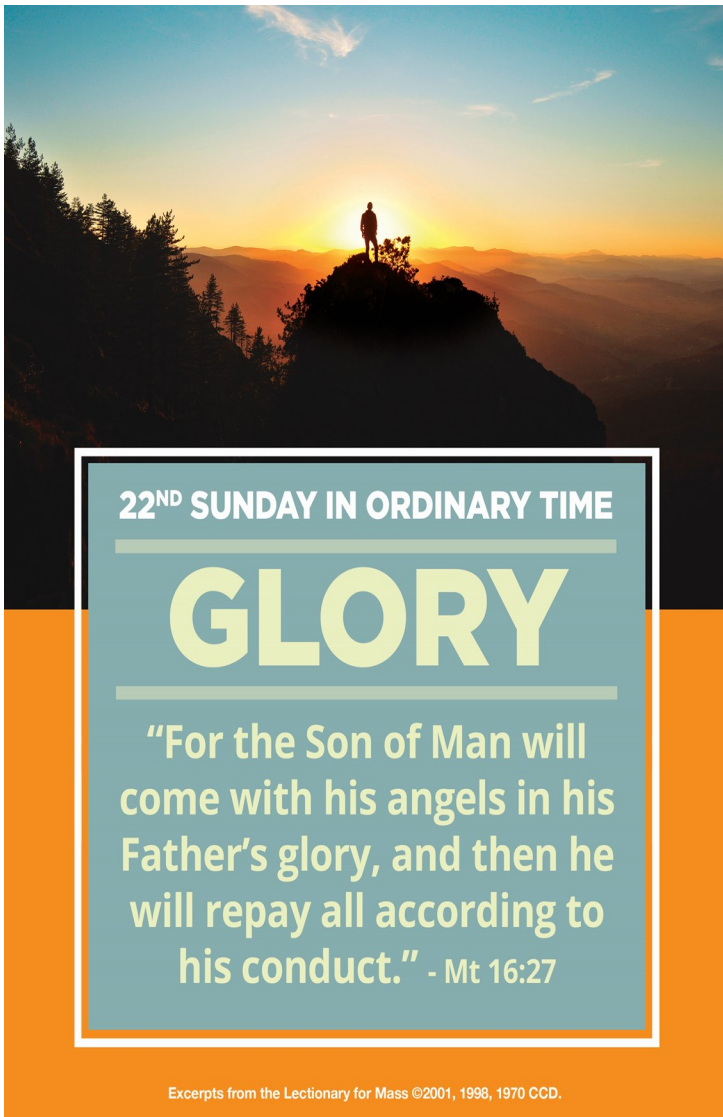


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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# GLORY

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**"For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." - Mt 16:27**

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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. 9 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 4:45 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

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW JESUS

"You duped me, O Lord," the reluctant prophet, exclaims at the beginning of today's first reading (Jeremiah 20:7). The Hebrew verb pathah ("duped") can also be translated as "enticed" or "seduced," emphasizing the powerlessness of the prophet in accepting that role. Jeremiah is left in a horrible position, unable to keep it in, but facing abuse and derision when he lets it out. God's word is like fire—it will either burn him up from within or lay waste to his world when he lets it out. When we speak God's word, when we live God's word, it can threaten others, particularly those driven to gain the whole world.



Jeremiah is not the only one faced with difficult things to hear. When Jesus tells His disciples that He will suffer and die at the hands of the authorities it is too much for Peter. Jesus responds by admonishing Peter, telling him, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23). It is difficult not to think as human beings do, as that is who we are, and impossible to know the mind of God. But at least we can appreciate this when we face what seems an impossible burden: there is an unknowable perspective that makes this sensible. Then we can pray for the strength and courage to bear our cross, despite its incomprehensibility.

We are called to make a sacrifice. Our sacrifice is not as great as our Lord's and may not be as overwhelming as Jeremiah's. But as Paul says to the Romans, we make a sacrifice when we resist conforming ourselves to the world we live in. We sacrifice a self-centered, comfortable life in this world. We are called to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. Let each sign of the cross we make remind us of the sacrifice we are called to offer.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
Looking at the way I lead my life, what aspect do I need to deny myself and in what way can I take up my cross and follow Him?

**Blessings** **Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS THE VISION OF STEWARDSHIP**

I love the original movie *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. All the way through while I watch the film I still laugh and feel like a child. It is only the last line with which I have an issue. Wonka by now has chosen Charlie to succeed him as head of the chocolate factory. They board an elevator that proceeds to crash through the roof and begins to fly. Wonka then asks Charlie if he ever heard of what happened to the boy who got everything he ever wanted. After Charlie says no, Wonka explains, "He lived happily ever after." As I get older, I can say I have met several people who got all or most of all they have ever wanted, but unlike Charlie, it did not lead to endless bliss. In fact, as a Christian I know that that statement of Wonka's is a lie. The secret to living happily ever after lies in not getting all you ever wanted, but instead in giving all you ever wanted away.

A person can't have any sense of that reality until they begin to see his or her life transformed by Jesus. When we have accepted the challenge placed before us and made a choice to live a certain way daily, we can find ourselves transformed. Following Jesus is not easy, but it is the only true way to find authentic joy. When we have emptied ourselves and allowed Him to fill the open spaces in us, we become different. We are transformed and, if enough of us in a parish community experience the same journey, our parish is transformed as well. Then we begin to transform the world around us. Don't be fooled: A flying elevator is cool, but it pales in comparison to what can happen when we find a new life in Jesus Christ.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, lpi*

# 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.



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS, THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**



*Religious Education*

We are accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote.

**Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

**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 and have already given out some to a few families. **May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Immaculate Conception in the Bronx is now open.** Donation of ziti for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on this Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



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**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, August 30<sup>th</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

- Edith A. D'Aquila +
- Tony & Nettie Cognatello +
- Gloria Vitale +
- Radames Blanco +
- Angel Luis Blanco +

**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.





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.

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

YOU CAN SIGN UP EACH WEEK FOR WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP.

IF YOU DO NOT OR ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND MASS. (THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS INCREASED ACCEPTABLE CAPACITY TO 50% PROVIDED FACE MASKS ARE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS PRACTICED). PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Calls if there are additional updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

A Letter from Elizabeth Seton's Children's Center, 300 Corporate Boulevard South, Yonkers, NY

Dear Ms. Duda,

On behalf of all of us at Elizabeth Seton's Children's Center, I would like to thank you and St. Bartholomew's Church for the thoughtful donation of four cases of coffee pods, four boxes and one tub of powered creamer, five cases of wipes, one box of hand sanitizer, 30 boxes of toothpaste and all the toothbrushes we received back in January. Your



act of kindness during these difficult times is especially heartwarming and appreciated.

At Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, our mission is to give a full and happy life to children who have some of the most challenging and limiting medical conditions on earth and that's all the more crucial as we battle COVID-19. I am happy to share with you that none of our 169 children at Elizabeth Seton Children's Center have tested positive for the virus thus far during this pandemic, which is truly an incredible blessing.

Thank you for your generosity and for being a vital member of our Elizabeth Seton Children's Center community. Together, we are creating possibilities for the extraordinary children we serve.

Sincerely, Brian Harrington Senior Vice President of Advancement at Elizabeth Seton Children's Center



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 sbartschurch@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 Lutomski, 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, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, and Dan Panik.

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

August 30, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, August 29 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 30, 2020**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Edith A. D'Aquila +  
Tony & Nettie Cognatello +  
Gloria Vitale +  
Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, August 31**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ellen Chimenti (Living)

**Tuesday, September 1**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Teodoro Aquino +

**Wednesday, September 2**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Thursday, September 3**

**Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Henry & Lucille Kurtz +

**Friday, September 4**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Angelina Brusco +

9:00 AM Emily La Valle +

**Saturday, September 5**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Brusco & Nanoia Families

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**Saturday, September 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 6, 2020**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Joseph Pasqualoni III +  
Mary & Nicholas Maccia +  
Angelina Brusco +  
Lena Castaldo +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

August 30, 2020

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.

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**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, 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**

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

