

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.

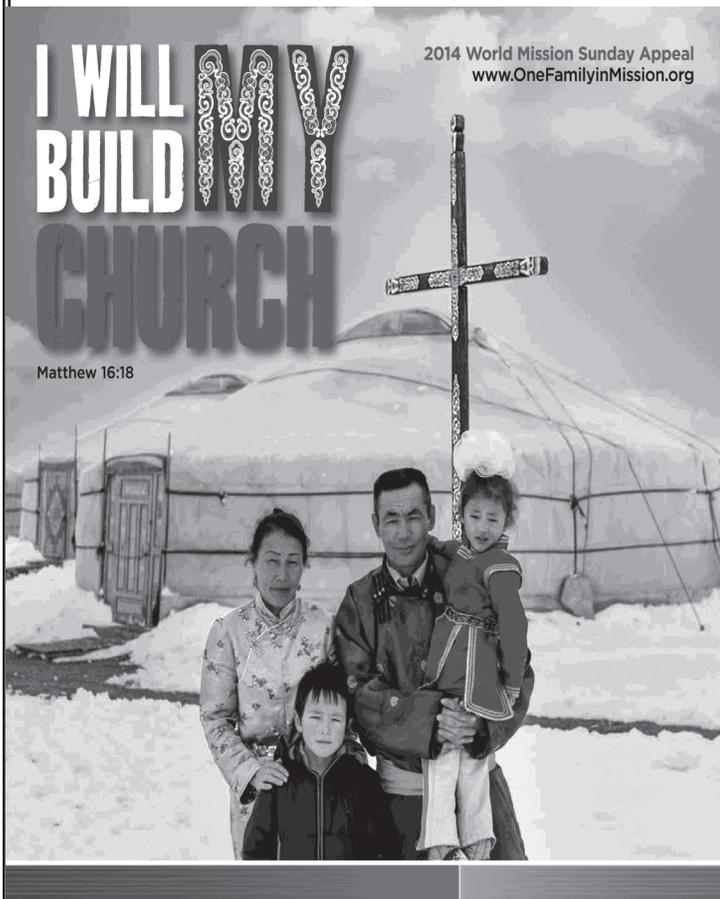
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



Pray and give generously
World Mission Sunday
October 19, 2014

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith | a Pontifical Mission Society



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.

SCRIPTURAL REFLECTION: "GIVE TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD"



This Sunday, 17 of our teenagers will be accepted into the Confirmation program. We've been working with them and their parents. This past Tuesday, they stood in the gym and rehearsed what they will be doing today. Essentially, they will stand in front of the parish community and pledge to take their preparations seriously - especially to attend Mass every Sunday, attend classes regularly, perform community services, and be more involved in the parish and in their families, etc. All great.

However, four Sundays ago (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time), we reflected on how, like the second son, we often say yes, but end up renegeing on our yes (Matthew 21:28-32). Most often it's not that we're lying or that we're uninterested, but that too many things pull at us. We end up misplacing our priority.

We're a few classes and Sundays into the Catechetical year and there are already absentees from classes and Masses and other required activities. Ultimately, we (the parish, especially the catechists) want to help these, our young brothers and sisters, to firm up their faith, prepare them as adequately as possible for what they will be definitely facing in the future; things that will test their character and faith, hopeful not to the limit. We want to be there for their families as they help them in this endeavor.

Unfortunately, many things distract them and detract from the commitment they will be making today. I earnestly invite you and all parishioners to pray for them and their families, that they may be faithful to their commitment to the learning and training required for them to be confirmed. They are the future of our parish and the future of the Church in the Archdiocese and in the world.

On our own part as adults, I invite each of us to reconsider the level of our commitment to God vis-à-vis our commitment to our worldly endeavors. Ideally, there should not be any dichotomy between them, for God made all things and He placed them at our disposal to help us on our pilgrim journey back to Him. In our words, thoughts and deeds, may we sincerely "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Amen!



Pray For Our Confirmation Candidates.

COUNSELING OPPORTUNITIES

I know that some people believe that counseling is a waste of time and money. I strongly differ and research proves otherwise, too. Counseling works best when the individual(s) are open and receptive, and willing to explore what's going on in their lives with a view to making necessary changes that will make life better for themselves and those around them.

Pilot Study For Children With Behavior Issues

This is a research study involving 26 outpatient therapy sessions for qualified children ages 7-12. It will be provided at NY Presbyterian Hospital in White Plains. Apart from your insurance paying for it, you will receive a token of \$400 for participating. Call the parish office and discuss with Father Raphael if interested. Or call **Caitlin Merrill at 914-997-8627**.

Check next weekend for the second counseling opportunities for adults, couples, children, etc.

Have a blessed week! ~ **Father Raphael Ezech, MSP**

PARISH NEWS



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet this Monday, October 20th, at 7 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Louis and Angela Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Louis and Angela Brusco.

Registration for **Religious Education Classes** for public school children is open. Classes are available for children in Pre-K through High School, including those with Special Education needs. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (476-6676) for more information.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday, October 26th. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



If you or someone you know need information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office (914 476-6676) for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



ATTENTION DRIVERS: We will be hosting the New York **Defensive Driving Class** in the McManus Parish Center on **Saturday, November 15th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Completion of this course reduces up to 4 points on your driver's license and will lower your auto liability and collision insurance premiums by 10% for 3 years. The cost of this course is \$49. **To enroll, please call Chris Morea on (800) 492-9444 or (718) 824-9698 or contact the Rectory Office on (914) 965-0566.**

FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL



All who have registered to attend the Family Faith Festival next Saturday, October 25th, should arrive promptly at 11:45 a.m. The Festival will begin with lunch and be followed by a number of interactive family oriented activities. It will end at 2:30 p.m.

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Month of the Rosary

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Masses, at the First Friday and First Saturday Holy Hours, or with your family at home.

The Mass Book for 2015 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are still some dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider during a specific week offering the Altar Flowers, Altar Bread & Wine, Altar Candles, or Sanctuary Lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS:

Sunday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9-day novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, October 19th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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.



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

	10/13/13	10/12/14	Difference
Adults	\$4,893.60	\$5,119.35	+\$ 225.75
Children	\$ 143.10	\$ 154.70	+\$ 11.60
Total	\$5,036.70	\$5,274.05	+\$ 237.35

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkovicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, John Palermo, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Daniel Pezzola, Steven Colon, & George Klobists.

On Saturday, November 15th, all are invited to participate in a Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the St. John Paul II Shrine, Washington, DC, organized by the Archdiocese of New York. While at the shrines, there will be time for prayer, confession, and a closing Mass celebrated by Cardinal Dolan. The cost of



\$75 includes a boxed dinner. Reservations are required by this Wednesday, October 22nd, please contact Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676).

OCTOBER 19, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Pauline Giorgio +

Sunday, October 19

8:30 AM Giulia Marchionno +

10:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelica Perez +

Monday, October 20

Weekday

7:00 AM Ann Pohorence & Angela Spadaccia +

9:00 AM Raymond Tyrrell +

Tuesday, October 21

Weekday

7:00 AM Song & Phan Nguyen +

9:00 AM Maria & Cecilia Nguyen +

Wednesday, October 22

Weekday

7:00 AM Phan Nguyen +

9:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

Thursday, October 23

Weekday

7:00 AM John & Nancy Gaffney +

9:00 AM Gertrude Ann Woska +

Friday, October 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Louise Bolduc's Special Intention

9:00 AM John DelBene +

Saturday, October 25

Weekday

9:00 AM Nicola Lalli +

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 26

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Anthony Barton +

OCTOBER 19, 2014

**ANTHONY CLARET
BISHOP (1807-1870)
OCTOBER 24TH**

The "spiritual father of Cuba" was a missionary, religious founder, social reformer, queen's chaplain, writer, and publisher, archbishop and refugee. He was a Spaniard whose work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, Paris, and to the First Vatican Council.

In his spare time as weaver and designer in the textile mills of Barcelona, he learned Latin and printing: the future priest and publisher was preparing. Ordained at twenty-eight, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain's most popular preachers.

He spent ten years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Her rosary, it was said, was never out of his hand. At forty-two, beginning with five young priests, he founded a religious institute of missionaries, known today as the Claretians.

He was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffering bitter opposition mainly for stamping out concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin (whose release from prison Anthony had obtained) slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin's death sentence commuted to a prison term. His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family's own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop - sugar. Besides all his religious writings are two books he wrote in Cuba: *Reflections on Agriculture* and *Country Delights*.

He was called back to Spain for a job he did not relish - being chaplain to the queen. He went on three conditions: he would reside away from the palace, he would come only to hear the queen's confession and instruct the children, and he would be exempt from court functions. In the revolution of 1868, he fled with the queen's party to Paris, where he preached to the Spanish colony.

All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published two hundred books and pamphlets.

At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, he won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, "There goes a true saint." He died in exile near the border of Spain at the age of sixty-three.

STORY: Queen Isabella II once said to Anthony, "No one tells me things as clearly and frankly as you do." Later she told her chaplain, "Everybody is always asking me for favors, but you never do. Isn't there something you would like for yourself?" He replied, "Yes, that you let me resign." The queen made no more offers.

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