$5,114.60, Online \$540.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of May	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,654.60

**The Collection in Support of Building & Grounds
totaled:\$1,322.85**

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola and Lou De Muro.

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

TAG SALE

We need volunteers for the tag sale on June 2nd. We need help setting up beginning on Wednesday, May 30th, Thursday, May 31st, Friday, June 1st and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2nd. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Also donations are needed. We will begin to take donations Monday, May 13th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. **For further information, please call Cheryl at 914-476-6676.**



May 13, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, May 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Sophia Gogola +

Sunday, May 13, 2018

Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

Tuesday, May 15

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM John Lackner +

Wednesday, May 16

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Del Bene & Salerno Families

Thursday, May 17

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Paul Bolduc +

9:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

Friday, May 18

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Mary & Dan McCarthy +

Saturday, May 19

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

Saturday, May 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM Constance Steffens +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM Novena for our Living and Deceased Mothers

May 13, 2018

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER



Loving God, You wrap your arms around Your people, and show Your everlasting love in the same way a Mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love You have

taught us through the Mothers in our lives: Our own Mothers who brought us into this world, the Mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our Grandmothers who took time for us, and the Mothers who have helped us, even though we were not their children. Bless all Mothers of this world today, may they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every single day of their lives. And grant our deceased Mothers eternal rest in Your Kingdom. Amen.