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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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 and 11:30 a.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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

BE RECEIVED INTO THE KINGDOM

James identifies the ultimate sources of conflict in the very first line of today's passage: jealousy and selfishness. Just look at the other two readings. The instigators in the first reading attack the just one out of jealousy. They say they want to prove that God will take care of him. But they really don't believe that in the first place; they just want to torture and kill him. The disciples in the Gospel selfishly argue among themselves about which one was the greatest. In this way, they've betrayed their own ambition and jealousy.

Children, like the one Jesus embraced, are totally dependent on grownups. Adults provide them food, clothing, and shelter; security, guidance, and love. In Jesus' time, children, like servants, had no legal rights and no real social status. To be willing to place yourself in that position requires that you excise jealousy, else you would be jealous of all grownups. Jesus promises that doing so brings you not only Him, but the One who sent Him, the author of life and all that is in it.

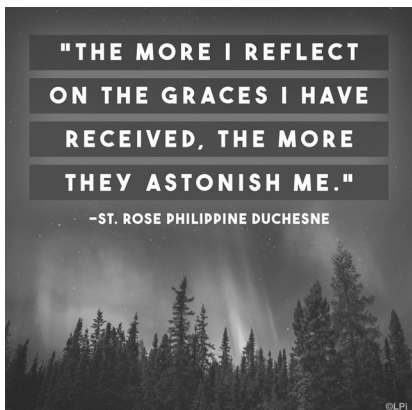
Children can also teach the disciples what it was like to feel free to reveal one's own ignorance. The disciples did not understand Jesus' prediction, but they were afraid to let Him know this, so they remained in the dark. Just as children do not fear losing legal rights or social status they do not have, they do not fear losing their reputation. The disciples did, so they chose to misunderstand rather than betray their ignorance. As James put it, they asked wrongly—just to sound knowledgeable, not to really be enlightened.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What can I do to be received into the kingdom with open arms?

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.

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, SEPTEMBER 19th, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:

Deceased members of Pragana Family
Theresa Venturino +
Patrick Vincent Fox +

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Register now for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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.

Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, September 21st

Matthew the Apostle, also known as **Saint Matthew** and possibly as **Levi**, was, according to the New Testament, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Christian traditions, he was also one of the four Evangelist authors of the Gospel of Matthew, and thus is also known as **Matthew the Evangelist**, a claim rejected by the majority of modern biblical scholars, though the "traditional authorship still has its defenders."



The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Ascension of Jesus. Later Church fathers such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries

O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven. Amen.



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
\ 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM.**

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The View from the Back of the Line

Have you known that person? The one who leaves every person they encounter feeling a little more blessed for having met them? They're the friend you can count on when nothing is going well. They're the one who's always "doing" for others. They're never gossiping or sniping or complaining.

We wonder how they do it, how they have it in them. We're a little envious, even if we don't let ourselves acknowledge it.

That, folks, is what the view is like from the front of the line, gazing at those suckers in the way back and wondering why they're smiling so much.

We've all been at the front of a line and felt no shame about it. We show up early, we put in the time and the legwork, and we "earn" whatever it is we came for — sports tickets, the latest Apple product, whatever. That's how it works here on Earth, where the fastest win the race, the fittest survive and the first shall be first, always.

It's exactly why stewardship is such a tall order. Stewardship calls us to play by the rules of another kingdom — one where the richest have the least amount in their bank accounts and the happiest don't seem to have anything to show for it, at least materially.

If you have a person in your life who always seems happy "doing" for others, it's because by a boatload of God's grace, they play by the rules of the other place.

Watch and take notes — and don't be afraid to join them at the back of the line.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

A Prayer for our Teachers

O Lord, you who have called and equipped the teachers in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May you be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that you have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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

Collection for August 29th & September 5th:

August 29th:
Sunday collection: \$1,852
On Line giving: \$1,330
Total: \$3,182

September 5th:
Sunday collection: \$2,239
On Line giving: \$1,260
Total: \$3,499

**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.saintbartparish.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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, 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, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, and Emil Kurak.

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.

September 19, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, September 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family
Theresa Venturino +
Patrick Vincent Fox +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Donna Marie Schanz +

Tuesday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 AM Stephen Levandoski, Sr. +

9:00 AM Walter Duda +

Wednesday, September 22

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Richard Romanowski (Living)

Thursday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Harold Smith, III +

Friday, September 24

Weekday

7:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

9:00 AM Michael Antony Tolete +

Saturday, September 25

Weekday

9:00 AM Eileen Wright +

Saturday, September 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +
Lawrence Tiplady +
George Cosimo Calvi +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

September 19, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

HOLY
COMMUNION



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

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