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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” - Lk 13:30

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
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.

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Anthony Martelli

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

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Imagine if all the living former presidents of the United States were honored at the White House with a state dinner, and the guests chosen to dine with them were not the rich and powerful but refugees, homeless people, prisoners, and others who are neglected. No less surprising a picture is Jesus painting today in the Gospel. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are dining with people from the ends of the earth, Gentiles, while the residents of the towns and villages around Jerusalem are on the outside looking in. The outrage! Outsiders hobnobbing with leaders while VIP'S are excluded and called names! No wonder there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.

A month or so ago we heard the parable of the good Samaritan, which Jesus used to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). But the conversation had started with the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25). Now we have a vision of that inheritance. Those who are rejected say, "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (John 13:26). In other words, "We're your neighbors!" They have totally misunderstood what it means to be a neighbor.

Jesus says that those who fail to enter are not strong enough. The passage from Hebrews suggests a way to gain strength: discipline. It may be the best way to learn. After all, *disciplina* means teaching or instruction. It is also the root of the word "disciple," which we all strive to be. A true disciple has learned that a true neighbor treats everyone with love, kindness, and mercy, especially those who seem least likely to be invited to a dinner party.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Who do I need to look at differently in the light of today's Gospel? How will I strengthen myself so that I can open the narrow gate?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Edith A. D'Aquila and Matthew L. Lombardo.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for next year's Religious Education program.

In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday 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. See more details on the back flap of the bulletin.

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist, August 29th



O most zealous Apostle, who, without working any miracle on others, but solely by the example of thy life of penance and the power of thy word, didst draw after thee the multitudes, in order to dispose them to receive the Messiah worthily and to listen to His heavenly doctrine; grant that it may be given unto us, by means of thy example of a holy life and the exercise of every good work, to bring many souls to God, but above all those souls that are enveloped in the darkness of error and ignorance and are led astray by vice. Amen.

SPECIAL THANKS



A very special thanks to all who volunteered, donated and planned on attending our annual block party in honor of our patron, Saint Bartholomew.

2019 and 2020 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.



Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, September 9th.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

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.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers are holding their annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

A Prayer of Thanks

Thank You, God, for the pleasures of summer, the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings, the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.

Thank You for days at the lake and evenings chasing fireflies, for vacations and festivals, picnics and cookouts,

baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.

Thank You for the fireworks of thunderstorms, for watermelon sweetness,

for summer's pace and summer's grace, for all Your beauty and power, and faithfulness displayed in summer, Amen.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

August 18, 2019- Tithing

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows: Envelopes (\$4,298.95), Online (\$ 730.00), Total (\$5,028.95)

The Collection for Assumption totaled: \$1,046.00

The Collection for Propagation of the Faith totaled \$1,334.00

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane and Frank Marra.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

As you plan and enjoy your summer vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!!!

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

August 25, 2019

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrea Objay +

Sunday, August 25, 2019

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM David Zevon (Living)

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

Monday, August 26

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Robert Batac (Living)

Tuesday, August 27

Saint Monica

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Wednesday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Edith A. D'Aquila +

Thursday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Friday, August 30

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, August 31

Weekday

9:00 AM Tim Casey & Ellen Casey-Chimenti (Living)

Saturday, August 31 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Mahoney +

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Alberta Blasewitz +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Lucille & Tony Sciacca (Living)

5:00 PM Henry J. Kielkucki +

August 25, 2019

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

_____ I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

_____ I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.

_____ I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.

_____ I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.

_____ I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.

_____ I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.

_____ My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



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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