

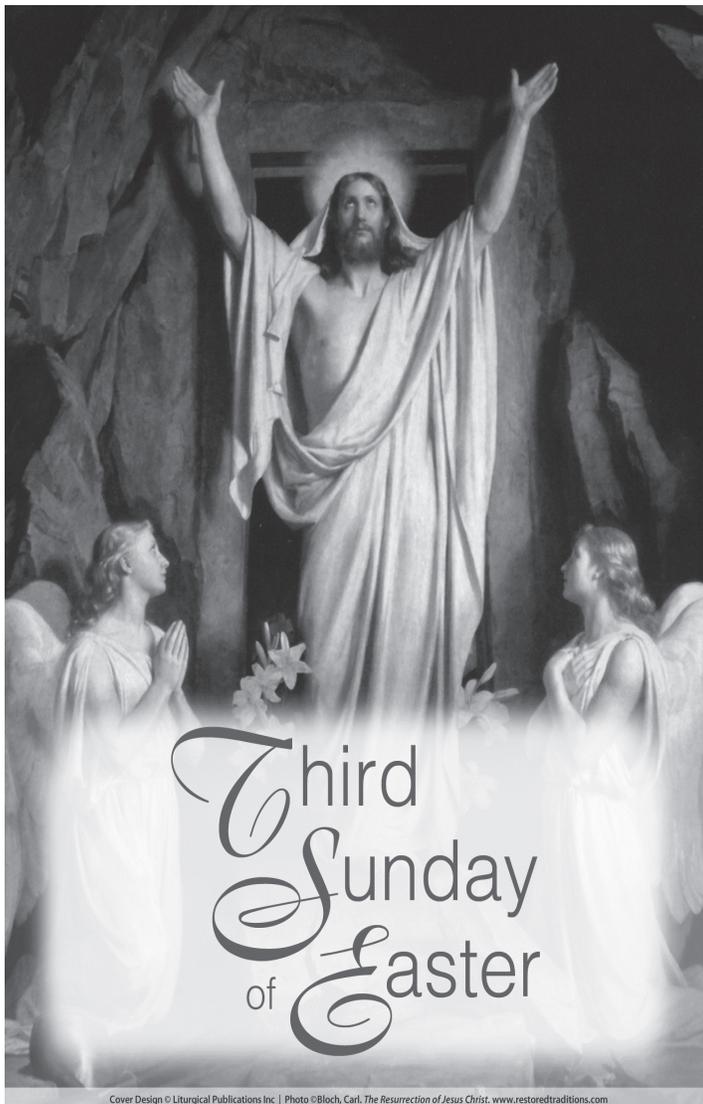
St. Bartholomew's Church



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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

WE ARE RESTORABLE

I looked up the verb *restore* and came up with various beautiful synonyms: repair, renew, rebuild, reinstate, re-establish. Others include "to give something back", "to return something to previous condition", "to energize someone", "to return someone to previous position". Surprisingly, I also found over 35 other synonyms, as if to emphasize the goodness or positive nature and value of this verb. I wasn't as lucky with the antonym. The only ones that expressed what I was looking for were "ruin" and "destroy". I also saw only 8 other antonyms, against 35 synonyms. Coincidence?

Have you ever had to *restore* your PC - either personally or had it done for you? I had someone restore mine recently. I had downloaded what I thought was a genuine adobe flash player, only for my pc to go wacky, out of sync, malfunction, etc.

Anyway, why am I hung up on this word and its antonyms? Peter! We recall Peter's first encounter with Jesus in Luke 5:1-11. There, Jesus called him to follow and help Him catch me. For three years, He taught Peter and his fellow apostles about who He is and His mission. He "cleaned" them up and turned them from strangers to His closest allies – those to carry on His mission after He's gone. Jesus went further with Peter, making him the leader of the pack, and telling him, "upon this rock, I'll build my church" (Matthew 16:19). By the time of the Last Supper, Peter was like a healthy pc. He even told Jesus, "Though all may have their faith in You shaken, mine will never be" (Matthew 22:33).

We recall Peter's denial of ever knowing who Jesus was on Good Friday (Luke 22:54-65). What a great crash! Call it malfunction or whatever else. And he knew he had ruined everything. Out of guilt and frustration, he decided to return to Galilee, the same place Jesus found him. There he went back to his old trade. He figured he was no good to Jesus anymore. To complicate matters, Jesus was dead and although some of their members had seen Jesus and proclaimed that He is alive, he, Peter, had not seen him and so didn't know what to believe. So, he returned to his village. He gave up.

But Jesus is not done with him yet. I wasn't done with my pc. Yes, one day I'll be done with it. But not so with Jesus and Peter or any of us. So, He who came back from the dead, who restores the dead to life, literally and figuratively, restores Peter to his former glory and better! To be sure, yes, Peter's action ruined or destroyed his relationship with Jesus. But through His love and the grace He won for him by His resurrection Peter is repaired, renewed, rebuilt, reinstated, re-established. He is returned to previous condition and position and above all re-energized.

You and I are never completely ruined or destroyed by our weaknesses and betrayals. Once we return to Jesus or once He catches up with us (we often flee from Him), and we are truly sorry like Peter, He restores and renews us. It's not because we're worthy of this but simply because of His love and the grace of His resurrection. Jesus does this for us again and again. He does it whenever we approach Him through prayer or the sacraments. He does this for us at Mass, Confession, Adoration, etc.

As we rejoice like Peter, may we also be catalysts of restoration in the lives of our loved ones and friends and enemies as well. No one ruins or destroys until God says so. Our task is to preach this Good News and help make it a reality in and around us. That's the Easter News.

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, April 11th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. All men of the Parish are welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Reverend John Tobias Halborg, Reverend Monsignor John A. Gallagher, Reverend Eugene Kosnick and Joseph Nadal. *Rest in Peace*



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Margaret Maccia and Karen Maccia McKenna.

The **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are donated in loving memory of Victor Orsini by Mafalda Orsini.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit this week in loving memory of Antonio & Rose Troia by Salvatore & Rosalie Di Chiara.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - RCIA

Do you know a non-Catholic adult who wishes to explore the Catholic faith; or a Catholic who has never received First Communion or been Confirmed? We have a program tailored to these adults. Call Cheryl Duda on 476-6676.



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 after school and evening classes. Besides grade level classes, instruction prepares children for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Call Cheryl Duda (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 for the rest of the Sundays in April. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The children are encouraged to sit with their friends and classmates during the Mass.



The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 21st at 1 p.m. in the afternoon at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



We wish to thank all **81** donors that came to our Blood Drive on Friday, April 1st. We collected **81 units**, 51 Regular and 15 Double Red Cell (ALYX).

There were 15 deferrals and 6 new donors.

9 students and 4 parishioners helped as volunteers during the day.



To those who were not able to make it or were unable to sign up, we wish you well and hope that if you are interested and able, you can donate blood to Hudson Valley Blood Services at your convenience by calling **800-933-2566**. If you wish, you may credit your donation to St. Bartholomew's Church by specifying Group #7747.

St Bart's parishioners and friends do a great service for the community by donating at three critical times during the year—a day the week after Easter, a day near the 4th of July and a day near Thanksgiving.

In **83** drives since **1981**, St Bart's has collected **6312** units of blood, which, on average, has saved over **18,900** lives! So, we look forward to our next drive, in **July 2016**, and hope you are able to sign up when we contact you about two to three weeks before.

Ask your family and friends to sign up too!

St. Bart's Angels Fundraiser Breakfast

Next Sunday, April 17th, after the 8:30,10 & 11:30 a.m.Masses

Any money collected for this breakfast will go to the American Cancer Society. Please call the Parish Office if you plan on attending. Please support this effort!

Also those interested can partake in the Relay for Life Walk in June. More details to follow in the upcoming months.

Rosary Altar Society Retreat

Saturday, April 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Sr. Mary McCormick is guest speaker and will be talking about the "Two Marys of Easter." All ladies of the parish are invited. Come join them for Mass, breakfast, and presentations on Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene ending with Benediction.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month. We will have 2 meetings next weekend, Saturday, April 16th and Sunday April 17th starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8 p.m. There will be special guest speakers that will focus on helping the youth in understanding "relationships". All youths age 13 and up are invited to attend.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.



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

	4/5/15	4/3/16	Difference
Adults	\$4,687.75	\$6,379.40	+\$1,691.65
Children	\$ 151.05	\$ 135.55	- \$ 15.50
Total	\$4,838.80	\$6,514.95	+\$1,676.15

The second collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$1,370.05

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 5 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 and Henry Joseph.

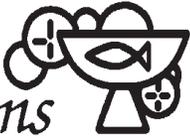
Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

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.

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.

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +

Sunday, April 10

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Antonio & Rosa Troia +

11:30 AM Gino & Ann Louise Coniglio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, April 11

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 AM Maria Huong Luong +

9:00 AM Joseph Melillo+

Tuesday, April 12

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Khoa Ngo +

9:00 AM Joseph Forlini +

Wednesday, April 13

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Song Nguyen+

9:00 AM Joseph Melillo +

Thursday, April 14

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Sang Nguyen +

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Friday, April 15

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Hoa Nguyen +

9:00 AM Jennie Frances Ayala +

Saturday, April 16

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Maria Calcagni & Deceased Calcagni Loved Ones

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 17

8:30 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Anthony Cuomo +

APRIL 10, 2016

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.

Other Local Events

Experience Mass with Seminarians on Sunday, April 24th at Noon at St. Joseph's Seminary followed by brunch. Donation is \$17.00 per person which will assist the Seminarians with their expenses. Reservations can be made by April 10th. For more information please call 914 709-5090 or e mail Kofe3995@gmail.com. Donation can be made to Cardinal Hayes Council, PO Box 503, Yonkers, NY 10710.

**Sacred Heart High School Drama Club
Presents Thoroughly Modern Millie**

Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. and a matinee performance on Sunday, April 24th at 2 p.m.
Tickets \$10, General Admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For information and tickets, please call 914 965-6953