

# 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.

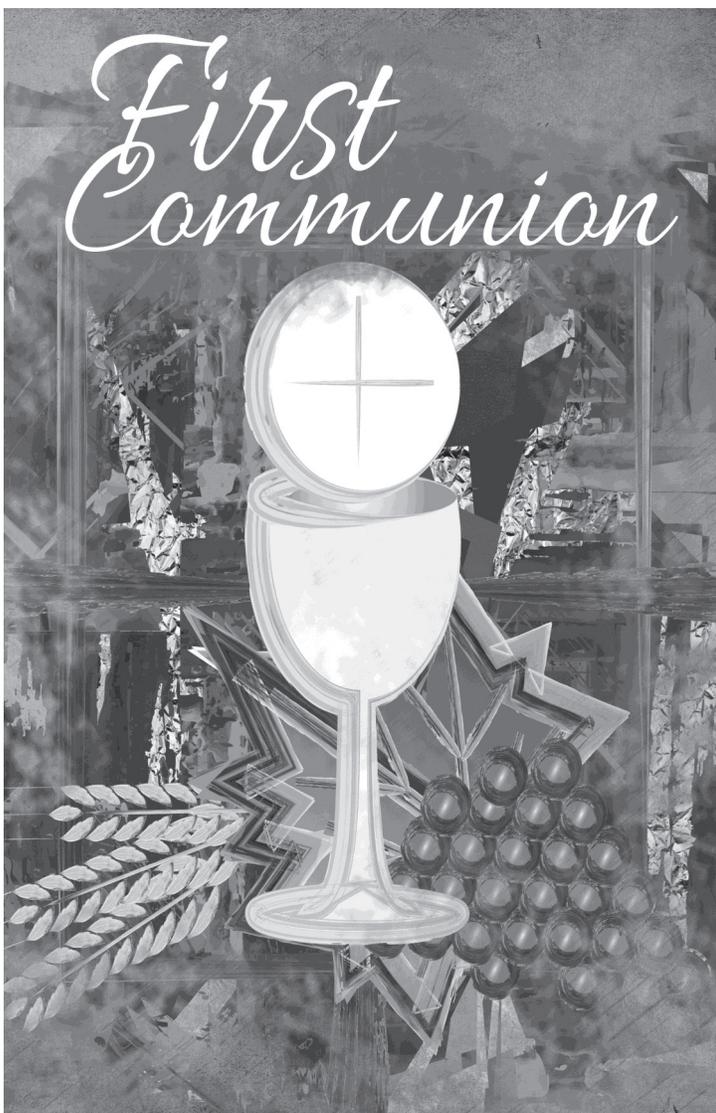
*Parish Council:* Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

*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



*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.

**CHRIST, MAKING ALL THINGS NEW**



*"Then they travelled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished .... and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles" (Acts 14:21-27).*

Last Sunday I mentioned that one of the ways we listen to the Scripture should be with our MIND. We explored how to do this – basically imagining the scene and even inserting ourselves into it and being part of it. Well, as I read and listened to the first reading above, I imagined the scene. I imagined an entire region in spiritual darkness, symbolized by actual darkness and the light of Christ, symbolized by the sun, spreading gradually and lighting up everywhere, one mile after another, one city at a time. I imagined excited men, women, and children rejoicing as they gather to celebrate their newfound faith and transformation. I imagined how Paul and Barnabas returned to share the good news with the rest of the community.

Echoing this good news, John responds in the second reading, "Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth" (Revelation 21:1-5). One of the scenes that stuck in my mind from The Passion of the Christ was the scene where Mary met Jesus on the way to Calvary. He had just fallen, again, His face bloodied, the thorns visibly piercing His flesh, His eyes barely open, His whole body disfigured and traumatized. And Mary's face showed the agony and the trauma she was going through too. In the middle of all the agony, Jesus tells His mom, "See, Mother, I'm making all things new."

I wonder what Mary thought of what her Son said. Did she wonder and say to herself "How?" Obviously, in that moment and the days and months to follow, Mary and the disciples must have been wondering how Jesus was making all things new.

Now, fast-forward to today's first reading. Imagine what was going on in Mary's mind as she listened to the two apostles. Imagine her joy at what her Son's disciples were accomplishing through the Holy Spirit. Imagine the smile on her face, and pride too. Now, there's no more doubt that her Son was indeed making all things new.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. His salvific work continues; He continues to make all things new. Since He said those words to His Mother, He never for once stopped making all things new. And like Mary on the way to Calvary, we may sometimes have a hard time seeing HOW our Savior is making all things new in our lives, in our families, in our Church, in our communities, in our city, in our country, and in the world. But we must believe that Jesus never stops creating and renewing and saving.

This Sunday, 24 of our little ones will make their First Holy Communion. I saw the joy and excitement on their faces as they rehearsed on Wednesday. Indeed, He's making all things new. At the Easter Vigil, two of our parish family members received the three sacraments of initiation, through which Christ renewed them and their families and our parish family. Next Sunday, 14 of our young brothers and sister will receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be renewed too, and so will their families and our faith family.



How I wish that Christ would renew things faster. How I wish that the *no tears, no mourning, no pain and no death* world that John speaks of will be here sooner. But God does things differently. And patient, we must learn to be. In the meantime, you and I must continue to do our part in making all things new, just like Paul and Barnabas. While doing so, we must rejoice, celebrate and be encouraged by the successes and never be discouraged or give up in the face of failures, no matter how they come at us. In all, know that the Master is at work and that if we stay with Him, the end will only be one thing – VICTORIOUS!

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

**PARISH NEWS**



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated for the intentions of Justin and Steven Colon by Mildred Blanco

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Erasmo Rivera Aviles by Maria Reina



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** alongside the Tabernacle and in front of the Altar are donated by the First Communion Class in honor of their living and deceased family members and friends who cannot be with them as they receive the sacrament.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Emma Pozzi *Rest in Peace*



**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 for these adults. Call Cheryl Duda at 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.

**MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA MASSES:** Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers – living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and finish on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.



There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please write out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during the week.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need, for coffee, pasta sauces, canned tuna, rice and paper products. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. We are averaging around 12 families per week. Thank you for your continuing support!



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**YOU ARE INVITED** to come and share the joy with our Confirmation candidates who will be confirmed by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh at the 11:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

### 50th Anniversary Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.



St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> **Wedding Anniversary** anytime this year (2016) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on June 12<sup>th</sup>. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Parish Center. Please call the Parish Office to register and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.

### COME JOIN US FOR FAMILY BINGO



Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Doors and Kitchen open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:45 p.m.  
Cost is \$5 per person. All are welcome!!!!

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISH TAG SALE

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Indoors— Rain or Shine

Donations Needed (Please no Books or Stuffed Animals)

Volunteers needed May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> to help set up!!

Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more details



**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**EUCHARISTIC 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.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Their next meeting is next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

**Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.**

### STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

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

	4/19/15	4/17/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,571.25	\$5,574.00	+\$ 2.75
Children	\$ 119.50	\$ 114.50	-\$ 5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,690.75</b>	<b>\$5,688.50</b>	<b>-\$ 2.25</b>

**The Second Collection for next week will be in support of our building and grounds.**

**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.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or use the forms at the rear of the church. Thus far, we have 5 families that have signed up.



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

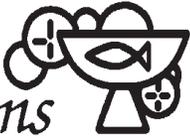
Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat 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.

### REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD



The Mass Book for 2017 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date. There are also some weekday Masses available in 2016.

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, April 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

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**Sunday, April 24**

8:30 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Baumeister Family

**Monday, April 25**

**Saint Mark, Evangelist**

7:00 AM Peter Thang Tran +

9:00 AM Catherine Gronowski+

**Tuesday, April 26**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Margaret & Michael Hickey +

9:00 AM John Di Rodio +

**Wednesday, April 27**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc+

9:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

**Thursday, April 28**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret Kielkucki +

**Friday, April 29**

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

9:00 AM Angela Rush +

**Saturday, April 30**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Peter De Mattia +

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday, April 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, May 1**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo & Margaret Liddell +

10:00 AM Deceased members of Del Bene & Salerno families

11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva +

5:00 PM Chris Amendola +

**APRIL 24, 2016**

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**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.



Dear Jesus,  
through bread and wine at the Last Supper,  
and by Your holy word,  
You gave the Eucharist to Your church.  
You transformed common food and drink into Your Body and  
Blood,  
and offered us a share in Your life  
in ways we still cannot fully understand.  
Grant now that these young people  
will always treasure the gift they have in You.  
Give them the grace to be faithful to You  
and to remain in communion with Your church.  
As they receive their first Communion,  
the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation,  
make them always aware of the hope they have  
for eternal life in You.  
Amen.