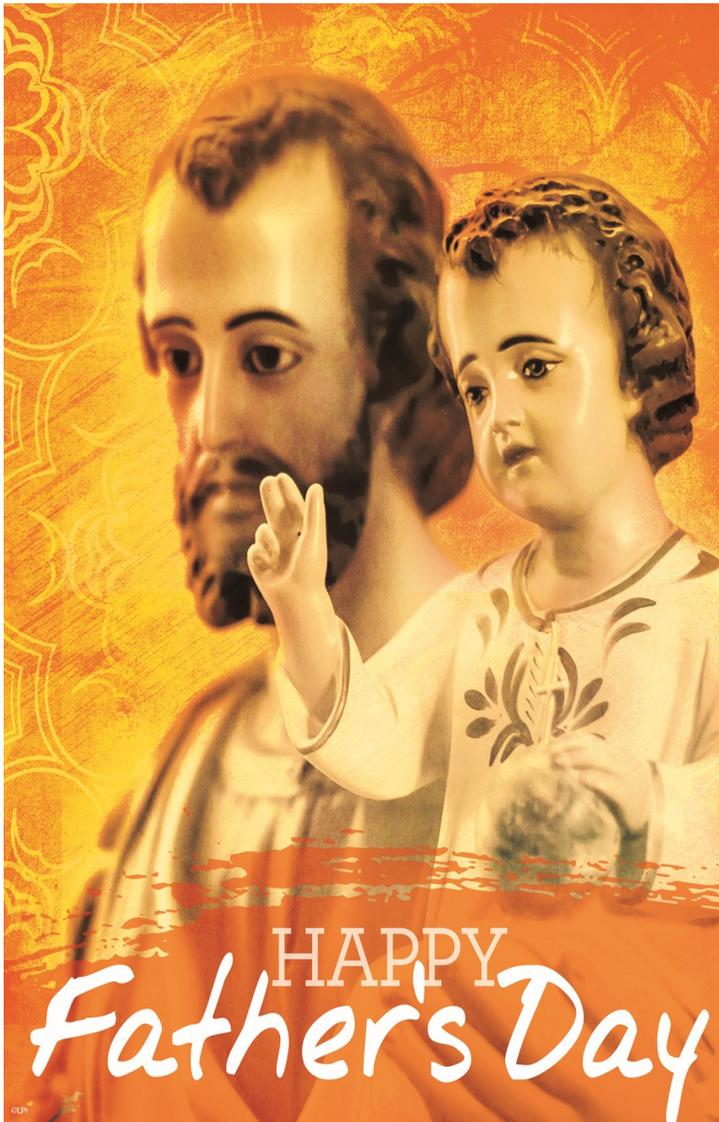


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

GROWING AND BEARING FRUIT

Trust in the Lord underlies all of today's readings. Ezekiel prophesied during the time of Israel's exile. Many had lost faith that God would care for them. Ezekiel assured them that God would "lift high the lowly tree ... and make the withered tree bloom" (Ezekiel 17:24). The message: keep trusting in God. Saint Paul says we should "walk by faith, not by sight," trusting in the Lord's vision (2 Corinthians 5:7). Finally, Jesus speaks to the crowd about the seeds planted in the earth. We cannot see what is happening in the soil, but we trust they will grow. Sure enough, eventually they sprout and flourish and become grain to be harvested or shelter for birds. Trust in the Lord.



Jesus tells two parables about how the kingdom of God grows, each involving seeds planted in the earth. We can think of these seeds taking root internally, in ourselves. How many seeds have been planted within us during our lives that we are not aware of anymore? Something our dad said when we were growing up? An insight from a mentor or a boss? Something that we heard just last week at Mass? Then one day we encounter someone or something new and we recall what we heard. Now it has a chance to blossom, to flower.

We can also think of these seeds taking root outside ourselves, out in the world. Where might these seeds be germinating right now where we would not notice them sprouting? Among the poor and impoverished? With those who are shunned or neglected? Again and again in scripture we learn that the kingdom of God is built in unexpected places. Why would it be any different now?

Question of the Week:

How can I be fertile soil in which the seed God sows may grow? Where can I help the kingdom of God flourish in the world? When do I need to let go and trust in the Lord?

In Thanks and Praises

This past Thursday we held our annual Appreciation Dinner for all those involved in ministries. I know that not everyone is able to join us. We may look for a different time of the year that might be more suitable for most people.

Anyway, many, many thanks to everyone who share their precious gifts of time and talents with others here at St. Bart's so that the mission of Christ will not only be sustained but will continue to grow. I sincerely thank each volunteer for your selfless service, in spite of the difficulties and sometimes frustrations that come with volunteering in parish ministries. Sadly, such difficulties and even misunderstandings are part of life (whether in family, job, school, etc.). However, the Lord who called you to serve knows how to reward you for your selfless service. I pray and hope that He will fill each of you with that sense of fulfillment and peace when all is said and done.

THANKS A MILLION and Keep up the good work!

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh

PARISH NEWS



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH, WE LOVE YOU ALL!!!!

May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year. We also pray for our deceased Fathers, may they rest in peace.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, June 18th in the school building at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Linda De Muro Tynner.



The ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia..



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.

BLOOD DRIVE



St. Bart's will be conducting our annual July blood drive **on Friday, July 6th at McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment** and tell your family and friends too.

FATHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH

We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 17th and will end on Monday, June 25th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week.



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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

This Sunday, June 17th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses



MOVIE THURSDAY

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

PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR PARISH DIRECTORY

Friday, June 22nd (2-9 p.m.)

PARISH PICNIC

Next Sunday, June 24th sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Tickets will be sold after the Masses or contact the Parish Office.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: : canned corn, canned string beans, canned fruit, coffee, napkins or paper towels. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

PLEASE SIGN UP TO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN FOR THE PARISH DIRECTORY. THUS FAR ONLY 8 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP. THE SESSIONS MAY HAVE TO BE CANCELLED IF THERE ARE NO MORE SIGN UPS.



PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN UP OR SIGN UP ON LINE VIA THE PARISH WEB SITE.

FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Blessed are you Lord and God of love, You who has given to each of us the gift of a Father.

Today we honor him and we thank You for the wonderful things that are ours because of him.

His love for us has been a sign of Your Divine affection and a sharing in Your holy love.

His concern for our needs and our welfare is a mirror of Your holy care. Bless our Fathers this day with Your Strength that they may continue to be a sign of Your Love in our Families.

Bless them in this lifetime with joy and laughter, with pride in their children and with peace in their hearts.

Bless too, those Fathers who have gone out of this life. They gave us life, may they now enjoy the fullness of life in the embrace of God of Love and Peace.

Fathers, may you, on this special day, be blessed by God and by our love for you. AMEN.

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

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

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



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,810.50
Balance	- \$1,189.50
*(Envelopes \$5,345.50 , Online \$465)	

**The collection in support of Black & Indian Missions totaled:
\$1,031.80**

Amount Needed for Month of June	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$11,565.05

"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 , Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan and Dianne Milder.

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.

June 17 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, June 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Michael & Maria Lewis (Living)

Sunday, June 17, 2018

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +
10:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +
11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Monday, June 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Tuesday, June 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Salvadora Blanco (Living)

Wednesday, June 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Patrick & Marion Keane +

Thursday, June 21

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers
9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

Friday, June 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Roberto Capuano +
9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Saturday, June 23

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Saturday, June 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Angelina Brusco +

Sunday, June 24, 2018

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +
10:00 AM George & Eleanor Tiplady +
11:30 AM Doris Blanco (Living)
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Fathers

June 17, 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 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

St. Paul the Apostle Church (Hall) is having a Healing Service sponsored by The Community of the Risen Lord, NY conducted by Brother Lalith Perera and Team, on June 30th from 9:30-4:30 p.m. Contact Sr. Eileen/Joan at 914 965-9333.

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 this Thursday, June 21st at 1 p.m. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a candidate for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. For more information, please contact General Agent Bill Schneider at 914 420-6836, or e mail William.schneider@kofc.org. In order to qualify, the candidate need not be a current member but must be eligible for future membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The Serra Club of the Bronx and Westchester Is holding their June luncheon date on Wednesday, June 27th at the Eastwood Manor, located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road. The guest speaker is Fr. Andrew /Carrozza, the Pastor at St. Ann's. Church, and the topic is Evangelizing Youth in Today's World. The cost of the Luncheon is \$30. Please call 718 798-7176 for additional information and to make reservations by June 25th.