

# St. Bartholomew's

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. *Mt 16:19-20*

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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

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW—AN APOSTLE OF CHRIST

In the Gospel of John (1:45-51), Philip had just met the long awaited Messiah, Jesus. Philip's encounter with Jesus was enough. He was sold! Now, he is super convinced and excited with what to him would be the greatest good news of the century - the Messiah here! And he's from Nazareth. His response? Someone else must hear this! So, off he goes, in search of his friend, Nathaniel. That's John's name for our dear patron saint, Bartholomew. Let me pause the story here and explain that.



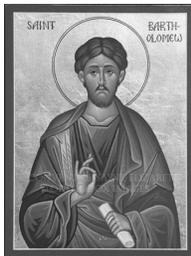
Biblical scholars and researchers have all confirmed that Nathaniel and Bartholomew are one and the same guy. Matthew, Mark and Luke call him Bartholomew, but John calls him Nathaniel. Oh, by the way, the name Bartholomew means "son of Tolmai".

Now back to the story. So, Philip shares the Good News with our patron saint. Well, I wonder why Philip felt good after his enthusiastic storytelling. I think I know. And am sure you've had that feeling before. You're excited about some great news and you run to your friend to share it, expecting to transfer the enthusiasm to him or her, but the light does not catch on. Your friend has skepticism, indifference or at best mild curiosity plastered all over his/her face! Duh! Flop! We have all been there. It sort of weakens, or even drains your enthusiasm.

But there's some good news here. Nathaniel didn't blow Philip off entirely. He was just skeptical, thus his response: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" And he was open and willing to give Jesus a chance to prove himself. Good luck to you, Jesus!

So, unlike me, and maybe some of us, Philip picked up his semi-shattered enthusiasm and tried to push on. So, he tells Nathaniel, "Come and see for yourself" Now, that's an evangelizer at his best! "Come and see for yourself!" He did his part. Over to you, Jesus!

And the Master surely took over. From a distance, Jesus read Nathaniel like an open book. He knew him even more than the guy knew himself. Surely, more than Philip knew him, too. So, he tells him something we all will love to hear him say about us: "An Israelite in whom there is no guile." Well, we are not Israelites, so just the part about no guile or deception. Essentially, Jesus mesmerized Nathaniel. And within a few minutes the skeptical guy was sold! He realized that something this good could indeed come out of Nazareth!



This story is loaded with messages for each of us. But I'll end with the message for us as a parish. Philip brought Nathaniel. Upon his personal encounter with Jesus, he came to believe without doubt. And years later, he died a horrible death because of this belief. He was skinned alive. And as if that was not torturing enough, they crucified him upside down. Some tradition claims he was beheaded. Today, his remains are reserved in St. Bartholomew's church in Rome. Nathaniel worked in India and Armenia and other places.

May his prayers continue to assist us here at St. Bartholomew's and may our efforts to plant and nurture the seed of the gospel continue to bear fruits, now and forever, amen.

*Blessings and Peace.*

*Fr. Raphael*

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**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:  
Religious Education Classes begin again on Tuesday,**


**September 12<sup>th</sup>.** 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.**

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**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.

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### **FORMED**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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. This week we honor St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. See the Study: Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 6: *A Catholic Moral Vision*. Also watch: *Restless Heart* or *Augustine: A Voice For All Generations* or *Catholic Heroes of the Faith: the Story of Saint Augustine*. For the Passion of St. John the Baptist see Study: Lectio: Eucharist, Session 3: *Lamb of God*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676)

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### **JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7 PM**

**MARK THIS DATE** St. Bartholomew's Parish will host a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, conducted by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, on Friday

September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. The Virtual Pilgrimage is a guided spiritual journey offering the experience of Lourdes in a local interactive "pilgrimage event" without leaving home. Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock, experience the precious water from the Grotto spring, and receive a Eucharistic Blessing as in Lourdes. Pope Francis grants a plenary indulgence to all who experience Lourdes through a virtual pilgrimage with the North American Volunteers. This is a very special opportunity afforded our parish so we ask that you mark this date on your calendar now so that you may attend. For more information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

We will be publishing the Parish Calendar as an insert in mid September for September/October parish events.

Below are the Parish's September events.

**NOTE: EVENTS, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY EVENT THAT IS CHANGED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT ALL MASSES.**

Sun., Sept. 3	Rosary Altar Society Mass	8:30 AM
Wed., Sept. 6	Rosary Altar Society Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 7	Seniors Mass and Gathering	9:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 9	Youth Car Wash	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 10	Holy Name Society Mass	8:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 10	Family Mass and Breakfast	10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 11	Holy Name Society Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 15	Children's Ministry Gathering	5:30-8:30 PM
Mon., Sept. 18	Pastoral Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 21	Senior Movie Thursday	9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 22	Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage	7:00-10:00 PM
<b>Sat., Sept 23 (ch. From 9/16)</b>	<b>Rosary Altar Society Tea Party</b>	<b>9:30 AM-2:00 PM</b>

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.



*Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts-Youth.*



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,292.55
Balance	- \$1,707.45
*(Envelopes \$5,022.55, Online \$270.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of August	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$16,686.15

**Next weeks collection will be in support of our building and grounds.**

"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!"



*As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!*



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, Florence McCormack, 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, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak and Agnes Masterson.

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

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

August 27, 2017

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, August 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Esposito +

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**Sunday, August 27**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Dec. Members of Carmela & Frank Legio families

5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

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Monday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Theresa Khuat +

9:00 AM Adelina Merlini +

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM Peter Tran +

9:00 AM Linda Wojda Skelly +

Wednesday, August 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Theresa Nguyen +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino (Living)

Thursday, August 31

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

9:00 AM Ellen Chimenti & Tim Casey (Living)

First Friday, September 1

Weekday

7:00 AM Emily Lavelle +

9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

First Saturday, September 2

Weekday

9:00 AM Dina Legio +

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**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Saturday, September 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 3**

8:30 AM Emily Lavelle +

10:00 AM Mary De Stefano +

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM Suor Maria Ciria +

