

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

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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

EASE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S BURDEN

In our society, we tend to regard meekness as weakness. Those who are meek never assert themselves, never get their way, and seem to always end up in last place. But clearly this is not what Zechariah means when he writes that our king would be meek, yet would rule to the ends of the earth. Nor is it what Jesus means when he says, "I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). Webster's Dictionary defines meek as enduring difficulties with patience and without resentment. This describes Jesus to a T and fulfills Zechariah's prophecy. Zechariah's words remind us of



Jesus when He entered Jerusalem. There He would endure crucifixion and death - with patience and without resentment. May His example lead us to face our own trials with more patience and with less resentment.

To make our trials easier to endure, Jesus assures us that His yoke is easy and His burden light. Clearly He is not speaking of what He would be facing Himself, for His own yoke was exceedingly difficult and His own burden was uniquely heavy. But because He has endured the cross and grave, we know that He can carry our own burdens, no matter how difficult we may find them. We do not have to carry them alone. We have in Jesus someone who can and will carry any difficulty we have.

Jesus says something else between speaking of meekness and burdens: "Learn from me" (11:29). Indeed, from Him we can learn how He was able to endure every burden He faced with patience and resolve. He did so because He so loved the Father that He was willing to do God's will, no matter the consequences. He did so because He loved all us sinners so much that He was willing to pay the ultimate cost to save us. May our love of God and love of neighbor give us the strength to assist our needy brothers and sisters in carrying their burdens. May our sharing of their burdens - maybe by offering a helping hand, maybe by lending money or something else that is lacking, maybe by just sitting down to listen - relieve them in some small way, if only to make clear that they are not alone.

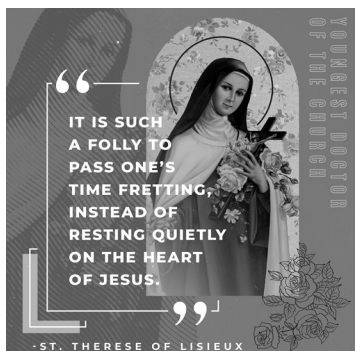


QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who can I reach out to this week in an effort to lighten their burden? How can we share their yoke, like oxen working in tandem?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



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.



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. May God bless you all for your generosity.

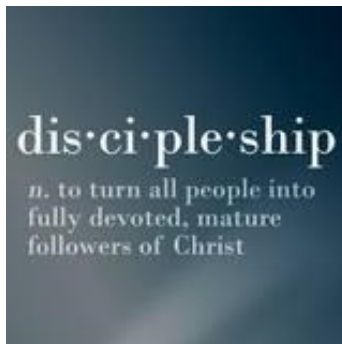
It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not 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.



Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. Young adults oftentimes refuse assistance because they feel that they must learn to go it alone and have their achievements based solely upon their efforts. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.



The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own

gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, He is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND 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

**Faith Like a Child**

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA**



On July 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks." St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl at a young age, often building crosses from sticks in the woods. When she was 18, she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers. She escaped to a nearby mission, where she attended daily Mass, taught

the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. Like St. Kateri, God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.

**† STEWARDSHIP ☒**

What shall I render unto the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

June 25<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday collection:</b>	<b>\$2,712.00</b>
<b>On Line giving:</b>	<b>\$1,165.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,877.00</b>

**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).**



**LORD**  
**give strength**  
**to your people**

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, 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, 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 and Richard Romanowski.

**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.**

July 9, 2023

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

**Saturday, July 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

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**Sunday, July 9**

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

11:00 AM Theresa Pisacreta +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Dr. Henry Frey +

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**Monday, July 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Catherine Blair +

**Tuesday, July 11**

**Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday, July 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Thursday, July 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

9:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)

**Friday, July 14**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Saturday, July 15**

**Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Quincy Venturino (Living)

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**Saturday, July 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Walter Moore +

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**Sunday, July 16**

**Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso, Dianne Milder &

Louis Loscalzo +

11:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

12:30 PM Edgar Cortes-Caballero +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our 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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly 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 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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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**

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