

# 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

BEAR FRUIT FOR THE KINGDOM



It must have been a beautiful vineyard. Impressively built and expensively furnished, it attracted tenants who wanted the finer things in life. They saw the vineyard and they envied its owner. They probably felt that they deserved it and its bountiful harvest. After all, they'd worked all year while the owner traveled far and wide. Who did this absentee owner and lowly servants think they were to take away all that they had produced? They wanted it all for themselves. So they fought to keep it, escalating their fight until they saw their opportunity to keep it forever. Their greed drove them to murder. Their desire to possess what was never truly theirs prevented them from finding joy in living in the beautiful vineyard for the season in the first place. The kingdom of God will be taken from the greedy and given to the generous.

It seems nonsensical for the landowner to keep sending servants to the murderous tenants. They killed two of the first three emissaries! Who would send more? Then who would send the person most precious to them in the whole world? But God persists in giving even the most incorrigible sinners second and even third chances. For God sent the Son not to be lauded by saints, but to save sinners. It is sinners who get opportunity after opportunity to repent and choose good. Even after they killed the Son, God does not put the murderers to a wretched death, as the chief priests and elders who heard this parable assumed. "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). God always offers mercy, even to those who show none.



Our thoughts can quickly fill with worries and anxieties. Saint Paul assured the Philippians that they shouldn't be anxious, for God's peace should reassure them. Moreover, note what Paul advised them to think about. Not their material wealth, status, or success. No, think about "whatever is true, ... honorable, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, [and]... gracious" (4:8); in other words, virtues that will lead us to bear fruit, fruit for the kingdom, not for ourselves.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?

Blessings

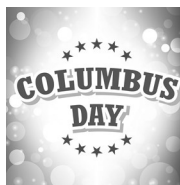
Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



The first Sunday, of every month will be our Family Mass at 9:30 am with breakfast following in McManus Parish Center. Please join us.

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.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON MONDAY AT 9 A.M. For this week the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes began on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry can use cereal, juice, soups and macaroni and cheese. **May God bless you all for your generosity.**



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR OCTOBER on THIS Saturday, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S 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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

- Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

Fordham Preparatory School

Forming Leaders in Faith, Scholarship, and Service For details on admissions, including in-person and virtual events, visit: [fordhamprep.org/admissions](http://fordhamprep.org/admissions)

Open House - Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm & Sunday, October 29, 1:00 pm

Admissions Office Contact Information (718) 584-8367 [admissions@fordhamprep.org](mailto:admissions@fordhamprep.org)

Prospective students and parents are invited to attend Stepinac's Fall Open Houses, Wednesday, October 18th at 5 pm or Sunday October 22nd with presentations at 12 pm and 1:30 pm. RSVP required at [www.Stepinac.org](http://www.Stepinac.org). Visitors will be among the first to tour the latest additions to Stepinac's advanced real-world learning environment. Discover what makes the renowned all-boys Catholic high school a leader in preparing young men for success in college, in their careers and in life.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the



9 a.m. Mass on Monday and also with your family at home.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>September 24TH</i>	
<i>Sunday collection:</i>	<i>\$2,865.00</i>
<i>On Line giving:</i>	<i>\$1,365.00</i>
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$4,230.00</i>

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 [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@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, 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, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, John Smith, and Theresa Liuzzi.

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

October 8, 2023

*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Saturday, October 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Joan Tracey +

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**Sunday, October 8**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies

11:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +  
Daniel Pezzola +

12:30 PM Eleonora Caballero-Cortes +

5:00 PM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.

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**Monday, October 9**

**Weekday—Columbus Day**

9:00 AM Vuong Nguyen +

**Tuesday, October 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday, October 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Carol O'Connor +

**Thursday, October 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John J. Fasciglione +

**Friday, October 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Saturday, October 14**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Vuong Nguyen +

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**Saturday, October 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Joseph Mahoney +

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**Sunday, October 15**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM LucyAnne Caruso +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
John Ruggiero +

12:30 PM For All The People Of The Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of The Parish

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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

