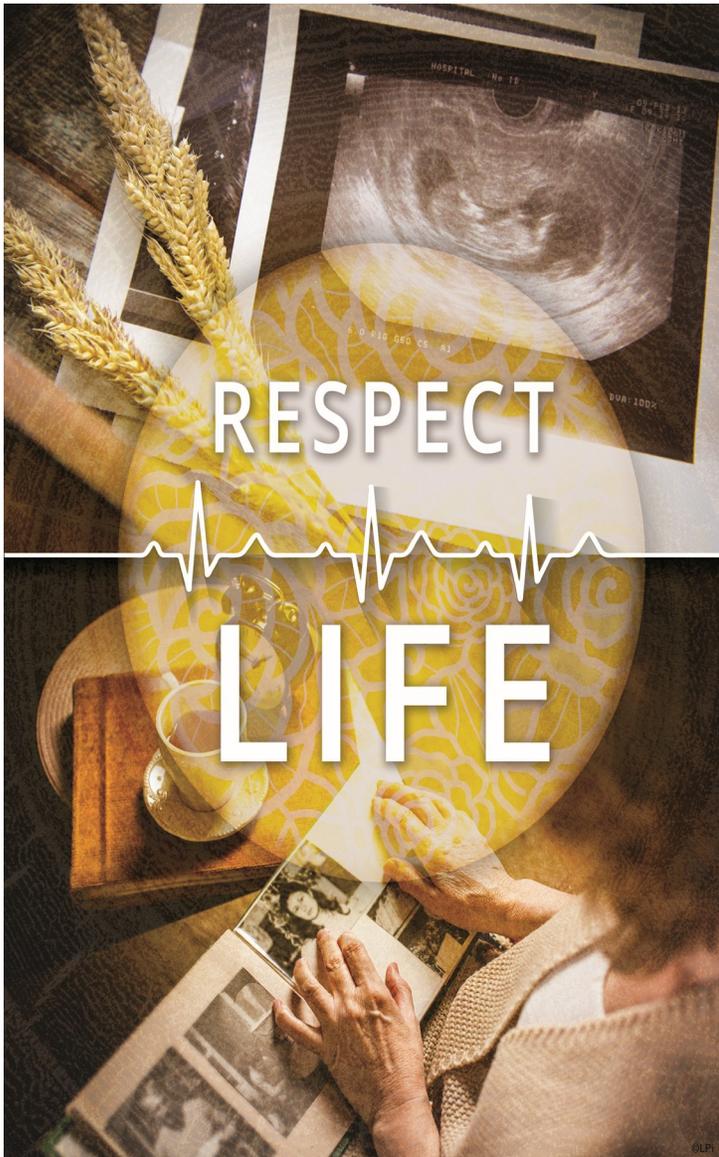


St. Bartholomew's Church

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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 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

OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

Oh when the saints go marching in, I want to be in that number! How many times have we heard that song and prayed that upon our last day on earth we too will be with marching with the saints into heaven? And there's no season quite like autumn, with nature dying in stages before our very eyes, to remind us that sooner or later, we all have to march in that parade. How close to the front do we expect to be?



Remember Jesus' challenge at the beginning of Ordinary Time way back to winter? "Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). The danger comes when we begin to perceive ourselves as somehow eminently suited to a front-row seat, divinely destined to lead the parade. After all, we are among the few who always try to say yes to God in a world where so many say no.

When the saints go marching in



But with Jesus, saying yes is not enough. Impressive words mean nothing apart from actual deeds. In Jesus' kingdom of "amazing grace," anyone, from tax collectors and prostitutes to less exciting sinners like us, can change. Though they may have said no, they can feel sorry, start over, begin anew, and finally do what the Father asked. In Jesus' kingdom, competition must give way to cooperation, factions to unanimity, and self-centeredness to self-sacrifice on behalf of others.

If only we "have in [us] the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, "dramatically described by Paul as having "emptied himself" (Philippians 2:5, 7). In the end, God, who is not only fair but Fairness itself, as Ezekiel declares, does not impose judgment but respecting our freedom, lets us judge ourselves, then lets our judgments stand.

If at times, I've been the one who said no, what would my saying yes to God look like in my life this week?
(Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2017)

FAMILY BREAKFAST



NOVEMBER 5th, DECEMBER 3rd AND JANUARY 7th; there will be family breakfast **AFTER THE 8:30, 10:00 AND 11:30 A.M. MASSES**

Join us after the three morning Masses for some breakfast and social time with your fellow parishioners.

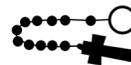
Blessings on and peace. Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS

THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society by the Rosary Altar Society.



THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will meet this Monday, October 2nd at 7 p.m. in the school building. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!
Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering
Thursday, October 5th
9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, October 5th, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, October 6th, 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, October 7th, 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.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:
Religious Education Classes began on Tuesday, September 12th. It is not too late to register. 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.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS SUPPORT OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, WON'T YOU JOIN US?



Throughout the month of October, we will be accepting items to be packaged and mailed to our service men and women to help make the time they serve a little more enjoyable and so that they know we have not forgotten them. Preferred items may be placed in the specially marked bins at the back of the church on the rectory side or in the school hallway each week. Items must be received by October 29th. Please see the bulletin insert for a list of acceptable items.

Don't forget to bring your pennies and put them in the containers at the rear of the church. All proceeds will be donated to St. Paul's School in Abuja, Nigeria, a school funded and administered by the Missionary Society of St. Paul.



PARISH UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. BART'S FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 8th after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m.
 Masses
 Breakfast snacks, games and other activities
 Tickets for activities are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00
All are welcome!!!!



OKTOBERFEST

In honor of Steve Hickey, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.
Saturday, October 14th at 6 p.m. in McManus Parish Center
Great Food and Entertainment



Reservations required. See the Holy Name Members at the rear of the Church after the Masses or contact

Joe Chimenti at (914) 423-0975 or Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or contact the Parish Office.

\$15 for adults \$5 for children
\$40 per family (this includes mom, dad and all children under 21).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT!!!

BE "INFORMED" FOR OCTOBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to 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. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676).

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST– RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

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. Inspire us with the stories of Mary and other mothers of unexpected pregnancies, who know 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 not reason to end any life. And that You desire that all life come only to a natural end in You. Amen

**Respect
 Life
 Sunday**



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,503.60
Balance	- \$1,496.40
*(Envelopes \$5,293.60 Online 210.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of September	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$22,465.05

"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!"



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, 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, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, and Richard (Dick) Novak.

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

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our food pantry has a need for the following items: canned tuna, canned vegetables, pasta sauce, rice, juice, and coffee. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



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 will be **THIS** Sunday, October 1st.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.



We celebrate **the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, this Wednesday, October 4th, well known for his love of animals. That day at 6 p.m., we will have a blessing of the animals in our parking lot. Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.



October 1, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, September 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 1, 2017

8:30 AM Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Concepcion Ocasio +
11:30 AM Lorenzo Soriano +
5:00 PM Maria & John Spagnola +

Monday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 AM Dina Legio +
9:00 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +

Tuesday, October 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Giuseppe Fiala +
9:00 AM Viviene Pezzola (Living)

Wednesday, October 4

Saint Francis of Assisi

7:00 AM Jose Amorim (Living)
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti+

Thursday, October 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Jessica Batic (Living)
9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, III +

First Friday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Living Members of the Amorim Family
9:00 AM Al Dio Dati +

First Saturday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Cosimo Fiorentino +

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, October 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nick & Anthony Lalli +

Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +
11:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of Salerno & Del Bene Families
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

October 1, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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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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 interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

St. John's Riverside Hospital is seeking Eucharistic Ministers to volunteer for their Spiritual Care Department. Please contact Rev. Paul Bryant-Smith, Hospital Chaplain at 914 984-4368 for further information.

"First Communion in the Liturgical Life of the Church Workshop"

St. Joseph's Seminary, Friday, October 13th, 3 to 5 p.m.
Presentation by Donna Eschenauer, P.H.D., author of "First Communion Liturgies: Preparing First-class Celebrations"
For more info. contact Liturgy@archny.org or call 914 968-6200, ext. 8177

Faith and Compassion: An Evolutionary Perspective : Co-sponsored by the Sisters of the Divine Compassion and the Duchesne Center for Religious and Social Justice, on Saturday, October 14th from 9 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, suggested donation is \$20, call 914 844-8304 for more information and registration.

The Ursuline School Open House

Saturday, October 28th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Ursuline School is an independent, private, Catholic, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12 and is located at 1354 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY.
For more information, please go to www.Ursulinenewrochelle.org or call the admissions office at 914 500-6227.