

# Saint 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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);  
9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** and 5 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 4:30 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, Joseph Chimenti

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: Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

**CARRY OUT JESUS' MISSION THROUGH GOOD WORKS**

In the first reading, we hear God tell Moses that the Chosen People are to be "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6). Their rescue from slavery in Egypt, borne by God "on eagle wings" (19:4), is a sign of the bond between God and the people. Similarly, the Church is a holy people, each person baptized into the priesthood of all believers. Our rescue from the slavery of sin by the blood of the cross, borne by God to reconciliation with God and to eternal life, is a sign of the bond established in baptism. May we, like Paul, "boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:11), who has blessed us for hundreds of generations.



Up until now in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus has been carrying out His mission all over Galilee: curing the sick and driving out demons, teaching crowds and welcoming sinners, proclaiming God's kingdom. The disciples have watched Him do all this. Now He calls upon them to do the same. He knows that He will not be able to do it all by Himself forever. He knows that He will have to leave His work in the hands of others, of laborers for the harvest. Two thousand years later we are His disciples, likewise deputized to tend to those with physical or emotional infirmities, to embrace the lost and troubled, and to give hope to the weary.

The final line of today's Gospel, simple as it is - "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give" (Matthew 10:8) should give us confidence and direction for carrying out Jesus' mission. We, like the first disciples, have received the power to all the wonders that Jesus did, despite our failing, despite our sinfulness, and despite our unworthiness. We are now directed to pass on that power to others, despite their failings, sinfulness, and unworthiness. This is our mission.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How am I called to be a laborer for the harvest? What concrete thing can I do this week to carry out Jesus' mission?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**BLESS** every father, grandfather, godfather and those who take on a father's role, with the best of Your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks You have given him to provide for and support those under his care.



Create in him a deep sense of trust in You, knowing that He can count on You to help him lead and protect those dependent on him. Let him know that every unselfish act of love and encouragement he has offered has been a gift that You receive gladly. Show him how effective the

prayers of a godly man really are, and what a difference he has and can make to those around him, no matter how big or small.

Teach him how to meet the needs of his child's life that are within his ability to do so, but help Him to trust You for the rest. Build in him a sense of joy, humility, and playfulness that draw his family close. Give him a passionate faith, a persevering spirit, and a powerful testimony that overcomes any weakness or doubt.

Today, on special days, and for all the days of his life, fill him with the best of Your blessings, so that one day he will stand before you and hear Your ultimate words of praise, "Well done, my son, well done!" In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**PARISH NEWS**



**THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS**, are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.

**THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** is donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.

**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes.



**Religious Education**

Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call

Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.

**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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS OF OUR PARISH, WE LOVE YOU ALL!!!!**

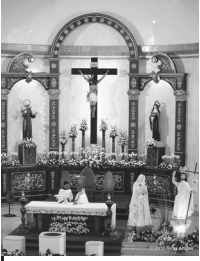
May God bless each and every father in our Parish today and throughout the coming year. We also pray for our deceased fathers, may they rest in peace.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup> AS IT IS "JUNETEENTH" A FEDERAL HOLIDAY.** There will be one mass on Monday, June 19th at 9 am. The parish office will be opened on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. for this upcoming week.





**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:**



MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,**  
**12:30 PM (SPANISH)**  
**& 5 PM**

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

*By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPI*  
**The Toy**

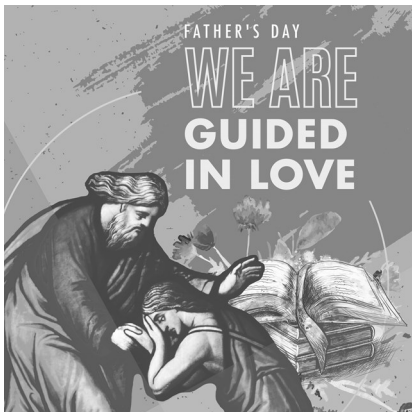
What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess *me*.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree. The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

*"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5*



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

June 4<sup>th</sup>  
*Sunday collection:* \$2,881.00  
*On Line giving:* \$1,205.00  
*Total:* \$4,086.00

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING  
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring donations, you are in full control and can always change or cancel at any time.** And by donating in this manner you may get the added benefit of accumulating additional points or cash on your credit card while at the same time helping out the parish. So, give it a try and sign up today!!!! **IT'S EASY!!!** Go to: [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) (**BE SURE TO SPELL OUT SAINT**) and click on the **We Share** online giving link. Follow the instructions. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY). **If you have any questions or problems, contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartchurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartchurch@aol.com).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Seivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartchurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartchurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**FATHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**



We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and bring it to the Parish Office no later than Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

June 18, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, June 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

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**Sunday, June 18**

**Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Father's Day**

9:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

11:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

Steven Fitzpatrick +

12:30 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

5:00 PM Filomena Zapone +

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**Monday, June 19**

**Weekday "Juneteenth"- Holiday**

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Maria Ferreira's

Intentions (Living)

Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

**Tuesday, June 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Anthony Mobilia +

**Wednesday, June 21**

**Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Richard Flynn +

**Thursday, June 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

9:00 AM Roberto Capuano +

**Friday, June 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

Angelina Bruso +

9:00 AM Cora Monahan +

Jose Maria Midence +

**Saturday, June 24**

**The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist**

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

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**Saturday, June 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rose Virga +

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**Sunday, June 25**

**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time Father's Day**

9:30 AM Robert Liddell & Carl Laredo +

11:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

**June 18, 2023**

**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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- 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.

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**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

BIRTH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

