

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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 Ezeh, MSP, *Pastor*
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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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

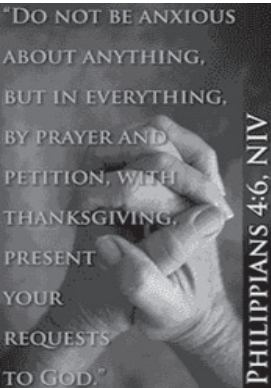
Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

“THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY”

Really, Paul? You really mean I should “have no anxiety at all?” (Philippians 4:6). I should just make my requests known to God in everything by prayer and thanksgiving. You really believe that once I do that, my problems will be over, or at least manageable? And I’ll have the peace that surpasses all understanding? (Philippians 4:7). Come on, dude, you must be joking or stretching the truth a bit. You didn’t really mean to put it that way, did you? Luke, your secretary must have misunderstood you. But if you did really mean that, then you don’t know what I and many others are going through today, in this fast and modern society. How in the world could we not be worried, I mean worried to death? Family issues, relationship issues, raising our beloved Generation Y and now iGeneration children, job and career issues, financial pressures, emotional problems, ever changing marriage and divorce cycles with their joys and sorrows, and don’t dare get sick, especially if you have no insurance or not-so-good insurance, and we shall not forget death with its accompanying sorrow and grief. Come on, the list is endless. And I should not worry? At all?



Like Jesus, one thing we cannot accuse Paul of is speaking or writing off the top of his head. In other words, not possessing the experience. Scourged with lashes 39 times, beaten with rod 3 times, stoned once, suffered shipwreck 3 times (once would have done it for me), faced drowning adrift in the sea for a night and a full day. Like a hawk after its pray, the Jewish authorities hounded him for years from one end of the Roman empire to another. He was betrayed (2 Corinthians 11:24-28). In 2 Corinthians he speaks about weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities he endured (2 Cor 12:10). Ultimately, his suffering ended with martyrdom. So, he knew what he was talking about. He lived it. Our sufferings and traumas do not even begin to compare with his.

Now, let’s get back to his encouragement and words of wisdom: have no anxieties at all. It’s all about how we approach or handle our sufferings, no matter what they are and how numerous they are. He reminds us in 2 Corinthians 4:9 that “we’re afflicted in everyway, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed ...” The Psalmist lends his voice to Paul, saying “though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with His hand” (Psalm 37:24).

Paul’s secret was his faith and trust in the Master he was serving. It was his unflinching confidence in the Master’s love, care and power to take care of him. With that, like a sick child in its mother’s arms, he rested secure and comforted. May we too rest secure in the arms of our Savior, knowing that, more than a mother, He will take of our situations. Then, and only then, will we have the peace that Paul is speaking of: the peace that surpasses all understanding.

Lord, may your grace be always with us in the trials and temptations that assail us. Amen.

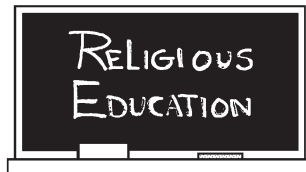
~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Rita Bolduc by Louise Bolduc.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend. We congratulate and thank their officers, inducted at this Sunday’s 8:30 a.m. Mass, for their willingness to serve.



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 and the rest of the Sundays in October. 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.



The **ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of John DelBene by Eleanore DelBene.

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.



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

- Sunday, October 5th, 12 noon to 3 p.m. - **Mount St. Michael Academy**, 4300 Murdock Avenue, Bronx - for information call 718 515-6400, ext. 228
- Sunday, October 19th, 12 noon to 3 p.m. - **Iona Preparatory Upper School** (grades 9 - 12), 255 Wilmot Road, New Rochelle for information or to pre-register visit www.ionaprep.org or contact Barbara Robertson (brobertson@ionaprep.org / 914 600-6154).
- Sunday, October 19th, 1 to 4 p.m. & Wednesday, October 22nd, 7 - 9 p.m. - **Kennedy Catholic High School**, 54 Route 138, Somers - for information call 914 232-5061

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Respect Life Prayer

Dear God,
we see life cheapened every day
through abortion and other forms of abuse,
through terrorism, and other acts of violence,
and through neglect of children, the poor, and the elderly.

In a world of plenty, we can forget
that there is nothing more precious than human life.
Give us the grace to see how we can make a difference,
and encourage change in our culture.

When we are discouraged,
remind us of the Catholic monk Telemachus
who stopped the gladiator games with an act of charity.

Inspire us with the stories of Mary
and other mothers of unexpected pregnancies,
who knew that every child is a gift of God's grace
and is wanted by You in this world.

Encourage conviction in the hearts of those
who do not yet know or understand
that a desire for choice is no reason to end any life
and that You desire that all life
come only to a natural end in You.

Amen.

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. The costs are as follows:



Altar Flower Arrangements (2)	\$100
Altar Flower Arrangements of Roses (2)	\$125
Vase of Flowers before Icon/Statue	\$40
Vase of Roses before Icon/Statue	\$50
Altar Bread & Wine	\$30
Altar Candles	\$10
Sanctuary Lamp	\$10

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.

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.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✉

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

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

	9/29/13	9/28/14	Difference
Adults	\$5,824.65	\$4,817.75	-\$1,006.90
Children	\$ 218.10	\$ 96.80	-\$ 121.30
Total	\$6,042.75	\$4,914.55	-\$1,128.20

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 Swiatkowicz, 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, and Steven Colon.

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 5th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



LAY DOMINICANS: Are you being called to a deeper understanding of "faith & truth?" Answer the call as a member of the Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic. A monthly meeting of men and women to pray the rosary, study & build fellowship is held on the 3rd Saturday at Rosary Hill, 600 Linda Avenue, Hawthorne, NY, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. For information call Annette (914 761-0376) or Teresa (914 960-6448).

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rocco Campana +

Sunday, October 5

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM Carol DiVenuto +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Gilda Spear (living)

Tuesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

9:00 AM Anne Frischman +

Wednesday, October 8

Weekday

7:00 AM John S. DelBene +

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Thursday, October 9

Weekday

7:00 AM John Hernandez +

9:00 AM Aristide Scipioni, Silvia & Carmine DiMarcello +

Friday, October 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Rosalie Botcheller +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

7:30 PM Gabriela Fermin's 16th Birthday (living)

Saturday, October 11

Weekday

9:00 AM Tramontozzi Family

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Stanis Buoninfante +

Sunday, October 12

8:30 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM Frank & Carmela Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

October 5, 2014

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!



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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Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office on 914 965-0566.

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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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.

