

St. Bartholomew's

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you,
eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them,
'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" *Lk 10:8-9*

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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
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

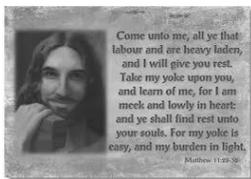
Trustees: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

The "Yoke" of Jesus

How perfectly Jesus' invitation accords with summer's spirit: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened Take my yoke upon you and learn from me you will find rest" (Matthew 11:28, 29). Yet, as comforting as Jesus' invitation sounds, don't we sometimes wish God would stage a miracle or two to jolt the world out of complacency and unbelief, ushering in the Kingdom with some irrefutable evidence of heavenly power, divine purpose?



But would such miracles really accomplish anything? As today's Gospel opens, Jesus praises his Father's odd plan. The "wise and learned," whose theological education and religious observance should have guaranteed their grasp of Jesus' message, and whose power and prestige could have advanced Jesus' mission, have completely missed the point. Meanwhile, the simple and powerless prove "little" enough to trust Jesus (take his yoke) and open enough to learn from Him. Perhaps they understood that Joseph's one-time apprentice, Jesus the carpenter, was referring to the yokes of that time, custom-modeled to each animal's shoulders and always made for two, so that animals walking side by side encouraged each other.



In hidden guise, as Zechariah envisioned, this humble king enters our world still. But to those Paul describes as "in the flesh" (i.e., locked into worldly values), a humble kingdom that invites but does not compel is no kingdom at all. A discipleship that goes above and beyond is neither easy nor light. But we are "in the spirit;" we see with Jesus' eyes, judge by Jesus' standards, delight with Jesus in his Father's plan don't we?

What constitutes Jesus' "yoke" in my life? How can I lighten the burden carried by someone I know? (Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. ANTHONY

At a wedding reception, a girl of about 20 years approached me and said: "Thank you for being a priest". It's good for a priest to hear that once in a while. And so, today we join our voices together to say to Fr. Anthony:

"Thank you for being a priest! Thank you for 25 years of serving God's children in different parts of the world! Thank you for your services here at St. Bart's! Thank you for the many ways you enrich our parish life! And may the Lord who started this good work in you bring it to a fruitful completion – AMEN! AMEN!!"

We heartily welcome everyone who has come to celebrate with Fr. Anthony.

GOOD NEWS & CONGRATULATIONS

*To Jessica and Richard Balmir, who were wed on June 29th here at St. Bart's.

*To Pamela and Charles Hrusovsky, who also were wed here at St. Bart's on July 2nd.

*Finally, congratulations also to the family of Frank Trolio (our landscaper) at the baptism of their little baby, Anastasia. May the Lord bless each of you and your families. Amen.

Blessings!!!!

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: Religious Education classes have ended for this semester but will begin again the first week of September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted.

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.



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

2017 and 2018 MASS BOOK

The 2017 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2018 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.



CELL PHONE ALERT:



As you join us for sacred worship, we remind you to please **TURN OFF** your cell phone. Let your focus be on Prayer and the Presence of Jesus among us.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Join us for the showing of the movie "Fatima—A Message of Hope" on this Monday, July 10th in McManus Parish Center at 7 p.m.

From May through October in 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. These incredible events were witnessed by tens of thousands of people and are considered the most prophetic revelations of the 20th century. On this Monday July 10th at 7pm we will have a showing of a 52 minute documentary titled "Fatima, A Message of Hope". Join us for an hour and learn the truth of the events and the importance of Mary's message through insightful interviews with Father Andrew Apostoli, CFR, and Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR amongst others including family members of the children. This documentary will be shown in the air conditioned McManus Parish Center and will begin promptly at 7pm. It is definitely worth an hour of everyone's time!

FOR THE YOUTH Steubenville 2017 July 21-23

Pray for our Youth as they attend this wonderful retreat!! Contact Ellen Chimenti for more information.



PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Saturday, August 26 6-10 p.m.

BLOCK PARTY!

Please join us for a fun filled evening.

More details to follow in upcoming weeks!!



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, July 9th due to the 4th of July weekend.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts-Youth.

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.

NEED HELP? SPEAK TO REAL PEOPLE AND GET REAL ANSWERS

United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information and referral helpline open 365 days a year, 9am-7pm. Knowledgeable call specialists are available to listen, to care, and most of all, to give you the information you need on food, housing and shelters, abuse prevention, government services, senior services, health & mental health, child care, job assistance and more. To speak to someone dial 2-1-1 from any phone or visit www.uwwp.org/get-help.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$5,641.00
Balance - \$1,350.00
*(Envelopes \$5,541.00, Online \$100)

Amount Needed for Month of July \$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far \$ 5,641.00

The second collection in support of Building and Grounds totaled \$1,308.75

"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, 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., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola and Angela Lutomski.

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

As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Carmela Massaroni.

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.

July 9, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marion De Muro +

Sunday, July 9

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia & Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Jose Angel Ocasio +

Monday, July 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Dominick Nguyen +

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III +

Tuesday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

9:00 AM Reverend Michael J. Feeney, OFM +

Wednesday, July 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III +

Thursday, July 13

Weekday

7:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM Anna & William Groth +

First Friday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Barney Scardino +

Saturday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Dina Legio +

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, July 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Fletcher +

Sunday, July 16

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Stephen Hickey +

5:00 PM Carmine & Angela Emilia Di Carlo +

July 9, 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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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 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.

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

(pronounced [gaderi dega'gwita] in Mohawk) July 14th

given the name **Tekakwitha**, baptized as **Catherine** and informally known as **Lily of the Mohawks** (1656 – April 17, 1680), is a Roman Catholic saint who was an Algonquin–Mohawk laywoman. Born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, on the south side of the Mohawk River, she contracted smallpox in an epidemic; her family died and her face was scarred. She converted to Roman Catholicism at age nineteen, when she was renamed Kateri, baptized in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena. Refusing to marry, she left her village and moved for the remaining 5 years of her life to the Jesuit mission village of Kahnawake, south of Montreal in New France, now Canada.



Tekakwitha took a devout vow of perpetual virginity. Upon her death at the age of 24, witnesses said that minutes later her scars vanished and her face appeared radiant and beautiful. Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, as well as being shunned by some of her tribe for her religious conversion to Catholicism, she is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church and the first to be canonized.

Under the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, she was beatified in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on October 21, 2012. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession.