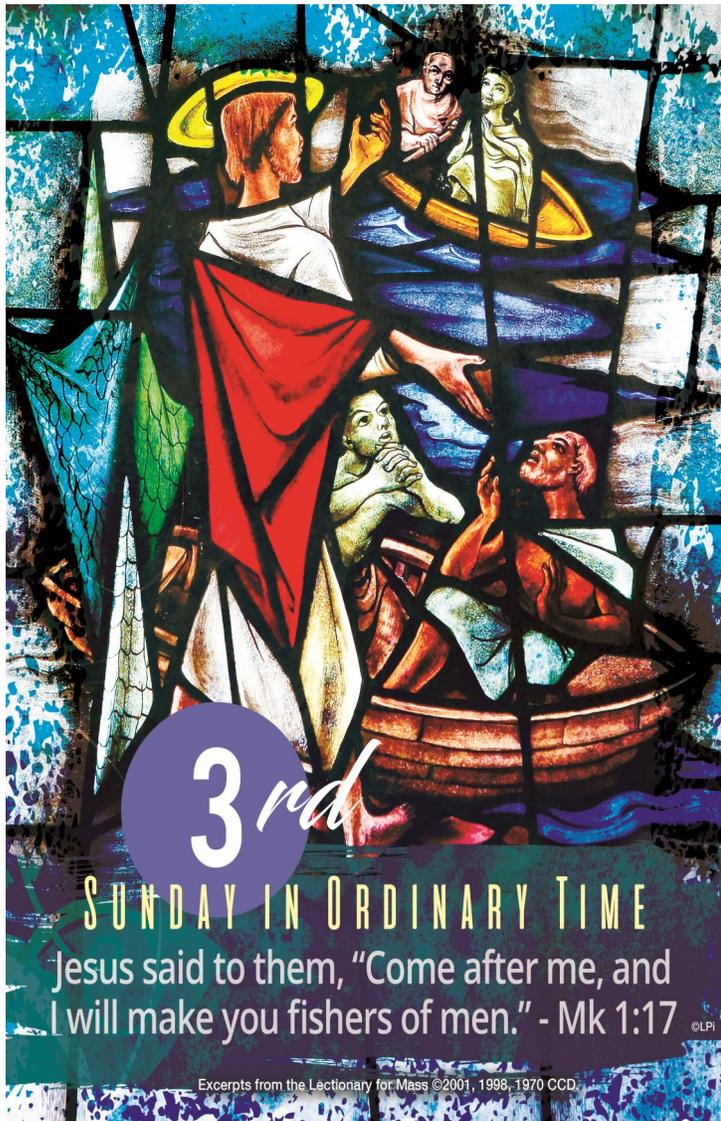


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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 4:30 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN REACH

It is never too late to change. Nineveh had long since fallen at the time the book of Jonah was written, but was still synonymous in people's minds with cruelty and oppression. The idea that its people ever would have repented was unimaginable. But the author insists we imagine it. Not only do they repent of their horrible deeds, they do so dramatically, donning sackcloth and fasting. So complete is their conversion that God promptly relents. God forgives even the most heinous crimes. Let this give us all hope in the power of repentance.

On Monday we will celebrate the feast of the conversion of Saint Paul, whom we hear from today. "I tell you," he warns, "time is running out" (1 Corinthians 7:29). He pleads with his audience to immediately do the opposite of whatever they are doing now. Hearing the gospel should turn their lives around 180 degrees, for "this is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15). Jesus Christ is with us now and He completely reorients our lives. We must change our perspective. We must be converted.



We can imagine what life was like for the four fishermen in the Gospel. Most days they went out to sea, caught nets filled with fish, sold them at market, then went home to their families. Nothing was wrong with any of that. But with Jesus in their midst, this whole routine fell away. Every bit of it paled in importance to spending every minute of every day with the One who changes the world. Moreover, they were now charged with changing the world as well, while pursuing a wholly different kind of quarry.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

The kingdom of God is at hand, within reach. How can I answer God's call and commit myself to help realize the kingdom of God here and now?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



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, JANUARY 24TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

- DECEASED:**
 Jack Gronowski +
 William Bruder +
 Leonore Erb +
 Margaret Verderosa +
 Vincent J. Campisi +

PARISH NEWS

Take Note

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: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. These are needed for a mission project for the religious education students. Thank you!!!



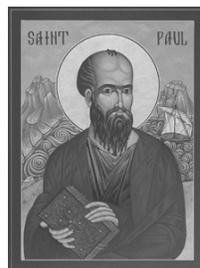
FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use juice, paper towels, paper napkins, mayonnaise, and ketchup.

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

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH



O glorious St. Paul, who from a persecutor of Christianity, did become a most ardent apostle of zeal; and who to make known the Savior Jesus Christ to the ends of the world did suffer with joy, imprisonment, scourging, stonings, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind, and in the end did shed your blood to the last drop,

Obtain for us the grace to receive, favors of the Divine Mercy.

Do not let infirmities, tribulations, and misfortunes of the present life, render us cold in the service of God, but let it make us always more faithful and fervent. Amen.



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.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

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

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Jerry Esposito.



Rest in Peace

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

racy Earl Welliver, LPI

STEWARDSHIP

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

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 (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.



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, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, and James Burns.

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

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS- FEAST DAY, JANUARY 28TH

Thomas Aquinas was an Italian Dominican friar, philosopher, Catholic priest, and Doctor of the Church. An immensely influential philosopher, theologian, and jurist in the tradition of scholasticism, he is also known within the latter as the Doctor Angelicus and the Doctor Communis. The name Aquinas identifies his ancestral origins in the county of Aquino in present-day Lazio, Italy. He was the foremost classical proponent of natural theology and the father of Thomism; of which he argued that reason is found in God. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy developed or opposed his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory.

January 24, 2021

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Saturday, January 23(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +
Leonore Erb +
Margaret Verderosa +
Vincent J. Campisi +

Monday, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +
9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

Tuesday, January 26

Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +

Wednesday, January 27

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Peter & Anna Nguyen +

Thursday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Paul Capuano (Living)
9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Friday, January 29

Weekday

7:00 AM Giovanni Lucchetti (Living)
9:00 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +

Saturday, January 30

Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Caloia +

Saturday, January 30(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +
Elizabeth Laredo +
George Goresen +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
Carmen Arzola +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

January 24, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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.

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 of New York, 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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

