

St. Bartholomew's

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way
and how he was made known to them in the breaking of
bread. —Lk 24:35

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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

SAINTS JAMES AND PHILIP, APOSTLES, MAY 3RD

James: Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, His Church. He is not the James of *Acts*, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the *Letter of James*. James, son of Alphaeus, is also



known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.

Philip: Philip came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. Jesus called him directly, whereupon he sought out Nathanael and told him of the "one about whom Moses wrote". (John 1:45).

Like the other apostles, Philip took a long time coming to realize who Jesus was. On one occasion, when Jesus saw the great multitude following Him and wanted to give them food, He asked Philip where they should buy bread for the people to eat. Saint John comments, "[Jesus] said this to test him, because He himself knew what He was going to do" (John 6:6). Philip answered, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little [bit]" (John 6:7).

John's story is not a put-down of Philip. It was simply necessary for these men who were to be the foundation stones of the Church to see the clear distinction between humanity's total helplessness apart from God and the human ability to be a bearer of divine power by God's gift.

On another occasion, we can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus's voice. After Thomas had complained that they did not know where Jesus was going, Jesus said, "I am the way...If you know Me, then you will also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him" (John 14:6a, 7). Then Philip said, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Enough! Jesus answered, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9a).

Possibly because Philip bore a Greek name or because he was thought to be close to Jesus, some gentile proselytes came to him and asked him to introduce them to Jesus. Philip went to Andrew, and Andrew went to Jesus. Jesus's reply in John's *Gospel* is indirect; Jesus says that now His "hour" has come, that in a short time He will give his life for Jew and Gentile alike.

COMMENT: As in the case of the other apostles, we see in James and Philip human men who became foundation stones of the Church, and we are reminded again that holiness and its consequent apostolate are entirely the gift of God, not a matter of human achieving. All power is God's power, even the power of human freedom to accept His gifts. "You will be clothed with power from on high," Jesus told Philip and the others. Their first commission had been to expel unclean spirits, heal diseases, announce the kingdom. They learned, gradually, that these externals were sacraments of an even greater miracle inside their persons—the divine power to love like God.

QUOTE: "He sent them... so that as sharers in His power they might make all peoples His disciples, sanctifying and governing them...They were fully confirmed in this mission on the day of Pentecost (cf. Acts 2:1-6) in accordance with the Lord's promise: "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be witnesses for me...even to the very ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8) By everywhere preaching the gospel (cf.. Mark 16:20), which was accepted by their hearers under the influence of the Holy Spirit, the apostles gathered together the universal church, which the Lord established on the apostles and built upon blessed Peter,, their chief, Christ Jesus Himself remaining the supreme cornerstone..." (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, 19).

Saint of the Day

PARISH NEWS

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.



The **FLOWERS** in front of the Altar were donated by the First Communion Class in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, May 4th, 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.

Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, **May 11th NOT May 4th**. 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, May 5th, 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, May 6th, 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.

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.



Due to the Parish Cluster Mission beginning on May 1st through May 3rd, the **Rosary Altar Society will meet Monday, May 8th at 7:30 p.m.** in McManus Parish Center.

The **May Crowning of Our Blessed Mother** will be on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:45 p.m.



**PARISH CLUSTER MISSION
REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY**

**ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE MISSION & EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM
STARTING THIS MONDAY MAY 1ST**

The archdiocese of New York will launch an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day.

The three day program will be led by Father Kenan Peters, from the Passionists who specializes in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with Adoration, followed by the mission. Each cluster parish will host one EVENING:

St. Bartholomew's will host Monday, May 1st

St. Anthony's will host Tuesday, May, 2nd

Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, May 3rd

Come join us!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



CINCO DE MAYO, this Saturday, May 6th

McManus Parish Center—6 p.m. after the 5 p.m. Mass, sign up at the rear of the church or call the Parish Office.

The Rosary Altar Society is hosting a retreat at McManus Parish Center on Saturday, May 13th celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. We will start with Mass on Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. followed by refreshments and a light lunch. Sr. Mary E. McCormick, SC, will be our Spiritual Director for the Day. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please RSVP to Liz Mulvaney before May 9th at 914 403-8844. All are welcome.



SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL, Friday, May 12th

Admission is \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



TAG SALE, Saturday, May 20th

Donations are needed for our annual tag sale on Saturday May 20th. We will begin to take donations on Monday, May 8th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. For further information, please call 914-476-6676.



MARK THIS DATE INTERNATIONAL CULTURE NIGHT Saturday, June 3rd, look for further details in upcoming weeks.

Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2017) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,829.30
Balance	-\$ 170.70
*(Envelopes \$6,589.30 Online \$240.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$27,914.10

"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 contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



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., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente and Theresa Venturino.

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



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Charles Wighton.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.



Bible Study, will resume on Thursday, May 4th.

April 30, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

Sunday, April 30

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Frank Zito +

5:00 PM Deceased Mem. Of the Baumeister family

Monday, May 1

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Salvadora Blanco (Living)

9:00 AM Elizabeth Liga +

Tuesday, May 2

Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Reimond Batac (Living)

9:00 AM Victoria Kurak +

Wednesday, May 3

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

7:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

9:00 AM Marsha Sperling (Living)

Thursday, May 4

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Arengail Samarita (Living)

9:00 AM Gerard J. Monahan +

First Friday, May 5

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Angelica Blanco & Steven Colon (Living)

9:00 AM Bernard Mistal & Margaret Kielkucki +

First Saturday, May 6

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Tito & Giovinna Melchiorre +

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fiore Brusco +

Sunday, May 7

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

11:30 AM Carole Ferraro +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

