

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

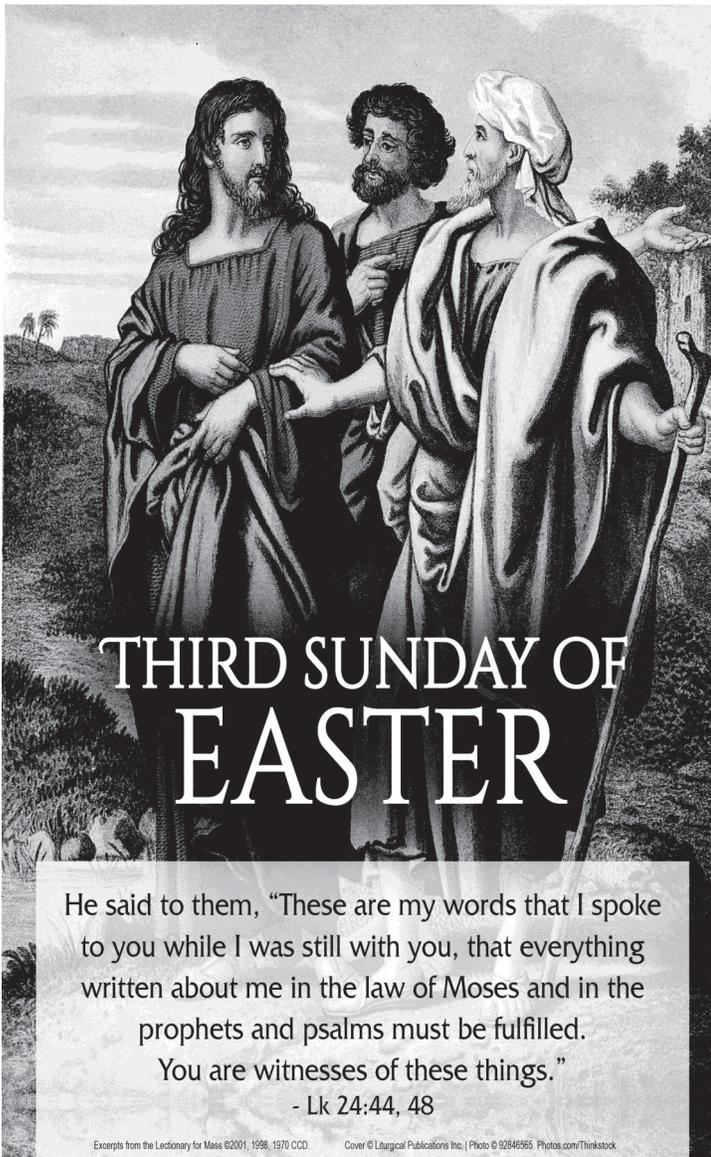
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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. Co-Presidents, Carolyn Mesler, Frances Raffa

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."
- Lk 24:44, 48

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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.

**SAINT ANSELM,
BISHOP & DOCTOR
(1033 - 1109)
APRIL 21**

Indifferent toward religion as a young man, Anselm became one of the church's greatest theologians and leaders. He received the title "Father of Scholasticism" for his attempt to analyze and illumine the truths of faith through the aid of reason.

At fifteen, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, three years later was elected prior and fifteen years later was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies.

During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

At sixty, against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the church.

Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus's brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people; he opposed the slave trade. Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

COMMENT: Anselm, like every true follower of Christ, had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake.

QUOTE: "No one will have any other desire in heaven than what God wills; and the desire of one will be the desire of all; and the desire of all and of each one will also be the desire of God" (Saint Anselm, *Opera Omnia*, Letter 112).

From *Saint of the Day*, edited by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., & Pat McCloskey, O.F.M.

PARISH NEWS



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** will be lit this week in loving memory of Dorothy Heaney by Barbara and Joe Troutman.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Call (914) 476-6676 for further information.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES



Register **now** for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676) for information.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to pray with the Risen Christ at the Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir and the Folk Group will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with their friends and classmates during the Mass.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION TRIP: *Joseph*

An all day excursion to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see *Joseph* on Friday, July 31st, is planned. The bus leaves from Murray's Skating Rink, Tuckahoe Road, at 9 a.m. Lunch at the famous Miller's Smorgasbord prior to the show included. The cost is \$154 per person. **Seating is limited; reservations are required now.** For information and reservations, call Cheryl Duda (914 476-6676).

"You will witness Joseph through his life's journey, from his role as the youngest of Jacob's sons, to his trials in the house of Potiphar, and up to his role as Pharaoh's second in command. You will get to see the hard times in Canaan, and how Joseph's gift from God allowed him to forgive and work for the benefit of others."



YOU ARE INVITED to come and share the joy with our children who will be making their First Holy Communion at the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, April 26th. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Confirmation will take place the following Sunday, May 3rd, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME to Jalani Anthon, Susan Azzara, and Ushamatti Persuad, who were baptized and received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday. We pray that God blesses them, their families, and sponsors; and we welcome them into our family of faith.



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

	4/13/14	4/12/15	Difference
Adults	\$6,829.80	\$5,659.45	-\$1,170.35
Children	\$ 159.10	\$ 91.50	-\$ 67.60
Total	\$6,988.90	\$5,750.95	-\$1,237.95

The Collection to maintain our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,637.50.

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

"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



The two disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread and their lives were changed. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you recognize Jesus in your sacrament of matrimony or holy orders. For more information or upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wwmearchny.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.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st, at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your Parish Office for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life + Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. They will meet this Sunday, April 19th. All youths age 13 and up are invited.



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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, 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 Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkiewicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, Mary Walsh, Natalie Marrero, Richard Meyers, Carlo Gentile, Angelo Gianfrancesco, Vince Delgado, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Steven Colon, Louis Loscalzo, Gina Obalde, Ann Lackner, Ariella Castillo, Brian Detz, John Marietti, Dominick Gravino, Angelica Blanco, Joseph Melillo, Gail Chappory, and Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP.

ALTAR SERVER NEWS

We welcome and thank our most recent additions to the altar server ranks, **Dotun Obasa, Julian Payamps, and John Usera III**. We applaud their willingness to serve our parish in this ministry.



APRIL 19, 2015

Mass Intentions for the Week

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 18 (Anticipated Mass)

8:30 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

Sunday, April 19 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +
10:00 AM Michael Lemme +
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Ricciardi Family
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP (living)
9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Sister Mary Patrice Whalen, RSM +
9:00 AM John Palermo +

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Bolduc & Savard Families
9:00 AM Special Intention

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Rev. Anthony Bassey, MSP (living)
9:00 AM Daniel Jordano +

Saturday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:00 AM Julia Guerreiro +

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +
11:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

APRIL 19, 2015

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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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.



St. Bartholomew's Parish and Hudson Valley Blood Services (HVBS) express sincere appreciation to the 83 donors and 13 volunteers, including 9 high school students, who participated in the Blood Drive on April 10th, donating 82 units of blood (60 regular and 11 double red cell). St. Bart's has now collected 6,063 units in 80 drives since our first drive in 1981.



Any donors who could not come to the drive can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 1-800-933-2566. Ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's Group #7747. Our next Blood Drive will be held Friday, July 10th, please plan on joining us in this much needed community service.