

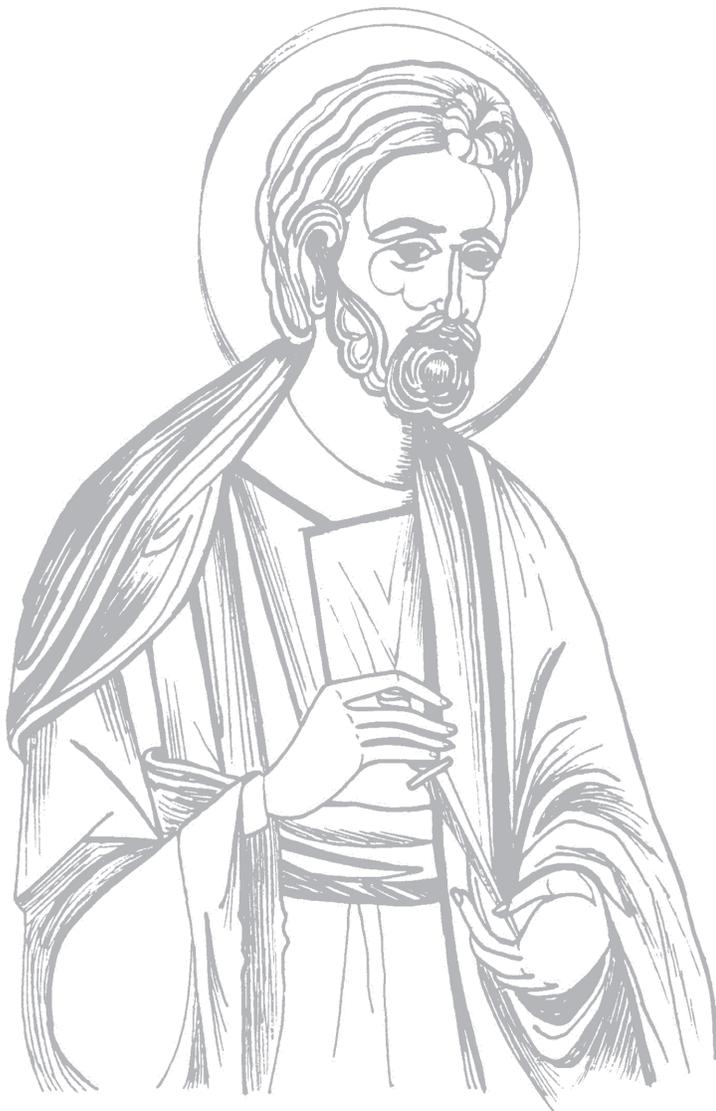
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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Paul's name, then Saul, was first mentioned in Acts 7:58, *"The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul."* By Acts chapter 8, he was in full-fledged Christian persecution mode. *"Saul, meanwhile, was trying to destroy the church; entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for punishment"* (Act 8:3). By the time we get to Chapter 9, he had become a changed man forever and was baptized (9:18).

By the time Paul's friends saw him again, they could not recognize their friend. I wonder what they did – confront him, ask for some reasonable explanation, threaten him, etc. Of course, the crowd did try to kill him many times, and can be sure some of his former friends would have been part of it, or even leading it.

Like St. Paul, our conversion, dramatic or not, must be more than skin deep. It must be more than lip service. It must bring out the very best in each of us. Others, friends or foes, must see a substantial change in us. We must remember that this conversion, like St. Paul's, is never a one-time incident. There were people who were considered saints once but later became evil incarnate. There were also people who were considered the worse of them all but ended up becoming great exemplary figures.

Where does that leave you and me? Often we warn intending couples not to romanticize marriage. The same should be said of Christianity or the task of following Christ. It is not for the faint-hearted. If in doubt ask St. Paul! He was imprisoned wrongfully several times. He was persecuted many times. He was whipped several times, some accounts say up to 200 lashes. He risked his life out in the open sea and was shipwrecked three times. He was cold and near nakedness as he roamed cities bearing witness for Christ. This is true Christianity or discipleship.

We really don't need to compare our lives to Paul's (we'd fail woefully), but we can take stock of little things we often overlook. I was happy and also a bit concerned after going through the results of the survey we did last Sunday – the Pentecost survey. Many thanks to all who participated. Many thanks for your sincerity, especially those who shared their negative feelings and thoughts. The overall response was overwhelmingly positive – 80% liked the celebration, while 14% didn't like it.

For those who don't like the celebration in various languageS, here's a more positive way to look at it. I invite you to consider this with an open and generous mind. I believe mostly everyone knows the reason for the celebration. We have over 30 countries represented at Saint Bart's. This reality is a positive thing for us as followers of Christ. It's also representative of this great city of NY and our Archdiocese. While too much or undue emphasis on our diversity will surely create a problem, we must acknowledge it, cherish it, and find ways to celebrate it. We must turn it into a source of strength.

Therefore, diversity at our liturgy on one Sunday out of 52, and on a meaningful day like Pentecost is definitely a very positive thing. For the 14% who don't particularly care for it, I'd love to suggest a different approach – from the perspective of sacrifice, or better, putting our faith into action in this particular issue.

While we cannot please everyone, I'd sure love to see it become a win-win for everyone. And I believe it could be if we all strive to be even more considerate and supportive of one another with regards to parish celebrations. We must think solidarity and the greater good, rather than see things from our individual perspective alone. Any parish event you love, enjoy it and be conscious of the support of others who are there just to support you. When there's a parish event you don't like, endeavor to be there simply to support those who will benefit from it. That's called family (blood and parish)! That's called love! That's faith in action! That's dying to oneself.

Peace upon you and your loved ones.

Father Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** have been donated for the intentions of the Brusco Family.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (476-6676) for information.

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◇ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- ◇ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◇ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◇ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

To learn more call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

The Rosary Altar Society is holding their year end dinner at Fogarty's this Tuesday, June 7th, at 6:30 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$25.00. All ladies of the parish are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Josephine Smith at 914 476-5386 or Dolly De Rosa at 914 969-6575.



CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

This Thursday, June 9th



Please join us at the 9 a.m. Mass for a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center. Kelly Chiarella, Director of the Yonkers Office for the Aging, will give a presentation on resources, services, and activities available to Yonkers Seniors.

Bible Study

Please join us every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the School Building.



FATHER'S DAY CARDS AND NOVENA

Sunday, June 19th is Father's Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers - living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 19th, and will end on Monday, June 27th. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week. Remember, on Father's Day we will invoke a special blessing on all the fathers during the Masses that weekend.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their **25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2016) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, June 12th. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center.



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

	5/31/15	5/29/16	Difference
Adults	\$6,101.75	\$4,962.55	- \$1,139.20
Children	\$ 69.35	\$ 70.10	+ \$.75
Total	\$6,171.10	\$5,032.65	- \$1,138.45

The second collection for next weekend is in support of the Bomadi Mission Appeal of Nigeria. Next Weekend the Very Reverend Hyacinth Oroko Egbebo, MSP will be speaking at all of the Masses.

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 6 families that have signed up.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Benjamin Pelliccio, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Joan Oliver, Henry Joseph Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney and Mary De Santis.

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

St. Anthony of Padua Relic



The Franciscan Friars OFM are delighted to say that Friar Paolo Floreeta will bring a first class relic of our beloved saint, Saint Anthony of Padua, to the United States during the week of his June 13th feast day. The relic will visit two churches in Yonkers on June 15th and June 19th

June 15th
St. Ann's Church
31 College Place
Yonkers, NY 10704
Veneration begins at 11 a.m.
until after the 7:30 p.m. Mass

June 19th
Church of St. Anthony
10 Squire Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703
Veneration begins prior and
after each Mass (8,10&12N)

Special Parish Events



There will be a **Special Mass** on Monday, June 13th, the Feast of St. Anthony at 6:30 p.m. in loving memory of Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP. After Mass, there will be a gathering in McManus Center with some light refreshments. Please join us!!

St. Bartholomew's Parish Picnic

St. Joseph's Seminary
Sunday, June 26, 2016 from Noon to 5 p.m.
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society



Adults and Seniors: \$15.00
Children Under 14: \$10.00
\$40 per Family (includes parents and all children under \$18)

For Above Prices, please purchase tickets prior to June 20th Contact Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or the Parish Office at 914 965-0566. Any ticket purchased after June 20th, add \$5.00 per ticket.

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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting this Sunday, June 5th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.

Other Local Events

Greek Festival

Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church
Invites you to their Annual Greek Festival
Friday, June 10th 5 to Midnight
Saturday, June 11th Noon to Midnight
Sunday, June 12th Noon to 10 p.m.
Food, Music and Dance
Raffles and Prizes
15 Leroy Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705

JUNE 5, 2016

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anna Giuriceo +
& Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

Sunday, June 5

8:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +
& Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
10:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
11:30 AM Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo +
& Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +
5:00 PM Gilbert Diaz & Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey MSP +

Monday, June 6

Weekday

7:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +
9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco Family

Tuesday, June 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Lois Ann Burton +
9:00 AM Helen Clemens +

Wednesday, June 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Louis & Phyllis Martelli +

Thursday, June 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +
9:00 AM Geraldine Rose Grady +

Friday, June 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Peter Fortes +
9:00 AM Marty Miller +

Saturday, June 11

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

9:00 AM Rose Marie Fasanella +

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Special Intention

Sunday, June 12

8:30 AM Kenneth F. Moore +
10:00 AM Eleanor & George Tiplady +
11:30 AM Obiora Ezech +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

JUNE 5, 2016

June 12th, Mission Appeal for Bomadi

The Very Reverend Dr. Hyacinth Oroko Egbebo, MSP will be visiting our parish next weekend, June 11th and June 12th. He will be speaking about the Mission Appeal for Bomadi in Nigeria.

After over twenty two years of its existence, the Bomadi Vicariate has not yet been upgraded to the status of a diocese.

The aim of the Church for creating this jurisdiction was that ultimately, it would be upgraded to attain the status of a diocese in order to evangelize and develop the area to a full-fledged arena where pastoral activities would effectively take place for the salvation of souls. In order to achieve the goal of upgrading to a diocese there is a need to seriously and urgently attend to the provision of the following: a standard Pastoral Center, a befitting Cathedral and Chancery, training of Priests for the key offices in the Vicariate, Health Care Facilities and School., etc.

**About the Very Reverend Dr. Hyacinth Oroko Egbebo
Auxiliary Bishop of Bomadi Vicariate**

Very Rev. Dr. Hyacinth Oroko Egbebo, MSP was born into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Egbebo Arimanah on October 23rd, 1955. He is the fifth of eight children of the family. Two of his junior sisters have died. All the children are fruitful members of the Catholic Church. His parents became Catholics in their old age, soon after Bishop Egbebo's ordination into the priesthood. His mother is late and he has an aged father.

Bishop Hyacinth was born and brought up in Ogrigbene in Western Ijaw of Bomadi Local Government Area of Delta State. He attended Roman Catholic Mission School Ogrigbene (now known as Onurun Primary School). He went on to attend Gbesa Grammar School Ojobo, as one of its pioneer students from 1971-1976. He worked briefly as a primary school teacher in Ediemogbene, Nigeria Ports Authority and later on at Aladja Steel Plant for a cumulative period of six years.

He felt called to the priesthood in 1982 and was admitted to pursue his chosen call at the National Missionary Seminary at Iperu-Remo, Ogun State. He finished his training and was ordained on 23rd June, 1990 as a priest of the Missionary Society of St. Paul of Nigeria.

Soon after his ordination, he was posted to work with the formation team at Initial Formation House in Iperu-Remo, Ogun State. As part of necessary preparation for the work of formation he was sent to Ireland for further studies. Thereafter, he was made the Director of Formation in 1995 as the St. Patrick Fathers, who were initially entrusted with the training of the missionary seminarians. Apart from the period preceding his studies in Ireland, he worked in the Formation house for a total of six years.

In September 2001 he was elected the Superior General of the Missionaries of St. Paul of Nigeria for six years. In September 2007 he was re-elected to serve another six year term. He was also the President of the Major Superiors in 2006.

Just after his re-election as the Superior General of the Missionaries of St. Paul of Nigeria, he was appointed the auxiliary Bishop of Bomadi Vicariate by Pope Benedict XVI.

Fr. Hyacinth has been blessed with good health and he is enthusiastic about his priestly life. He is a simple and available person. This resonates with his personal conviction hence his motto: That they may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10).

TAKE A CHANCE.....

**St. Bartholomew's Church Scratch off Raffle
\$10 per ticket/Win 100 \$5.00 Scratch Off Tickets
Winning Ticket will be drawn at the September
Family Breakfast**



Fill out information below and return with your \$10 in the collection basket or to the Parish Office for a chance to win!!!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____