

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

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Rise up in splendor!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord
shines upon you.

ISAIAH 60:1

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Agnes and Paul were baptized and grew up in the parish their parents attended. They made their First Communion and Confirmation there and served on various ministries, including Altar Servers, Children's and Youth Choirs, Youth Ministry, Youth Lectors, etc. They loved the weekend retreats and Summer Bible Studies.

Soon, they finished high school and went to college. While there, life got busier, tougher, more complicated and challenging. Their peers made matters worse by challenging their values directly, as did their life style. Even though they could care less about God and religion, they seemed to be having more fun. By the end of their freshman year, Agnes and Paul realized that they had growing questions about the faith they once believed without doubt. By the end of Sophomore year they had stopped going to Church. After graduation, they got jobs and later got married. Although they started going to Church again, it was more for the sake of the kids.

We have heard this story too many times. We are agonizingly and constantly aware of the Agneses and Pauls in our families, circle of friends, parish, and community. We too are like Agnes and Paul. Like the Magi, the star we follow can often be hidden by clouds and darkness. Unlike the Magi, we often give up too early. Sometimes, we end our search at Herod's palace. But if we stay at it, if we are indeed committed, the Star we follow will definitely re-emerge through the clouds and darkness. If we are steadfast, He will lead us to safety, peace, and joy. Amen.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

I will continue Father Anthony's practice of compiling an annual report on the state of the parish. I believe the report will always help parishioners to know where we stand and thus be able to participate more in the life and mission of the parish. I tried to keep a balance between communicating enough facts and being too detailed. I also focused more on my first six months at St. Bart's and our Pastoral Plans for 2014 and beyond. Be sure to get a copy. And of course, be sure to actually read it.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW-UPDATE

Our Parish Core Team for Making All Things New has been busy meeting and correlating the results of the parish survey, communicating them to the Archdiocesan Team, attending cluster meetings and preparing for the remaining part of the exercise. Our last two meetings were held at Sacred Heart parish. The finalized cluster arrangement has been communicated to us. **St. Bartholomew's will cluster (work and share) with four other parishes: Sacred Heart, Christ the King, Most Holy Trinity, and St. Anthony.**

At one of our meetings each parish shared what they considered their strengths. **Christ the King** spoke of their vibrant worshipping community and their well-kept facilities. **Most Holy Trinity** mentioned that they had a beautiful church, with a refurbished pipe organ and an outstanding choir. The team from **St. Anthony's** spoke about their liturgical and sacramental life

and their financial stability. Sacred Heart representatives spoke about their well executed liturgies, their cultural plurality and large parish campus. The Core Team from St. Bartholomew's spoke about our plurality, our caring, dedicated, supportive priests from the Missionary Society of Saint Paul, and our enriching and viable Religious Education program. Each parish mentioned that they are a warm and welcoming community.

In terms of areas to work on, the parishes collectively acknowledged the need to increase efforts in the areas of evangelization and outreach to inactive Catholics, young adults and the youth. Fact sheets on parish finances and statistics were exchanged. Comparatively, St. Bartholomew's is in very good standing.

Thanks a lot for being a part of our parish family. Thanks for all you do to make St. Bart's what it is today. Thanks in advance for all you will still do to help us fulfill the mission entrusted to us as a parish.

Wishing You and Your Loved Ones A Happy New Year.

~ Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP



We want to welcome all of you back from your holiday travels. We hope you had a good time with your families and friends. We wish you and yours a very happy and healthy New Year in 2014.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 6th, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.



We thank the Rosary Altar Society women and the young people of our Parish who assisted them in cleaning our church for Christmas.

PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES



Bible Studies is held on the **2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. The group will meet this Friday, January 10th. These sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend! Come and have fun

exploring the Bible

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Dennis Madonia by Janet Madonia.



Epiphany of the Lord

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Search diligently for the Child ..." Get away from your busy life and search diligently for the marriage God desires for you with His Son at the center. For more information on Worldwide Marriage Encounter or for upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or go to www.wwme.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.



All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.

Just a reminder, that Religious Education classes will resume this Tuesday, January 7th.

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 January. 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 **YOUTH GROUP** will meet this Sunday, January 5th. The topic will be *A New Year, A New You*. On Sunday, January, 19th, the subject matter will be "spirituality." The group meets in the school building immediately follow the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass.

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Contribution Comparison

	2012	2013	Difference
Adults	\$5,879.00	\$6,373.05	+\$ 494.05
Children	\$ 117.00	\$ 135.30	+\$ 18.30
Total	\$5,996.00	\$6,508.35	+\$ 512.35

There will be a second collection in support of the Catholic University of America and Catholic Communications next weekend. Please be as generous as your means allow.

"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, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Bruculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD
The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week 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.

For Those Experiencing a Crisis Pregnancy: If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy and would like assistance call: the Sisters of Life Visitation Mission to pregnant women on 877 777-1277 or 212 737-0221. The Sisters provide practical help and resources for any woman in need as well as emotional support and spiritual counsel. Visit www.sistersoflife.org for more information. Or Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau Hotline : 800 592-HELP (4357). The CHB is an affiliated agency of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

January 5, 2014

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Bridget & Achille Chiarilli +

Sunday, January 5

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Maria de la Carmen Valaquez & Julio Blanco +

Monday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Silvia DiMarcello +

9:00 AM Marie Koehler +

Tuesday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Sofia Shannon +

9:00 AM Gene DelBene +

Wednesday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rocco Conte +

Thursday, January 9

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Joanne Moscarello +

Friday, January 10

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Ernest & Irene Russo +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Saturday, January 11

Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Dennis Madonia +

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM Paul & Maddalena Coniglio +

January 5, 2014

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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the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at 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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Heavenly Father,
 In this time of new beginnings,
 We recall how the heavens
 Celebrated the birth of Christ.
 We think back to the new kingdom
 He proclaimed,
 And remember the new life we gained in our baptism.
 In this time of new beginnings,
 And at the beginning of this New Year,
 May we always act as good examples
 Of the new life in You that all Christians have
 And be the same for others.
 Give us the joy that is ours
 As adopted members of God's family. Amen.

