

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

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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
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. 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

WHO NEEDS ME AND HOW CAN I HELP?

Amos rains strong and specific condemnations down on those who cheat the poor and needy in today's first reading. Unscrupulous merchants resented the laws that prevented making money on the sabbath or the day of the moon, cheated customers by measuring amounts to their advantage (an ephah is approximately a bushel and a shekel was used to measure weight), and put the poor and the lowly into debt over basic necessities. In his day or ours, look at who controls the machinery of commerce. Greedy, dishonest businesspersons can manipulate the instruments of wealth to their advantage, while the poor and desperate lack the power to demand fair treatment.



We live in a society that considers the accumulations of material wealth to be a worthy goal. Even if we're not greedy, we want to be able to provide for our families and for ourselves and free ourselves from the worry of being unable to pay the bills. In trying to serve both God and mammon, are we about earning more money and improving our standard of living than in building up our spiritual wealth and growing closer to God? This is Jesus' question to us. Will we recognize where our true wealth lies, the wealth that God gives freely to all, and reorganize our priorities in this light?

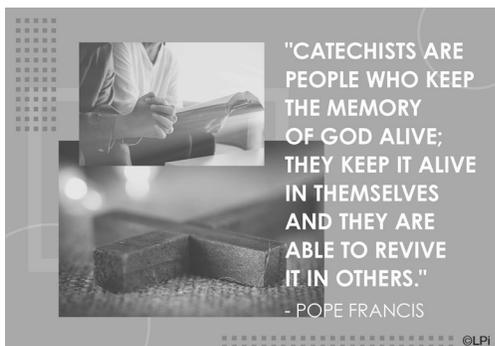
The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is a curious one, whose lessons are not as obvious as, say, the parables of the good Samaritan or the prodigal son. Perhaps one lesson is that material wealth can be used in a prudent way to provide for those in need. The dishonest, self-centered steward used his position prudently to ensure he could maintain his comfortable lifestyle after losing his job. As unselfish stewards of all God's gifts, we can take what we have and prudently use it to serve others. Then, when our material wealth fails, as all material goods eventually will, we can hope to be "welcomed into eternal dwellings" (Luke 16:9).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I be a prudent steward of the wealth God has blessed me with? Where do I regard my "true wealth" (Luke 19:9)?

Blessings

Father Raphael



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 BREAD AND WINE is donated in loving memory of Daniel Pezzola by the Pezzola Family.

Classes for religious education students began LAST Tuesday September 13th at 6:30 pm. Class will meet in person each week. If you know of a child from 1st grade through high school who has not made their First Communion or Confirmation, please have them call the Religious Education Office to register their child. The number is on the front of the bulletin.

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Religious Education

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.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina | September 23

Best known as Padre Pio, St. Pius was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. As a young boy he suffered many illnesses including typhoid. He joined Capuchin Franciscans at 15 and took the name of Pius or "Pio" in honor of Pope Pius I. He was ordained in 1910, and at this time he received the marks of stigmata, the wounds of Christ, but they eventually healed. Frequent illnesses continued to plague him as a young man. Padre Pio served in the Italian Medical Corps during World War I, but he was discharged early because of illness, which was likely tuberculosis. He was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo. In 1918, while continuing to serve at the friary, the stigmata appeared again, and this time remained until his death.



Many faithful came to see him at the friary, his days were long, beginning with Mass at 5 a.m. then hearing confessions all day with breaks to bless the sick. A simple man, content to do God's will on earth and with the ardent desire to serve the sick and poor in whom he saw Christ, he urged a hospital, Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza (House for the Relief of Suffering), to be built in San Giovanni Rotondo. It opened in 1956. Padre Pio died at the age of eighty-one in 1968 and in 2002 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him "St. Pio of Pietrelcina."

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, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Fixing the Scales

Most people don't intend on being selfish. The reality of selfishness usually lies in the grey shades of our decision-making. We would never go out of our way to kick a homeless person begging by the highway exit. We would never steal money from our parish collection plate.

But would we drive past the homeless person without even extending a thought or a prayer toward his need? Would we justify stinginess in time, talent, and treasure because of our own comfort? We all have been guilty of transgressions such as these in the past. We will fall again in the future.

Most of the evil in this world can be traced back to a feeling of entitlement that lurks deep within each of us — a frantic concern for our own good that we find difficult to shake. The same instinct that compelled Eve to reach for the fruit that would give her the knowledge of good and evil still compels people to focus on what they are owed, on what they have "earned," on what they have "coming to them." We are so tempted to fix the scales. We are so tempted to keep score.

We would do well to remember that our God is not a God who keeps score. He is not a God who acts entitled or who tacks on extra dues, taking as much as He can get. He is a God who seats the lowly with princes. He is a God who seeks avenues for reconciliation and mercy.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Attention busy Catholic family men and professionals:

The Knights of Columbus online membership program provides Catholic men (ages 18+) and their families the flexibility to enjoy the benefits of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization without affecting existing commitments to family, work and parish. In addition to many web-based spiritual resources, online members have convenient access to the top-rated Knights of Columbus life insurance program as well as the option (but not the obligation) to join a local Knights of Columbus council.

Contact Bob Maffucci at 917-319-5525 or robert.maffucci@kofc.org about a no-risk offer of one full year of FREE online membership. Bob can also connect men interested in traditional membership with the officers of a nearby Knights of Columbus council.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 4th

Sunday collection: \$2,549.00

On Line giving: \$1,150.00

Total: \$3,699.00

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, 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, and Luz Maria Izurieta.

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.

St. Bartholomew's Gym is hosting Tina Vaccarelli for a Partylite Fall Tricky Tray, on this coming Saturday, September 24th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) which includes an afternoon of fun, games and raffles. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Ticket includes water, coffee, tea and snacks. (You can also bring your own refreshments if you'd like). Contact Tina Vaccarelli at 914 772-6533, www.partylite.com/ tealitetina or tdv1013@gmail.com.

September 18, 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, September 17 (Anticipated Mass)
5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family
11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +
5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

Monday, September 19
Weekday

7:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Jessie Kowaluk +

Tuesday, September 20
**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, & Chong Ha-sang
& Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Nicola Bellone +

Wednesday, September 21
Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Thursday, September 22
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Richard Romanowski (Living)

Friday, September 23
Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, III

Saturday, September 24
Weekday

9:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

Saturday, September 24 (Anticipated Mass)
5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

Sunday, September 25, 2022
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +
Lawrence Tiplady +
11:30 AM Rosa & Antonio Troia +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

September 18, 2022

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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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

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