

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

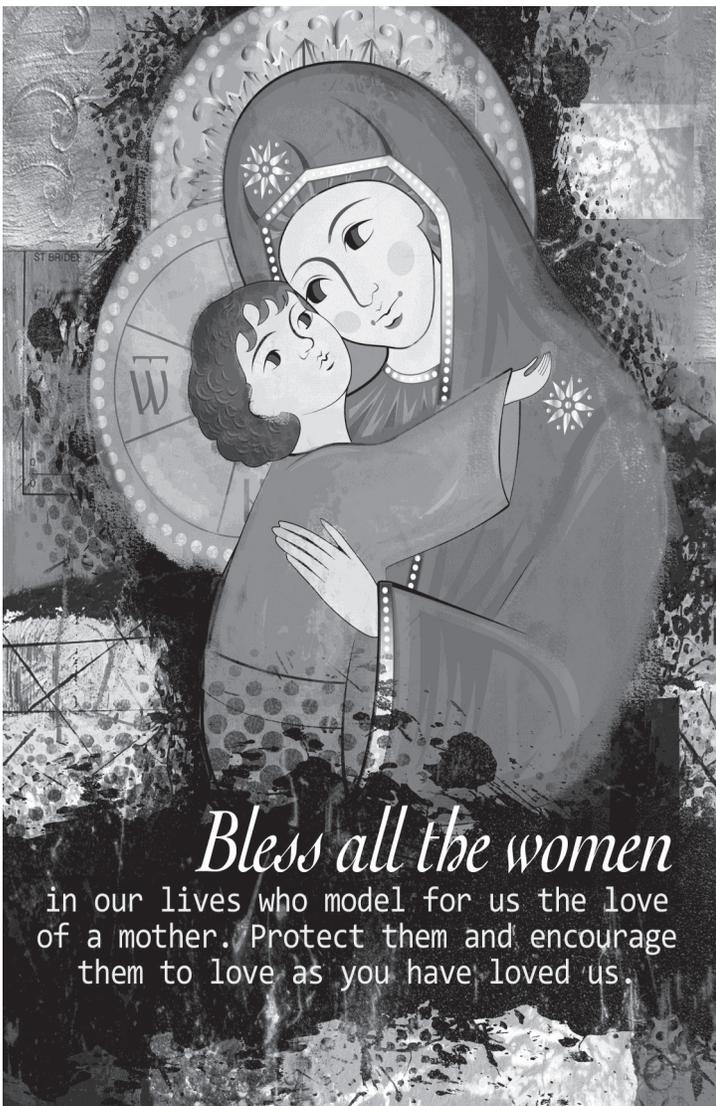
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

HONOR YOUR PARENTS

It's beyond words to hear an aged mother or father lament that her/his kids have abandoned her/him. I heard that very recently and my heart ached for the parent who said it. And this is not one of those parents who try to reap where they did not sow. What do I mean? I watched a movie on a real life person whose parent abandoned and never asked about his welfare. He struggled through life on the streets, doing odd jobs and playing basketball and dabbling into drugs and gang. One day a coach saw the talent in him and took him under his wing. As time went on, his rough edges began to peel off and he began to mature, both in character and in his game. He made it into the big league. Well, the parent saw him on TV, and learning about the son's upcoming sign up by one of the big teams, decided it's time to show up. Of course, the boy fumed with anger and disgraced him in front of the cameras.

As we celebrate Mother's Day this Sunday, my heart goes out to the mother who said to me, "my children don't visit me. I'm now an old hag and of no use." She said in a way that tried to cover her pain, but that's a deep statement. I didn't know how to respond to it because there's no way to explain the reality away or excuse her children. And that was not the first time I heard that. And I am sure (I pray I'm wrong) that will not be the last time.

I have even witnessed where children would not even appear at the parent's funeral. And once again, I'm not talking of parents who tried to reap where they did not sow. Pretty much in every parish I've worked, I have heard or witnessed it.

As we celebrate Mothers' Day, and very soon, Fathers' Day, I invite each of us to reflect on how we honor our mothers and fathers. Included also are our seniors – whether they are mothers or not. For the past few Sundays I've spoken about how we listen and hear the word of God – with our body, our mind, our heart, and our soul. I invite us to return to the bible and listen (truly listen) to the verses in which God instructs us to honor our parents. Here are some examples to start off with:

Colossians 3:20 says, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

Exodus 20:12 says, "Honor your father and your mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you."

Proverbs 20:20 says, "Whosoever curses his father or his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness."

Proverbs 23:22 says, "Listen to your father that begot you, and despise not your mother when she is old."

Ephesians 6:1 says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Happy Mothers' Day to our dear mothers.

If your mother is alive today, thank God for this opportunity and make the best of it. I wish mine were still here. And I know almost everyone whose mom has gone would say the same. Often we don't treasure what we have until we lose it. It's worse when it happens with those around us. If you've neglected your mother, today is a wonderful day to pick up from where you stopped and show her how much you care. Above all, lots of blessings come with that, both now and in the life to come. The same goes with how we treat our fathers.

Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

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 mothers.

We love you all!



The ALTAR FLOWERS, the ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP for this week are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco by Louis & Angela Brusco.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Eleanor Kolnick and Sean Godfrey. Rest in Peace



Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the 15 children who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bartholomew's Church by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh last Sunday, May 1st.

- Gianna Bazzini
Michael Booker
Eileen Connors
Connor Coppola
Kaitlyn Costello
Prela Peter Gegovic
Lisa Gentile

- Lily Lombardi
Grace Lombardo
Marques Lucas
Samanta Montero
Katherine Rose Pinto
Edwin Tlatelpa
Andrea Mazo Zapata
Esteban Zapata

We thank God for these children and ask all our parishioners to pray that the graces they have received from the Sacrament of Confirmation be used for their salvation and the salvation of all.

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING:

This Monday, May 9th, the Holy Name Society will attend Holy Mass at 7 p.m., which will be followed by a dinner in the McManus Parish Center. Contact Tom Hoffman on 476-7976 for details.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASSES: This Sunday, May 8th, is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers – living and deceased beginning on Sunday, May 8th, and finishing on Monday, May 16th. Please fill out the cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory, by Monday, May 9th.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



50th Anniversary Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24th, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family

Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2016) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 12th. 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 to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH TAG SALE

Saturday, May 21st, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Indoors— Rain or Shine



Donations Needed (Please no Books or Stuffed Animals)
Volunteers needed May 18th, 19th & 20th to help set up!!
Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more details

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.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

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



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

	5/3/15	5/1/16	Difference
Adults	\$6,136.00	\$5,434.65	- \$ 701.35
Children	\$ 82.50	\$ 69.10	- \$ 13.40
Total	\$6,218.50	\$5,503.75	- \$ 714.75

The second collection in support of our Building and Grounds totaled \$1,684.45

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 6 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph Deacon Bob Clemens, Thomas & Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, and Joseph Mahoney.

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

St. Anthony of Padua Relic



The Franciscan Friars OFM are delighted to say that Friar Paolo Floreeta will bring a first classic relic of our beloved saint, Saint Anthony of Padua, to the United States during the week of his June 13th feast day. The relic will visit two churches in Yonkers on June 15th and June 19th.

June 15th
St. Ann's Church
31 College Place
Yonkers, NY 10704
Veneration begins at 11 a.m.
until after the 7:30 p.m. Mass

June 19th
Church of St. Anthony
10 Squire Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703
Veneration begins prior and
after each Mass (8,10&12N)

MAY 8, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

Sunday, May 8

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Kenneth & Catherine Moore +

5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

Monday, May 9

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Patrick Casey (Living)

Tuesday, May 10

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Margaret Pezzente +

Wednesday, May 11

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Swetz Family

Thursday, May 12

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Jennie Frances Ayala +

Friday, May 13

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

Saturday, May 14

Saint Matthias, Apostle

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, May 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

Sunday, May 15

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

10:00 AM Benedetto & Nina Di Chiara +

11:30 AM Edward Brown +

5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

MAY 8, 2016

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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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 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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Prayer for Mothers

Dear God,
on this day that we honor mothers,
may we draw strength
from the mothers who went before us.
May we remember Jochebed, mother of Moses,
who gave her son over to God's providence
when forces that threatened him were beyond her
control.

May we remember the mother of Mary, St. Anne,
who helped her daughter learn an openness to God's will.
May we remember St. Monica,
who suffered an abusive spouse and her son's poor choices,
but lived to see her child's return to God.

Most of all, we remember Mary.
Though she watched her child suffer and die,
she also saw His resurrection and glory
and was in turn glorified by Him. Amen.

