

St. Bartholomew's Church



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National Vocation Awareness Week

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*
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

OUR CORE BELIEFS

The human person is so complex - a great tribute to our maker. There is a huge difference between animals and us. Animals do not really think.



They act instinctively. But humans naturally reason. We try to find meaning in what we do. So, if you ask your child to do something, he/she will ask: BUT WHY? In essence, they are saying, "give me one reason to do what you're telling me to do." They are looking for meaning in what they're told to do. Animals do not seek meaning in what they do, they just

act or react.

So, from when we are young, we seek meaning in almost everything we do. Over time, these meanings pile up and become beliefs. It is these beliefs that propel us to action or inaction. Some of them are great and positive, some are probably neutral, while some are bad and quite destructive.

In our first reading this weekend (from 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14) we encounter a mother and her seven sons and a king, each with their own strong beliefs. The pagan king had come to believe that his gods were definitely greater than the God of Israel. To help them, he and his people tried to convert them. When they failed, they decided to force them to conversion. First, they decided to force them to join in their pagan parades and to eat food dedicated to the gods and to bow before these gods. On the other hand, you had the Israelites who knew that their own God was not only more powerful but was the only God. The strength of this belief differed in different people. So, while some gave in to the king and chose to become pagans rather than die for their beliefs, some chose to die for the beliefs rather than become pagans. Not only did they believe in God, they also believed that He'd judge each person after death and then reward each accordingly. Simply, they had come to believe in life after death. So, the stage was set. The seven sons and their mother died rather than give in to the king's demand.

Once again, we look for meaning in what we do. These meanings over time become beliefs and form our belief system, which in turn drive the majority of our actions in life.

I think of my own experience. By age of 9, like everyone else, I had piled up enough meanings in what I did to form some core beliefs. I had already decided that faith in God was of great importance to me. I had decided that life after death must play a key role in whatever I do in this world. Thus, the decision to become a priest, a missionary priest. These core beliefs are the same that propel me in what I do. Of course, there are other subsidiary beliefs.

What about you? What meanings have you compiled in your life? How have they become the basis for your beliefs? What are those beliefs? Where does God and eternal life fit in? Are both non negotiable for you? How do they affect your everyday life and decisions?

As we begin to refocus and rejuvenate our parish, I could not help but think about why we do what we do here at St. Bart's. This is central to our existence. Our individual commitment to the parish will be dictated by our core beliefs as Catholics and as members of St. Bart's. The success of what we do will depend on these beliefs.

This weekend and the next, we will be focusing on our St. Bart's Year of Evangelization and also on our financial support to the parish. I have been praying and will invite everyone to pray for the success of both programs. But each of us must begin with ourselves.

Thanks for all you do for St. Bart's. Let's keep the light of faith shining in this corner of Yonkers.



PARISH NEWS



The **Rosary Altar Society** meeting will be held this Monday, November 7th, at **7:30 p.m.** in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCUTRAY LAMP** have been donated by the Rosary Altar Society in honor and memory of the following living and deceased veterans: Bonaventure J. Amato, Fiore Brusco, John Brusco, Francis Como. Gene Del Bene, Daniel De Rosa, Vito J. De Santis, Anthony Di Paolo. John Di Rodio, Frank Fayden, Anthony Giuriceo, Robert J. Howley, Sr., Joseph Laudadio, Margaret Liddell, Robert Liddell, Carmine Manno, Louis Martelli, Andrew T. McCormack, Gabriel Nanoia, Benjamin Pelliccio, Jerry Pisacreta, John Raffa, Sr., Francis J. Romano, Orlando Romano, Edward Smith, Harold Smith, Jr., Robert Smith, and Daniel Talone.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Reverend Vincent A. Lancellotti and Reverend Richard J. Arold.

 *Rest in Peace*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

It is not too late to register. Classes are available for children in 1st grade through High School senior year, including those with Special Education needs. Classes are available to prepare children of all ages for the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, regardless of any lack of previous instruction. **All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program.** Please call (914 476-6676) for more information.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

is having a special **Thanksgiving Food Drive**. For the **weekends of November 6th and November 13th**, please bring to church Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings, especially, canned vegetables (especially sweet potatoes), canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices. Thank you.



We will be in need of **some frozen turkeys, fresh / frozen pies, or fruit** on November 19th and 20th of Thanksgiving week. We can only accept pies or turkeys at the lower level of the Rectory **before each Mass that Saturday night/Sunday or on Monday morning between 7:30 and 9 a.m.** for distribution on that Monday morning.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

VETERANS' DAY: This Friday, November 11th, Veteran's Day, is a legal holiday. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. and the Parish Office will be closed.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS



Heavenly Father,
On this day, help us remember those
Who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
To serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
Who have given aid and protection to us and others
Both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
Or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we always be mindful of those
Who paid the price for our freedom,
Just as Your Son gave His life
To free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.

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.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, November 6th where they will be enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner celebration. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.



2017 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on Ash Wednesday and there are a few 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. Come to the Parish Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a date.

SAVE THE DATE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH 1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER**

Please plan on participating in St. Bartholomew's Blood Drive the day after Thanksgiving. More Details to Follow.



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

	11/15	10/30/16	Difference
Adults	\$8,361.25	\$4,178.10	-\$4,183.15
Children	\$ 222.05	\$ 199.00	-\$ 23.05
Total	\$8,583.30	\$4,377.10	-\$4,206.20

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parihsppay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 8 families that have signed up.



Please pray for ~~for~~ the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Giovanna Robinson and Daniel Pezzola.

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

A PATRIOTIC PRAYER

God our Father, You guide everything in wisdom and love, Accept these prayers we offer for our nation.

In Your goodness, watch over those in authority so people everywhere may enjoy Freedom, Security and Peace.



We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen

St. Jude, Pray for our Country.

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

*Mass for the
Intentions  for the
Week*

**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pisacreta Family

Sunday, November 6

8:30 AM Adolf Steffens +
10:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
11: 30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Ramberto Blanco & Miguel Angel Ocasio +

Monday, November 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Cora Lily Shannon & Family (living)

Tuesday, November 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Tatyana Shannon (living)

Wednesday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Dorothy Shannon +

Thursday, November 10

Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Novena For Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Friday, November 11

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop - Veteran's Day

9:00 AM Mary Maddocks +

Saturday, November 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop

9:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti (living)

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, November 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

Sunday, November 13

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +
10:00 AM Joseph Forlini +
11: 30 AM Helen Clemens +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

