

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite  
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

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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 Ezech, 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

GOD'S GENEROSITY HELPS US IN DIFFICULT TIMES



In Isaiah's vision, the Lord will provide for all peoples, not just the house of Israel and not just those who remained faithful through all the trials they had endured. Because everyone is invited, there will naturally be some who feel that this is too generous, that unfaithful people or sinful people, that pagans or enemies do not deserve a place. Perhaps that judgmental mentality or jealousy is part of the "veil that veils all peoples" that God will destroy (Isaiah 25:7). The vision speaks of the veil as death, but it may also represent

anything that diminishes life, from petty jealousies to vicious hatred. All that is harmful and hurtful is lifted off humanity on God's holy mountain.

The Gospel parable makes clear that our appropriate response to an invitation to a feast is acceptance. But beyond that, what should be our response to such generosity from God? We are called to extend that kind of generosity to others. Giving to others passes God's generosity on to others. And generosity to those most in need extends God's generosity to those who most need it. May we realize the ultimate source of all that we are blessed with, so that we may be like the king's servants, who could have attended the feast alone, but continued to pass that generosity along, to good and bad alike, until it had spread all over the region.

The end of the parable reminds us of our obligation to prepare ourselves for God's invitation. Saint Paul provided a model of that preparation. He is aware that though there are times when he is surrounded with plenty, other times he must go without. But he has learned the secret: in Christ Jesus, God supplies us with all we need.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can God's generosity give me peace of mind through difficult times?

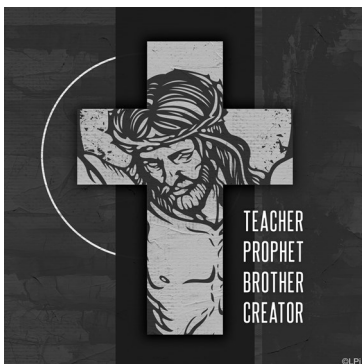
**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

Thank You



A special thanks to Geraldine Pisacreta and Rosie Te-Frey for their donation of 2 beautiful ciboria. These ciboria were purchased in the Holy Land and were blessed at our 11 AM Mass on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They were donated in memory of Geraldine's mother, Theresa Pisacreta and Rosie's husband, Dr. Henry Frey.



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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed especially Carol O'Connor, Angelo Forella, and Irma Pregon.

A reminder that there will be a Healing Mass at St. Bart's on **THIS Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7 pm. Please join us.



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



Religious Education

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.**

Saint Luke October 18

Saint Luke, sometimes called The Evangelist, is the author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles and a physician. There is some debate about how he came to Christianity, though many believe he was a gentile convert. Tradition holds him to be a native of Antioch, Syria, possibly a slave. Most of what we know of Luke comes from Scripture, he was an eloquent and proficient writer, penning with accuracy the events he recounted. He is viewed as one of the best historical sources of the time.

Luke was a close companion of Paul's, joining him at Troas about year 51 and going with him to Macedonia and Philippi. Their paths diverged and met again as they journeyed to spread the Good News. Luke remained with Paul until the latter was martyred in Rome.



Saint Luke's Gospel is viewed as one of social justice, giving special attention to the poor. He also emphasizes gentiles hearing the message of Christ. It is the only Gospel with Mary's Magnificat, and spends the most time illuminating the lives of the other women around Jesus. Accounts of Luke's death are conflicting, some say he was martyred shortly after Paul others that he lived a long life completing his Gospel in Greece and dying at 84. He is the patron saint of physicians.

**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  
**Respond with Love**

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

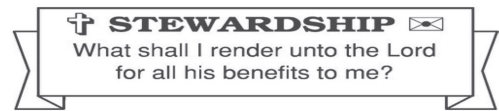
It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

The Ursuline School, a Catholic, private, independent college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12, located in New Rochelle, NY, invites prospective students and their families to attend our upcoming Open House events: 8th Grade Information Night, Tuesday, Oct 24 at 6:30 p.m.; All School Open House, Saturday, October 28 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Middle School Information Night, Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. Explore our campus; engage with our dedicated faculty and administration and discover the power of an Ursuline education. Please visit the Admissions page of our website to register: or call the Office of Admissions at 914-500-6227.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is having a luncheon at **Tombolino's Ristorante**, 356 Kimball Ave, Yonkers, on **THIS Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm**. Reservations are required. \$30 cash payable at the luncheon. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, please call: 914 423-5331.

Finding Hope and Healing Through Separation and Divorce featuring keynote speaker Dr. Ray Guarendi from EWTN, Saturday November 11 2023 12:30 - 4:30 pm in Kenny Hall Auditorium St. Augustine Church, Larchmont, NY. Please register by emailing [office@staugustineny.org](mailto:office@staugustineny.org).



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

October 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Sunday collection:** \$4,105.00  
**On Line giving:** \$2,195.00  
**Total:** \$6,300.00

**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 [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 15, 2023

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**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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**Monday, October 16**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

**Tuesday, October 17**

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Vincent Papitto +

9:00 AM Charles Jankowski +

**Wednesday, October 18**

**Saint Luke, Evangelist**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marge Kucharczyk (Living)

7:00 PM Healing Mass

**Thursday, October 19**

**Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and  
Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

**Friday, October 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony R. Dente +

**Saturday, October 21**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM PD Joseph +

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**Saturday, October 21 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, October 22**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the LaBruzzo Family

11:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

12:30 PM Blessing for Fashion and Etiquette

Graduates (Living)

5:00 PM For All The People Of The Parish

**October 15, 2023**

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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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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.

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**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

**The Broom**

There was a little boy who was scared of the dark. One evening his mother asked him to go out onto the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy said, "Mama, please don't make me go out there. It's dark and you know I'm scared of the dark."

His mother smiled at him and said reassuringly, "There's no need to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there, and He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy seemed unsure and said, "Are you sure Jesus is out there?"

The mother said, "Yes, I'm sure. Jesus is everywhere and is always there and ready to help when you're in need."

The boy thought for a moment, then went to the back door and opened it a tiny amount. He looked out into the darkness and called out, "Jesus — if you're out there, please pass me the broom."