

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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

BE OPEN TO GOD'S WORD

In this passage from his Gospel, Mark is very detailed in his description of where Jesus travels. The cities and districts he mentions are in Gentile territory. Marks wants to emphasize that Jesus' mission was to all the world, to Jews and Gentiles alike. Last week we hear Mark report Jesus saying, "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person: in reference to the Judaic practice of ritual hand washing (Mark 7:15). Now Jesus travels outside Jewish territory and performs miracles to great acclaim among foreigners. Jesus values those who are outside, travels to them, and reaches out to them in mercy and love. There is no outsider, no foreigner to God.



James picks up on this theme in his letter. "Show no partiality," he insists (James 2:1). He condemns those who would regard a visitor in shabby clothes as beneath them, for "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world?" (James2:5). The least we can do is accept those who are poor in the world's eyes and avoid making judgments.

Mark chose to keep the word Ephphatha in its original Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, rather than translate it into Greek. "Be opened!" Jesus said to the deaf man regarding his ears. Perhaps Mark did so because he is also suggesting that Jesus asks us to be open to those who are outside our own communities, who speak a different language. Perhaps Mark is also asking us to be open to listening for God's word. After all, the first words the formerly deaf man heard after his ears were opened were the proclamations of the crowd of the wonders that Jesus has done.

OPEN HANDS
before God



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How have I failed to be open to those who are outside my present community? How can I welcome those who are outsiders?

Blessings
Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of – Frances Nanoia by Lou and Angela Brusco.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for September'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. **First classes begin on this Tuesday, September 11, 2018.** Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



Religious Education

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◆ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ◆ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◆ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◆ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments. For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.



FORMED

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.

2018 and 2019 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2019 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



MESSAGE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Please join us in singing God's praises by joining our various choirs. Practice will be held on Thursdays and will begin on Thursday, September 13th– children's choir beginning at **4:15 p.m.** and the adult choir beginning at **5:00 p.m.** Come and join us!!!!



SOCIAL MINISTRY:



Our food pantry has a need for the following items: jelly, canned corn, rice and coffee. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is Sunday, September 16th.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ *St_Barts-Youth*.



Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is Sunday, October 14th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

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.

Prayer of Remembrance For 9/11

Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace, This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.



This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

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We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

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And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

Dona nobis pacem. Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

From Old St. Patrick's Church



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,757.45
Balance	- \$2,242.55
*(Envelopes \$4,357.45 Online \$400.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of September	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 4,757.45

**The second collection for Building and Grounds totaled:
\$1,046.80**

"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., 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, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak, Lisa Villar, Rosemarie Petti, Paul Sarubbi, Judy Ellsworth, Nancy (Candy) Viola, Lou De Muro, and Harold Sullivan.

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

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

God of wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body, and spirit. Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff. Give them the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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September 9, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, September 8 (Anticipated Mass)

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

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 AM For All The People Of Our Parish
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

Monday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Carol Vicino +

Tuesday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Frances Nanoia +
9:00 AM NYPD Fallen Members +

Wednesday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Philip Virga +

Thursday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Tony Sciacca (Living)

Friday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

Saturday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

Saturday, September 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pragana Family

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Margaret Foley +
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

September 9, 2018



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 please fill out 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!

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, September 20th.

The group is holding its annual Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on September 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. All are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, D.D.
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New York at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 92 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10608
Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 6 p.m.

Lawyers and Members of Law Enforcement and their families are invited to attend. (A Red Mass is a solemn Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Courts and on the endeavors of all members of the legal profession and law enforcement).

St. Augustine Church, Larchmont, New York, announces the next Bereavement Support Group, September 10 to November 5, 2018. This group meets every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please contact: Marilyn at 914-834-1220 x 23 or e mail smurriel@staugustineny.org

LIFESCREENING AGAIN AT ST. BART'S

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here on Monday, December 3, 2018 at St Bartholomew's Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment