

St. Bartholomew's Church



Scan this code with your
smart phone to access
our parish website.

15 Palmer Road
Yonkers • New York 10701

www.saintbartsparish.org

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, *Pastor*
Rev. Daniel Oghenerukevwe, 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.

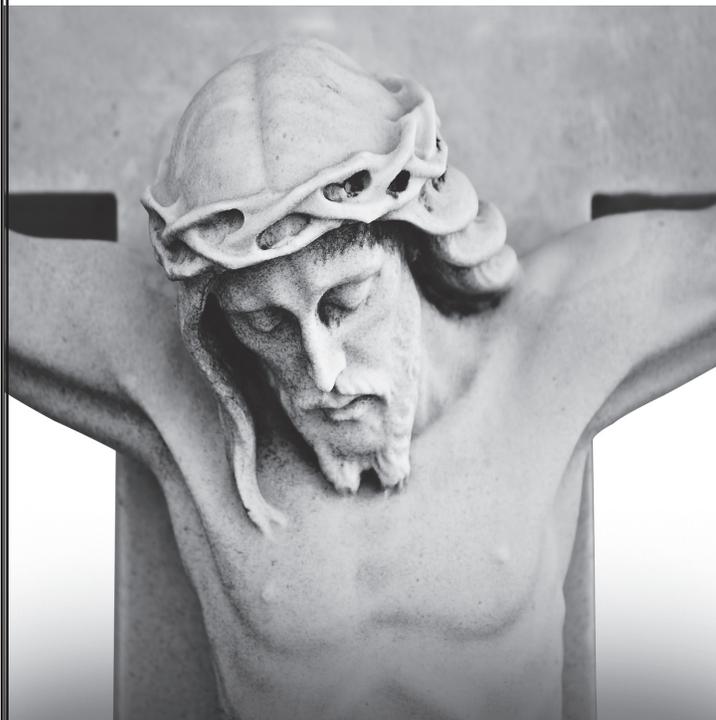
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month. Chairperson: Richard Califano

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. President, Joan Liddell

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

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



First Sunday
of
LENT



Cover Design © Liturgical Publications Inc. | Photo © Shutterstock.com 70509640 and 78205066

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.

Pastor's COLUMN

FIRST Sunday IN LENT

DEALING WITH TEMPTATIONS

Weight Watchers has this commercial where a girl appears at a door with assorted tantalizing donuts. A woman (obviously on diet) appears at the door and gawks at the tempting snacks beckoning to her. Her temptation is real. She has a choice to make. Agonizingly, she closes the door in the girl's face. I felt sorry for the girl and almost thought that was rude.

Adam and Eve didn't have to worry about delicious donuts, but those apples were as tantalizing as they come. Unlike the weight watching woman, they gave in to their craving. Jesus' temptations were very real. The conditions were ripe for a disastrous choice; but unlike Adam and Eve, He rose to the occasion.

Our temptations are as real as they come, and they seem to be growing in number, size, frequency, and viciousness as the hours and days go by. The Tempter is upping the ante. And often the world seems to be losing the will, energy and determination to fight like Jesus and the weight watcher did.



At the beginning of this Lenten Season, the readings call us to examine the temptations we face daily. What bad choices have we been making that drives wedges between God and us and between our loved ones and us? How have we been using this gift called "freedom?" How far have we gone in the wrong direction? Can we rise to the occasion and begin to trace our steps back to our loving and forgiving Father, our loved ones, friends and neighbors? This is the

time of salvation! This is the time of abundant grace! Yes, I too shall arise, and return to my Father! Yes, I want to. I will. And together, as families members and as a parish, let's rise to the occasion and let's help each other as we walk these 40 days. Amen.

May our gracious and forgiving God bless our efforts and sacrifices. Amen.

TOP 5 MYTHS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING IN CHURCH

We continue to address the 5 top myths people give for their lack of participation in their church community activities.

MYTH #4: I GIVE AT THE COLLECTION PLATE

Don't get me wrong, our parish is exceedingly grateful for your financial offerings—especially in economic times like these. But parishes are not built on money; they are built on people. The three Ts, as the saying goes, are time, talent and treasure. Putting an envelope in the collection on Sundays is a good start, but if money were all anyone gave, we'd gather each week in beautiful buildings with a roomful of strangers. We need to warm up those other Ts and get our hands dirty.

May You Have A Fruitful Lenten Season. Amen.
Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, March 10th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: Our Food Pantry has an ongoing need, especially for pasta, pasta sauces, canned fruits, jelly, cereal, juices and beverage mixes. Please keep this in mind when you see sales on your trips to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!

THE 2015 MASS BOOK HAS OPENED



The Mass Book for 2015 opened last Wednesday and there are still many dates open in this year's Mass Book, as well. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved ones or for yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also, you may consider offering the altar flowers, altar bread and wine, altar candles, or sanctuary lamp for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

First Sunday of Lent

PARISH MISSION
Sun, March 23rd to Thurs, March 27th
At 7 p.m.
Rev. Jack Gaffney



Father Jack will direct our 2014 Parish Mission. He will preach at all the Sunday Masses that weekend. Each day of the Mission, Sunday through Thursday, will have a different topic. All parishioners are encouraged to take advantage of this Lenten opportunity. Please plan on joining Father Jack each evening at 7 p.m. Endeavor to invite along your friends and neighbors. Father Jack will also give a different short talk after the 9 a.m. Masses Monday through Thursday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday and every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together during the Mass.



Looking for St. Bartholomew Alumni Class of 1973-1974-1975. There will be a reunion on April 5th, at The River's Edge, 1064 McLean Avenue, Yonkers at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Gregorio Cognatello at 914 263-4469.

PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES: Bible Studies is held on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the school building. The next meeting will be held **this Friday, March 14th**.



The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. There will be a meeting next Sunday, March 16th. 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.

✠ **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

| | 3/3/13 | 3/2/14 | Difference |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Adults | \$6,681.90 | \$5,196.40 | -\$ 1,485.50 |
| Children | \$ 182.70 | \$ 202.70 | +\$ 20.00 |
| Total | \$6,864.60 | \$5,399.10 | -\$ 1,465.50 |

Parish Support The 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled **\$1,511.00.**

The many snow and ice storms we have experienced this winter have caused an understandable drop in attendance and contributions, further compounded by the hefty added expense of clearing and salting our sidewalks and parking lot. If you are unable to attend Mass due to inclement weather, please consider contributing after the fact by mail, dropping by the Rectory, or doubling up your envelopes /contributions on a subsequent weekend. Our winter weather, while picturesque, has been a real financial drain.



Next Sunday, March 16th, we will have our much needed second collection for snow removal. It will also be the last Snow Removal collection of this season. Please try to donate as generously as your means can afford. Thank you for your understanding and consideration.

 **LORD**
 give strength
 to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, 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, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, Gertrude Woska, Michael Treacy, and Rosemarie Petti.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Aniello F. Caruso.



Rest in Peace

March 9, 2014

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gina Pompalio +

Sunday, March 9

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM Charles Sullivan +

5:00 PM Julio Blanco +

Monday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello & Luigi Greco +

Tuesday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony DiPaolo +

Wednesday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Leonard Revellese +

9:00 AM Catherine Moore +

Thursday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Laura Kennedy +

9:00 AM Richard Compasso +

Friday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Dan & Mary McCarthy +

9:00 AM Jean Fogarty +

Saturday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Edith Dugan +

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vincent J. Campisi +

Sunday, March 16

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM Donald Swetz +

11:30 AM Jane D'Angelo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

March 9, 2014

Lent

LENT IS UPON US

Metanoia is a Greek word for Lent, which connotes a change of mind and heart, altering one's mind-set toward whole new ways of thinking and acting. Lent is a period where we take a long look at where we are and try to see where we ought to be. It involves testing our values and discerning how they stack up against the values that our Lord Jesus offers His followers. Subsequently, Lent is a time when we acknowledge our guilt for the sins that led to Christ's passion and death.

..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..

CATHOLIC LENT PRAYER



*Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man
And giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
By following His example of suffering
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.*

..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..+..

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of **fasting and abstinence**. **FRIDAYS** during Lent are days of **abstinence**.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal in quantity may be taken to maintain strength. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 & 59; others are encouraged to participate to the extent they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits those who are 14 years of age and older from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent.