

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# TOGETHER

"For where two or  
three are gathered  
together in my name,  
there am I in the midst  
of them." - Mt 18:20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday  
through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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, 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**RECONCILE WITH OTHERS**

Last week, we heard Jesus tell His disciples that those who wish to follow Him must first take up their cross. One of these crosses is to take the responsibility to hold others accountable. Whether it is individually, like Ezekiel, or with a community, like the early church in Matthew, we are obligated to call others to account when they act unjustly or unmercifully. It can be difficult to correct a subordinate, awkward to correct a peer, and scary to correct a leader. But we are called to do so, out of love for our neighbor, so that a conversion of heart may take place.



If you love your neighbor as yourself, as Saint Paul reminds the Romans that as Christian they are called to do, at the very least you will treat your neighbor the way you would want to be treated yourself. Therefore, he can say that Christians fulfill the commandments, the entire law, by following this one principal command. Neither religious nor political authorities could find fault in that.

It is alarming to hear Jesus tell the disciples that if a sinner "refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector" (Matthew 18:17). Is Jesus telling His disciples to exclude sinners, just as society treats outsiders and collaborators? No, quite the opposite! Jesus has already extended His mission into Gentile territory and welcomed tax collectors into His fold. Jesus does not tell them to treat sinners as the Pharisees treat Gentiles and tax collectors, but as you would treat Gentiles and tax collectors. Jesus trusted that His disciples realized the goal is always reconciliation, not exclusion.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What can I do to reconcile with someone whom I or others have excluded?  
**Blessings** *Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**The Blessing of Your Parish Community**

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

*Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community.* The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

**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 PARISH OFFICE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED THIS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 AM.**



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Helen Hanrahan.



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS, THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

We are accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote.



*Religious Education*

**Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.



**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

\*\*\*\*Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families.

**May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH.**



**THIS SUNDAY MASS, September 6<sup>th</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Joseph Pasqualoni, III +  
 Mary & Nicholas Maccia +  
 Angelina Brusco +  
 Lena Castaldo +

**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**



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

MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

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

**YOU CAN SIGN UP EACH WEEK** FOR WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP.

**IF YOU DO NOT OR ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND MASS.** (THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS INCREASED ACCEPTABLE CAPACITY TO 50% PROVIDED FACE MASKS ARE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS PRACTICED). PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Calls if there are additional updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

### Prayer of Remembrance For 9/11

Lord of Mercy, Prince of Peace,

This date, 9-11, carries a heavy burden of memory.

This day does not pass in the calendar without our remembering. We remember images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes

were never meant to see. We remember words our ears were never meant to hear, the tender last words of husbands and wives who would never embrace again.

We imagine the feeling of emptiness in the arms of children who at the end of the day could not find mom or dad for their welcome home hug. We remember our own feelings of emptiness as our sense of security, as our own confidence in the predictable order of life and work was radically shaken.

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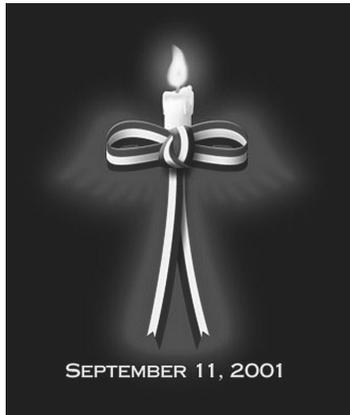
We remember the heroism of the many that lost their lives in saving others and for all those who became ill, later in their lives, because of that day. We remember all those who suffered and died, we grieve for them still, friends and strangers alike, along with their families and friends.

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And it is right that it should not pass from our memory. But today and in this prayer, along with our remembrance of profound loss, it also seems right that we give voice to our deep longing for peace, and with this prayer, commit ourselves to those actions that will draw us closer to our most ancient and most holy desire, peace among all God's children.

*Dona nobis pacem.* Lord, grant us peace. Amen.

From Old St. Patrick's Church



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. **IT'S EASY!** (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

#### 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, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, and Dan Panik, and Dominick Francis Marra.

**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.**



Lord, I come before you ready to pour out my worries, anxieties, and fears at Your feet. I am claiming and declaring Your promises for blessings of peace and strength over my life. Bring peace into my soul that passes all worldly understanding and make me a light for others to see Your strength. Amen

September 6, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, September 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Joseph Pasqualoni III +  
Mary & Nicholas Maccia +  
Angelina Brusco +  
Lena Castaldo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 7– Labor Day**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

**Tuesday, September 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday, September 9**

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Andrea Henna & Carmela Jo Young +

**Thursday, September 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Susie & Vincent Strava and Deceased  
Members of the Strava Family +

**Friday, September 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

9:00 AM Fallen Members of the NYPD +

**Saturday, September 12**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Antoinetta Tortorella +

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**Saturday, September 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Joseph Riccardi, Sr. +  
Theresa Venturino +  
Rafael Vazquez +  
Luis Mercado +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

**HOLY**  
  
**COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

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