

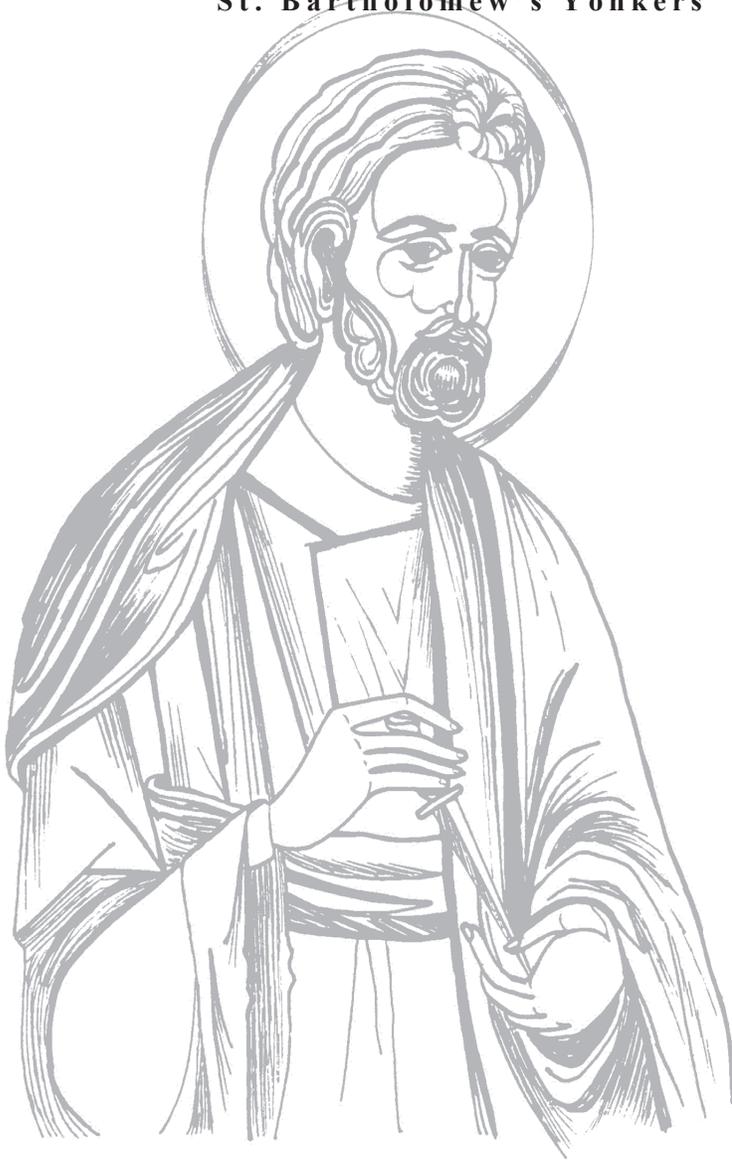
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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*
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Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, *Religious Education Coordinator*
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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, 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: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

OF GIFTS AND GIVERS

Pope Francis' speech at the World Meeting of Families on Saturday 26th was quite encouraging to couples and families. Witnesses from various parts of the world came forward and shared their stories of success and tribulations of marriage and of family life. It was a beauty. The Holy Father reminded us all that marriage and family are directly from God. He lamented that sadly men and women have found ways to divide themselves. Of course, he said that's the work of the Devil who is tirelessly fighting against the beautiful creation of God.

This Sunday's readings focus on the institution of marriage. The first reading is from Genesis 2:18-24. It reminds us of our existential need for human companion. Sadly, quite a few in our world today (to be conservative) are beginning to think, believe and even act as though pets can fulfill this need. "It is not good for man to be alone," God resolves in verse 18. "I will make a suitable partner for him." So, from thence on, man and woman came together – and family was born! Gradually, the Israelites realized the essence and importance of the family in fulfilling God's will and His command to be fertile, multiply and fill the earth thus strengthening the union of man and woman.

Sadly, by the time of Moses, this union was proving tough, so he lowered the bar for them. Not to mention that the law favored the menfolk at the expense of the women. By the time of Jesus, the divorce situation was probably getting worse. Those questioning Jesus in today's Gospel (Mark 10:2-16) were probably not only testing Him, but also seeking for approval of the practice of divorce. He reminded them God's original intention for man and woman.

So, despite the will of God and the fact that every society recognizes the inherent values and necessity of marriage and family, why do we still have perennial problems that plague this beautiful institution? The answer is multi faceted. But at the core of the issue will be how we view and value "gifts" and giving, especially for us Christians.

Catholics who have enough courage to stand before the altar of Christ and pledge their love and gift to each other do so mostly before the altar, with a Crucifix hanging over the altar. That Crucifix is, and should be, a reminder of what Christ is inviting them to do – total gift of self. Christ gave it all. "It is finished," He said. (John 19:30).

We all are called to this gift of ourselves. But in a deeper way or ways, each couple, especially those who come before Christ and pledge their love for life, are definitely called to this beautiful gift of self to the spouse. And as long as we, or the society continues to overlook this vital component, and even promote the opposite; failed marriages, troubled and broken families, then weak and unstable societies may continue to be our lot. And may that never be so, in Jesus name, Amen!!

Food For Thought:

"God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame" Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

"Anything that has real and lasting value is always a gift from within" Franz Kafka

"He lessens the favor conferred who waits to be asked" Publius Syrus

"Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind" Shakespeare

"There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward" Kahlil Gibran

"It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked, through understanding" Kahlil Gibran

"To give is to receive, but only if one does not give in order to receive" Wade Hudson.

~Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP


PARISH NEWS


The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, October 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated for the family of Andrew T. McCormack by Florence McCormack

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will be lit this week in loving memory of deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society by the Rosary Altar Society.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

It is not too late to register. Religious Education 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.



Religious Education

RCIA

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.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

A Montessori based pre school Religious Education program for Pre-K and Kindergarten school children is beginning this week. The classes will meet on a weekday afternoon for one hour. There is no charge for these classes. Please call the Religious Education office this week to register or to find out additional information.



COME, JOIN US!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The Rosary Altar Society was founded in 1943, for the purpose of promoting devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary among all, but especially among the women of the parish. For 70 years, the Society has played an active role in promoting spiritual growth among its members and the Parish.

The ladies of the Society, apart from cleaning the sacred linens used at Masses, also clean the Altar and Church at Christmas and Easter, and make available items necessary for the Altar and the Sanctuary, thereby, enhancing our liturgical worship.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the first Sunday of every month (September through June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the first Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. They always close the meeting with coffee/tea and desserts.

The Society is looking for additional members; therefore, we encourage any woman of the parish who is interested in joining this illustrious group of women to call Liz Mulvaney at 914 403-8844 or the Rectory Office at 914 965-0566.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Society of the Holy Name of Jesus was founded in 1945, with the objective of promoting the spiritual welfare of the men of the parish and also promoting greater participation in parish life and cooperation among men of the parish.

For 66 years, the Society has helped by donating material assistance to the needy members of our community. They also organize various social events that often bring the parishioners together as a family.

Members of the Society gather to worship as a group on the second Sunday of every month (September thru June) at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. They meet monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the Monday following the second Sunday to discuss and plan activities for the Society. The meeting always ends with dinner and other social activities. These are men who like to have fun. Come join us!

The Society is looking for additional members. Membership is open to any practicing Catholic man, 18 years or older, who would like to "hang out" with men that will help him feel a sense of belonging in the parish family of St. Bartholomew. For further information contact Tony Martelli at 914 760-1640 or the Rectory Office at 914 965-0566.

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. The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, October 4th after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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

Table with 4 columns: Category, 9/28/14, 9/27/15, Difference. Rows include Adults, Children, and Total.

"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



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 Swiatkiewicz, 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, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, 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, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, Agnes Masterson, Gregory Clemens, Carol Hoffman, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Carolyn & Lawrence Mesler, Grace Finnerty, Sister Eileen Burns, OSF, Mary Ann Klobosits, and Theresa Venturino.

FAMILY FAITH FESTIVAL PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015



Families find the festival very enjoyable as it consists of a meal followed by fun and faith filled activities such as games and crafts with something to engage everyone. The festival is open to all families in the parish. Registration is required and can be made by calling the Religious Education office at 914-476-6676 this week.

OCTOBER 4, 2015

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

Sunday, October 4

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Albert Gregorio & Antoinette Cognatello +

11:30 AM John Del Bene +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Jessica Batac (Living)

9:00 AM Gilda Spear (Living)

Tuesday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

9:00 AM Amada Ortiz +

Thursday, October 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Friday, October 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John Del Bene +

Saturday, October 10

Weekday

9:00 AM Jennifer & Robert Batac (Living)

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nicola Lalli +

Sunday, October 11

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

11:30 AM Dec. Members of DiRenzo & Obalde families

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

October 7, Memorial



Pope Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepanto—a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary. Clement XI extended the feast to the universal church in 1716.

The development of the rosary has a long history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Marys. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as unhistorical, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as "the apostle of the Rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the fifteenth century. In the sixteenth century the rosary was developed to include the fifteen mysteries (joyful, sorrowful and glorious). In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

COMMENT: The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—His birth, death, and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all mysteries of His earthly and heavenly existence. The Glories remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

From *Lives of the Saints*, revised by **Rev. Hugo Hoever, S.O.Cist., Ph.D.**

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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.