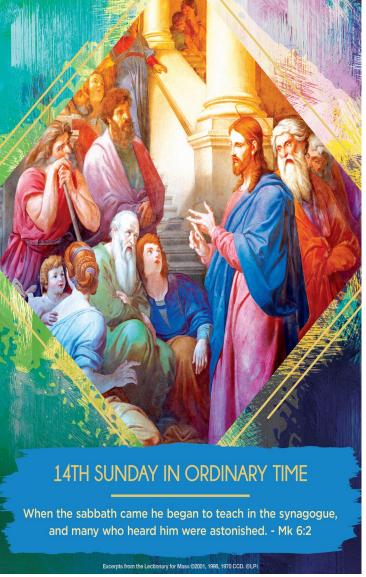
# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator

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

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### PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER CHALLENGES

A prophet has been described as someone who comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. It is no surprise then, that



many would resist, as they did after Ezekiel spoke out. No matter how much or how little we do to bear witness to the gospel, we tend to feel that we are doing well enough. We don't want to hear that we need to carry our cross, or be more selfless, or change our lifestyle, or do more for those in need. We have grown comfortable with the way we live our life. When we receive reproof from the prophetic voices we hear, let us react not with obstinacy of heart, but recognize this as guid-

ance for what God calls us to be and heed their warnings.

Saul, persecutor of Christians, seemed to be comfortable in that role, right up until he received a jolt on his way to Damascus. Now, as Paul, apostle to the Gentiles, he speaks of an affliction— "a thorn in the flesh"—that bedevils him (2 Corinthians 12:7). Three times he begged the Lord for relief, but the Lord told him that "power is made perfect in weakness" (12:9). Like Jesus himself, who by becoming flesh made himself weak, who also begged his Father three times (in Gethsemane) to be released from his suffering, who in the end triumphed over sin and death by submitting himself to the cross, Paul realizes that by enduring "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints" he is made strong (12:10).

Last week we heard of two people with exceptionally strong faith: Jairus, whose daughter was near death, and a woman who had been afflicted for twelve years with an incurable, untreatable condition. In the course of curing each, Jesus told both how vital each one's faith was: "Your faith has saved you," "Do not be afraid; just have faith" (Mark 5:34, 36). Today we hear Mark write that in his native place, Jesus "was amazed by their lack of faith" (6:6). Therefore, he was not able to cure more than a few. Faith in God is essential to the healing grace we receive.

### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me? Do I dismiss their words at once? How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael



We will be having a Parish Dinner on Saturday, July 27th after the 5 p.m. Mass in the McManus Parish Center to celebrate Father Raphael and wish him well on his new assignment. There will be a representative at the back of the church after all the Masses beginning this weekend and the next two following weekends (July 13th and 14th and 20th and 21st). Suggested donation is \$20 per person and \$ 5 per child. Any addi-

tional donations would be appreciated.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>.



### 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.





It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes.. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Please call Cheryl Duda in the Religious

Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR JULY on THIS Saturday, JULY  $6^{TH}$  one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday,

JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who made travs of food for St. Joseph's. 60 trays were donated.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those who donated clothing. 100 bags were donated to Immaculate Conception and 50 bags were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.





**THANK YOU** to those who signed up to donate money for new chairs for the gym. You can drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked: Attention: Karen or drop it at the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. always, thank you for your generosity.

### 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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!

We also welcome Father Mark Ameh to the parish, who will be our new Pastor beginning in August. We wish him many blessings and we pray for him!!!



# 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 The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* 

Sometimes we need a dose of healthy skepticism. Do you see some of the claims on the Internet, in social media, or even on the cover of

supermarket tabloids? If we are not careful, we can easily be led astray.

However, when we find ourselves skeptical all the time, unable to trust anyone or anything, we have a problem. Trust is essential in a conversion process, and we all are in a continual process of turning toward and moving closer to



God. If we find it hard to trust the promises of God, then we will find ourselves lost and bewildered.

Sometimes the biggest obstacle to a stewardship way of life is lack of trust. This is true for individuals as well as parish communities. Do we believe that God will provide for our needs? Do we believe that if we give it all away we will receive even more in abundance? Do we believe that there is true freedom in complete surrender?

Many will say that the principles of a stewardship way of life sound good spirituality and are inspiring. But when really faced with the tough decisions, they will fall back on placing trust in themselves, material goods, or money. Are we true disciples and good stewards as we claim? Where do you place your trust? Have you chosen a path where you are all in or are you still keeping something for yourself because you just aren't sure all this talk of "consider the lilies" is real or just pretty words on a page?



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 23, 2024

 Sunday collection:
 \$2,777.00

 On Line giving:
 \$1,505.00

 Total:
 \$4,282.00

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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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, 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, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, and Betsy McShane.

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.

### **Prayer for Truth**



Dear Lord, Your prophets were those who spoke Your Truth.

Help me to be a speaker of truth as well, one who reminds of Your love, encourages the lowly, and points ever more deeply to You.

Amen.

## Mass *Intentions*

### Saturday, July 6

5:00 PM Christine Bellino + \*\*\*\*\*\*

Sunday, July 7

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Charles & Marie Porcello +

In Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Rivera

Family (Living)

11:00 AM Giovanni Radovanovich +

Consuelo Alicea, Minerva Rodriguez, Juan 12:30 PM

Touriz, Beatriz Luna, & Ana Luisa Luna +

5:00 PM Jesse Gutierrez (Living)

Monday, July 8

Weekday

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Rivera

Family

Nicholas Chimenti +

Tuesday, July 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Anton Gaziudda +

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to the Lord for the Rivera

Wednesday, July 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Br. Januarius O'Kelley, CFC +

9:00 AM Dominick Nguyen +

Thursday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot 7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Johnny De Feo, Jr.

Friday, July 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Jennifer Rivas (Living) 9:00 AM Joan Laredo Liddell +

Saturday, July 13

Weekday

9:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)

Saturday, July 13

5:00 PM Theresa Venturino +

Sunday, July 14

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

Michael Kelleher +

9:30 AM

Angelina Nguyen (Living)

Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. 11:00 AM

& Joseph Pasqualoni, III

12:30 PM Joel Calixto, Leonardo Ramirez,

Taide Jimenez & Martina Galindo +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

### JULY 7, 2024

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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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:
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.

### WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

IHM SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





