

St. Bartholomew's

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." *Lk 16:8b, 13*

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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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

THE LATECOMERS AND EARLYCOMERS

On Sundays in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament illumines the Gospel: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD" (Isaiah 55:8). Then Jesus' parable presents the exact opposite of any reasonable employment contract, any respectable definition of "justice". Instead, how utterly prodigal God's is goodness toward us, how unmerited is God's gifts.

For Jesus' parable challenges our usual definitions of success: to be healthy, wealthy, and wise: to acquire possessions, educational and professional accomplishments, athletic awards, other forms of achievements, status, prestige: to classify others as "better off," "worse off," or "about the same." Such comparisons lead to arrogance or prompt envy, both reactions incompatible with membership in God's kingdom. What ignited anger in the parable was the landowner making "latecomers" equal to the "all-day crew."

For us, the "latecomers" may be non-practicing parishioners, non-believers, or notorious sinners welcomed back with "last rites" at "the eleventh hour." Often, among "devout" disciples, such miracles of grace prompt not thankful prayers but righteous (jealous?) indignation that those "last in" should be treated as "equal to us." Like the prodigal son's elder brother: "For many years I have slaved for you!" (cf. Luke 15:29). How different if we, like Paul, believe that "life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). Our standing – first, last – would be utterly irrelevant. To share life, to share Christ with any fellow-worker at whatever hour would be sheer joy. On the other hand, the parable proposes a secondary, salutary moral: The problem with eleventh-hour conversions is that death sometimes arrives at 10:30!

How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of "Latecomers" and begin serving as a member of God's "welcome wagon?" After all, God has welcomed even me. (*Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017*).

In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Thank you so much for your gifts last Sunday towards alleviating the distress of those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The money (in full) will be sent to the Archdiocese, where, along with those from other parishes, will be sent to the regions through Catholic Charities.

Please keep those affected by the hurricanes (Maria and Jose) in your thoughts and prayers, including the dead especially those in Puerto Rico and surrounding islands. Also pray for those who have died or who were affected by the earthquake in Mexico. There's definitely a great need for the world to pray more. Sadly, we're praying less and less everyday.

Finally, please remember Fr. Anthony's cousin, Uche, in your prayers. Uche came to Maryland, accompanied by his wife to undergo surgery for a tumor in his head. Sadly, he died the morning of the day he was to undergo surgery. He was just 56 years old. Please, pray for his eternal repose and consolation for the family and for Fr. Anthony. That's the third person that has died in his extended family this year; all of them well accomplished members of the family.

Blessings on and peace. Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in loving memory of Francesca Di Rodio by Teresa Di Rodio

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Religious Education Classes began on Tuesday, September 12th. 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.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Practice will be every Thursday, and began Thursday, September 14th. Children's choir begins at **5:45 p.m.** and the adult choir begins at **6:25 p.m.** Come and join us!!!!



BE "INFORMED" FOR SEPTEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. On September 23rd we honor St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). Watch *Padre Pio: Miracle Man* or *Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth*. Also on September 26th we honor Blessed Pope Paul VI. Watch *Paul VI: The Pope in the Tempest* or *Paul VI: The Misunderstood Pope*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce, rice, juice, coffee and paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!

PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST

In honor of Steve Hickey, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Saturday, October 14th at 6 p.m. in McManus Parish Center Great Food and Entertainment



Reservations required. See the Holy Name Members at the rear of the Church after the Masses or contact Joe Chimenti at (914) 423-0975 or Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or contact the Parish Office.

\$15 for adults \$5 for children \$40 per family (this includes mom, dad and all children under 21).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT!!!

FAMILY BREAKFAST COMING IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M. MASSES



Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be next Sunday, October 1st.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

LOCAL EVENTS

SIERRA CLUB LUNCHEON

This Wednesday, September 27th

Guest Speaker is Father Fidelis Moscinski, CFR

Topic: The Angels

Cost is \$30, for more information, please call 718 671-8915

RED MASS

Celebrated by Timothy Cardinal Dolan for the Judiciary, Attorneys and Members of Law Enforcement Thursday, October 12th at 6 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church, 148 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY The Red Mass is sponsored by the Catholic Lawyers' Guild of the Archdiocese of New York and is a solemn religious ceremony asking God to guide the legal profession toward the administration of justice. This custom dates back to Europe in the 13th Century. In the United States, the practice was instituted by the Catholic Lawyer's Guild in the New York Archdiocese in 1938. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the auditorium of St. John the Evangelist School located next to the Church. The public is invited to attend.

FIRST COMMUNION IN THE LITURGICAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

St. Joseph's Seminary

Friday, October 13th, 3 to 5 p.m.

Presentation by Donna Eschenauer, P.H.D., author of "First Communion Liturgies: Preparing First-class Celebrations"

For more info. contact Liturgy@archny.org or call 914 968-6200, ext. 8177



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00 Actual Received Last Sunday \$5,534.60 Balance - \$1,465.40 *(Envelopes \$5,264.60, Online 270.00)

Amount Needed for Month of September \$28,000.00 Amount Collected Thus Far \$16,961.45

"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!"



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, 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, and Richard (Dick) Novak.

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

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.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Uche Mbanefo.



September 24, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

Sunday, September 24

8:30 AM Michael & Mildred Pollick +

10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +

11:30 AM Joseph Del Bene +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, September 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Albert Baumeister +

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

Tuesday, September 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Ponzini +

9:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

Wednesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 AM Gerald James Margand +

9:00 AM William Flower +

Thursday, September 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Carmelita (Mely) Margand +

9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

Friday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Dolores Schuta (living)

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Nettie Cognatello +

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Concepcion Ocasio +

11:30 AM Lorenzo Soriano +

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

September 24, 2017

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.



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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 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: _____

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.

FEAST OF ARCHANGELS; MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL
Friday September 29th

Angels-messengers from God-appear frequently in Scripture, but only these three are named. Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.



Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel (March 24) and Raphael (October 24) were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their feasts to Michael's.

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