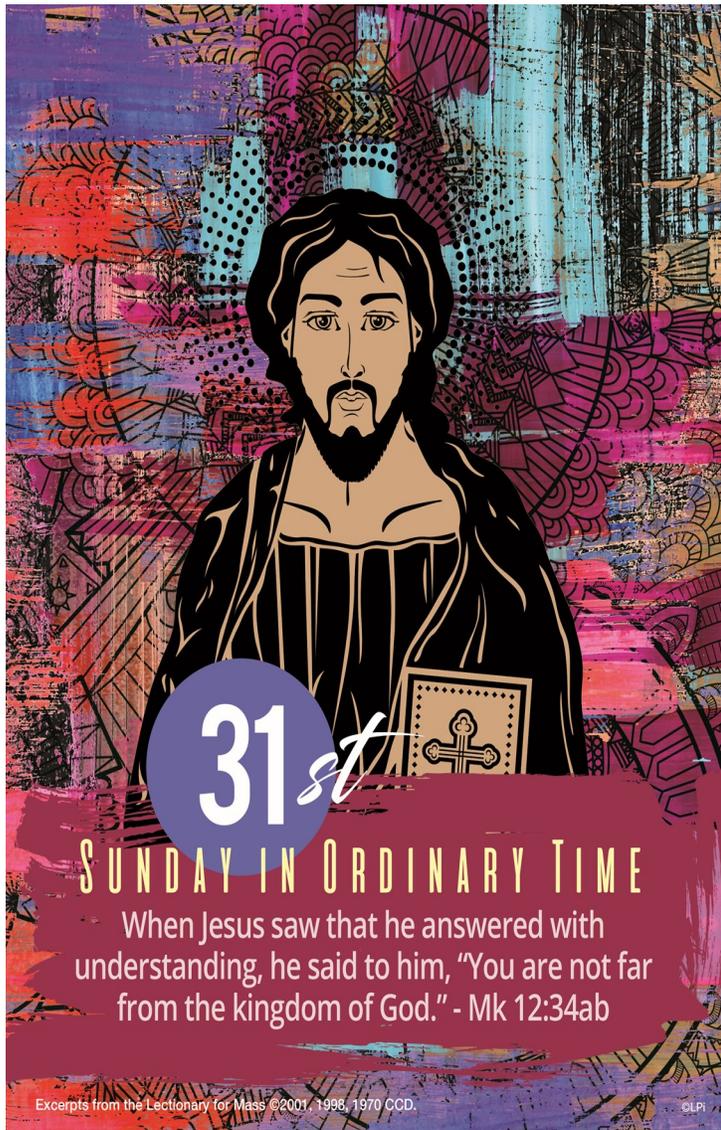


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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 and 11:30 a.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

GETTING CLOSER TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The passage from Deuteronomy we hear today provides a bit of the context for the original formulation of what becomes "the first of all the commandments" (Mark 12:28).



Unlike Jesus, Moses is not responding to a question. Moses is wrapping up his presentation of the terms of the covenant between God and the Chosen People.

After detailing the ten commandments the Lord gave him on the mountain, Moses tries to impress upon the people the importance of their fidelity to this covenant. Fidelity demands an absolute faithfulness. The emphasis is not so much on heart, soul, and strength as separate entities, but on the repeated word *all*. Fidelity requires a commitment from their whole being.

The scenes prior to this one shine some light on the way the scribe questioned Jesus in this passage. First, a Pharisee, trying to trap Him, asked Him about paying the census tax to Caesar. Then a Sadducee, using the conundrum of a woman widowed by seven brothers to deride the idea of resurrection. Each of them addressed Jesus as "teacher," but hypocritically. This scribe used the title with respect. Like any others, he saw Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi. Jesus here quotes Moses, the preeminent teacher of the covenant and the law, placing himself firmly in that tradition. The remaining authorities present, seeing Jesus' success in responding to both sincere and insincere questions, chose to ask this true teacher no more questions.



The reading of Hebrews reminds us that Jesus was much more than a teacher, more than a successor of Moses. Because he made the ultimate sacrifice and sits at God's right hand for eternity, He is always able to intercede for us to God. Continual fidelity to the greatest commandments is a challenge, even with the best of intentions, but Jesus' sacrifice for all forever can "save those who approach God through Him" (Hebrews 7:25).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Do I think Jesus would tell me that I am "not far from the kingdom of God?" What should I do to become closer?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day November 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.



Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.



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.



FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, OCTOBER 31ST, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:

Carl Laredo +

Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

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. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



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.



Note: At this Saturday's, October 30th and Sunday's, October 31st Masses, candy treats will be given out to all school age children.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR NOVEMBER on NEXT Saturday, November 6th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday November 7th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, October 30th and 31st.



JUST A NOTE that last month, 40 trays were donated. These trays fed 400 people. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends beginning on November 6th and 7th through November 20th and 21st. Bags will be placed at the rear of the church. Please take a bag and place Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc. Return the bags to church no later than November 21st. We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the Masses, the weekend of November 20th and 21st. Thank you for your generosity!!!





THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM.

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

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, November 5th, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 6th, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Daily Examen of Stewardship

“Stewardship” can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term “stewardship” from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. “Here’s Father asking for more money,” they groan inwardly, “Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards.”

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn’t say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, He would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the “Daily Examen” — a pious devotion wherein, at day’s end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God’s will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?
 What did God give me today? With whom did I share it? What did I give to Him?
 To whom did I reach out today? Who reached out to me?
 Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, Fourth?*
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, lpi

REMINDER: Knights of Columbus:

The Knights of Columbus will be selling their C+B raffles at the exits of the church next Saturday, November 6th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, November 7th after all Masses. If you would like to purchase tickets ahead or after those dates you can visit www.kofc3995.org. The Knights thank you for your continued support.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 17th:
 Sunday collection: \$3,787
 On Line giving: \$1,160
 Total: \$4,947

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.saintbartparish.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 stbartschurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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 Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk and Lucille McGeough.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Deacon John D. Sullivan. (Deacon John D. Sullivan served at St. Bartholomew's Parish for ten years).

October 31, 2021

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, October 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Carl Laredo +
Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, November 1

All Saints Day

7:00 AM Victor & Julia Caraballo +
9:00 AM Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +
7:00 PM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

Tuesday, November 2

The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed

All Souls Day

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Roberto & Pasqua Capuano +

Wednesday, November 3

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Walter Duda +

Thursday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM Leon Wyka +

Friday, November 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones
9:00 AM John McMahon +

Saturday, November 6

Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones

Saturday, November 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Novena for Our Deceased Loved Ones
Charity Ubawike +
Ramberto Blanco +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

October 31, 2021



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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Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor 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 complete 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: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

