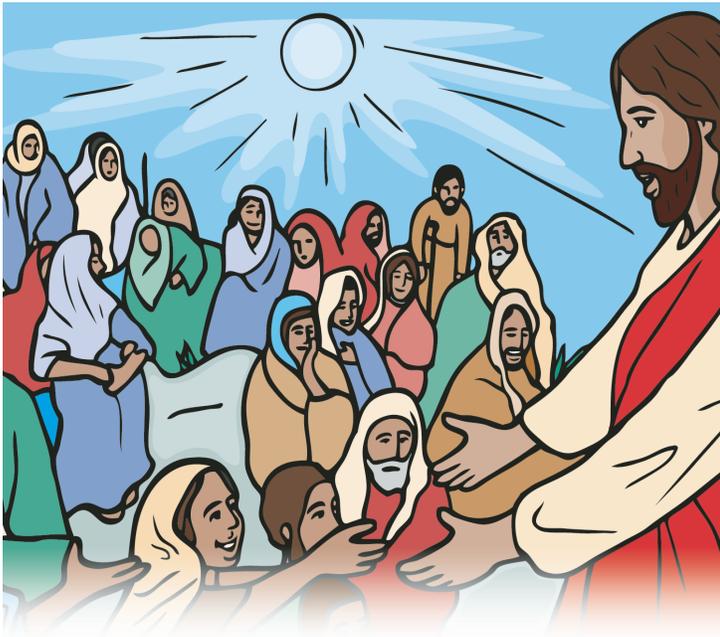


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,  
for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping,  
for you will laugh."

Lk 6:21

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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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## JESUS THE HEALER

Jesus was moved with pity. Filled with compassion, Jesus could not ignore the leper who approached Him, knelt down, and begged Him to make him clean. But He did not just hold his arm out and heal him from a distance. Jesus touched him. He broke through the barrier that separated the clean from the unclean. Because, the moment He touched the leper, Jesus became unclean Himself, He shared in the leper's condition as He cured it. In doing so, Jesus provides a model of Christian compassion. It is not enough to help from a safe distance. The Christian is called to reach out actively and touch those who need our compassion.

Jesus instructed the man not to say anything to anyone, but the former leper cannot help but tell others. He is a witness to what happened, no doubt telling everyone he met that Jesus was the real deal. He experienced the touch of Jesus firsthand and can describe how it felt as the disease immediately left his body. He is not going to keep this to himself! For the believer, the natural response to being made whole is to testify to it. We want to share the story.

In his First letter to the Corinthians, Saint Paul asks his fellow Christians to "do everything for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). He is telling them this in the context of conflicts that arose because of the differing backgrounds of the early Christians. Some of Jewish tradition took offense at the way some of the Gentile cultures acted and vice versa. Paul understood this, and being the person who united, tried "to please everyone in every way" (1 Corinthians 11:33). The best way to do that is to be conscious of glorifying God in our actions.

### Question of the Week

How can our compassion lead us to break barriers and bring healing to others, thereby giving glory to God?  
(*Pastoral Patterns – Winter 2017*)

### JOIN OUR 40-DAY LENTEN NOVENA

I gave witness about the success of our Renew and Rebuild Campaign and the role of Our Blessed Mother, under the title of Undoer of Knots. I mentioned that I'd be promoting this beautiful novena. I know you probably have a few favorite novenas, but adding this to your list, at least during this Lenten Season, won't hurt. It will actually bring you more blessings. Please bring 2 intentions to Church next Sunday as we embark on this prayer effort together. We'll begin on Monday of Lenten Week 1 (Feb 19), and end on Good Friday. We'll burn the intentions at the Easter Vigil. We'll have series of 9-Day sign-ups. Please be part of this effort, and may the Lord bless us abundantly. Amen.

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael*



# PARISH NEWS



The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa Family.



All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

This Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> is **World Day of the Sick**, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and for their caregivers. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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. Today we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes, Watch: *Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes.*, *The Passion of Bernadette*, or *Lourdes: A Study of Faith, Science & Miracles*. You can also listen to: *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

### OPENING OF THE 2019 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2019 will open on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. You can come to the Parish Office immediately following the 9 a.m. and 12 Noon Masses to have Masses offered for yourself or for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

### PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY

The Stewardship Committee, along with Father Raphael have researched and chosen a company that will be partnering with St. Bart's on a parish pictorial family directory. We are targeting the new directories to be available in May. More information to come in the next few weeks.



### BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come and show us your talents and be a part of this great Parish event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information. Tryouts will begin on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> after the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church.

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

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



**UPCOMING FEBRUARY PARISH EVENTS**

**MOVIE THURSDAY**

THIS THURSDAY, FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS



**ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL**

THIS SATURDAY, FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM  
*Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.*

**YOUTH WEEK**  
FEB 17<sup>TH</sup> --FEB 24<sup>TH</sup>



**LOCAL EVENTS**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. They meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is this Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

**Archdiocese of New York Office of Liturgy:** Eucharistic Adoration Seminar at St. Joseph's Seminary, this Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Presentation is by James Monti, Author of "Praying in the Presence of Our Lord". For more information and registration, go to [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops) or contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914 968-6200, extension 8177.

**Day of Recollection for Parish Musicians:** Join fellow music directors, adult choir members, cantors and instrumentalists for a day of prayer, reflection, music-making and fellowship at Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presenter is Fr. Joel Warden, C.O. Registration fee is \$15 (Lunch included). For more information, contact [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or call 914 968-6200, ext. 8177.

**A Night Under the Stars:** The St. Barnabas High School Parents Association is holding their inaugural card party on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.. Raffles, prizes, 50/50 drawing and much more! Sign up today at [St.BarnabasHigh.com](http://St.BarnabasHigh.com) (advance sales, tickets are limited). For more information or for any questions, please email [JMola@St.BarnabasHigh.com](mailto:JMola@St.BarnabasHigh.com).

**The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** (whose children of any age have died by any cause) is a unique, faith-based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents offered by grieving parents. The Ministry provides a safe place where you can find peace, comfort and hope, at least for a time. The entire retreat focuses on the parents' personal spiritual journey, where you can engage as much or as little as you want. Retreat is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Dates are as follows:

**Sat., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>,** Church of the Magdalene, Tarrytown, NY ;  
9:30 a.m.-7:30p.m.

**Sat., April 28<sup>th</sup>,** St. Peter/St. Mary of the Assumption, 115 Broadway, Haverstraw, NY (Rockland County) (in Spanish), 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Sat., October 20<sup>th</sup>,** St. Francis of Assisi, San Damiano Hall, 129 West 31st Street, NY, NY 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**To register:** [www.emfgp.org/2018-archny](http://www.emfgp.org/2018-archny) or contact Sue DiSisto, [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or call 646 794-3191.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
**Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,516.75
Balance	- <b>\$1,483.25</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,956.75,+ Online \$560.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,516.75

**The Building and Grounds Collection totaled: \$1,281.75.**

**Next week's collection is for snow removal. Please be as generous as your means allow .**

"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!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, 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, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, Matthew Fitzpatrick and Frank Sanzo.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The next meeting is next Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ [St\\_Barts-Youth](https://twitter.com/St_Barts-Youth).

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, February 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary & Albert Gregorio +  
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**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society  
10:00 AM Al Dio Dati +  
11:30 AM Gino & Ann Coniglio +  
5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +  
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**Monday, February 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 No Intention  
9:00 AM Vito Traversa +

**Tuesday, February 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joseph Martin +

**Wednesday, February 14**

**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM Dec. Members of Capuano & Lucchetti families  
9:00 AM Charles & Evangeline Yaskovic +  
12 Noon Living Members of Casey & Chimenti families  
4 PM Word Service  
7:30 PM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +

**Thursday, February 15**

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM Mary Ellen Reynolds +  
9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

**Friday, February 16**

**Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +  
9:00 AM Maria Costanzo +

**Saturday, February 17**

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM George & Josephine Campbell +  
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**First Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, February 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Sofia Gogola +  
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**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

8:30 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Ralph Verderosa +  
5:00 PM Cosimo Fiorentino +

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## LENT IS UPON US

Melanoia is a Greek word for Lent, which connotes a change of mind and heart, altering ones mindset toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. Lents is a period where we take a look at where we are and try to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values that our Lord Jesus offers His followers. Subsequently, Lent is a time when we acknowledge our guilt for the sins that led to Christ's passion and death.



**LENT**

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### ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. As the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday calls us to the conversion journey that marks the season. The readings assigned to Ash Wednesday highlight this call to conversion. The first reading from the prophet Joel is a clarion call to return to the Lord “with fasting, and weeping and mourning”. On Ash Wednesday the Church invites us to receive ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the season of Lent we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin, and discipline ourselves through almsgiving, prayer and fasting.



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### SYMBOLISM OF ASHES

As with all material things which are used as religious symbols, the symbolism of ashes is complex and difficult to understand. IN themselves, ashes have little meaning, but they have their own biblical and historical context in the liturgical practices of today. Ashes are an ancient symbol of repentance (sackcloth and ashes). Consequently, when received in the light of God's revealing word, ashes can become a biblical symbol for us, and our desire to turn back to God. When we receive ashes on our foreheads, we remember who we are. WE remember that we are creatures of the earth (“Remember that you are dust”). We remember that we are mortal beings (“and to dust yu will return”). The reception of the ashes on our foreheads reminds us of the fact that we are Gods' chosen children on a journey of conversion, hence “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” The ashes remind us that we are members of the body of Christ, and the blotch on our foreheads will proclaim that identity to others too.

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### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Lent Begins  
Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass times are 7 a.m., 9 a.m. 12 Noon and 7:30 p.m. There will also be a short word service with the distribution of ashes at 4 p.m. that day. With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Service.

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, beginning on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and “soup” afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!