

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” - Mt 21:32

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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 Ezech, 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

**DOING THE RIGHTEOUS ACT EVEN THOUGH IT IS HARD TO DO**



The key in today's passage from Ezekiel is in the turning. What are you turning away from and what are you turning toward? It's not what happened in the past that matters, it's what you've turned to now. Every day we face choices, choices between right and wrong, choices between justice and injustice, choices between life and death. Each day we must consciously turn toward good.

This parable of the vineyard, like the one of the Last Judgment, is unique to Matthew. The theme of saying vs. doing runs throughout his Gospel. It is what you do, not what you say, that opens the door to eternal life. In Jesus' story of the Last Judgment, the king does not say to those on his right, "I was hungry and you said you would bring me food" or "I was naked and you told me you would get me some clothes." Similarly, here is the son who does his father's will, is the one who does the work, whether he said he would or not. Even the chief priests and elders agree. Yet they are not "walking the walk." Tax collectors, like Matthew, are. They turned away from sin and followed Jesus and are now teaching and preaching and anointing and healing and doing the actual work of building the kingdom of God. What you said before is irrelevant, what is important is working in the vineyard today.



Exhibit A in doing the Father's will, obviously, is Jesus Christ, who was, as Paul writes, "obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8), even though He said things like "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me" (Matthew 26:39) and "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (27:46). Even while pleading for mercy, He did not hold back from fulfilling His Father's will.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What righteous act can I do this week that I have previously expressed reluctance to do?

*Blessings* **Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**Everyday Stewardship - Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments Is It the Thought That Counts?**

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

- 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 **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** (on October 2<sup>nd</sup>) are donated by the **Confirmation Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**



We are still 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.**

Hopefully by now everyone has picked up their access code and book for the year and have followed the instructions given for logging in the first time into google classroom. All assignments will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 8am and must be completed and submitted by Sunday evening at 10PM. Payment for the classes can be made by going to our parish website, [saintbartparish.org](http://saintbartparish.org), and clicking on the We Share online giving link then scrolling down to 2020-2021 Religious Education registration fees. Hit submit payment, twice and it will bring you to payment screen. Make your payment and fill out the appropriate information.

**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 (each tray feeds

about 10 people). for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



**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, September 27<sup>th</sup>, AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Gaetano Taormina +

Jim Manning + Lawrence Tiplady +

Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

Lucille & Samuel Garafola +

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



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. (PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING). 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.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday October 2nd is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday October 4th, 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.



Feast of the Archangels, September 29th

Below is a beautiful prayer to the Archangels that highlights the role each Archangel has been given by God and how that role can help us when we need them the most.

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth.



Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger.

Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth.

Saint Raphael is the healing angel;

I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.



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 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, Dan Panik, and Dominick Francis Marra.

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.

Knights of Columbus - Cardinal Hayes Council

Please support The Knights of Columbus Council by getting your Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Raffles online with a chance to win \$50,000 in prizes. They can be purchased securely via credit card on their website...https://jrkofc3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995/c-b-raffles.

September 27, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, September 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Gaetano Taormina +  
Jim Manning +  
Lawrence Tiplady +  
Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +  
Lucille & Samuel Garafola +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mildred, Michael & Donna Pollick +

**Tuesday, September 29**

**Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

**Wednesday, September 30**

**Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)

**Thursday, October 1**

**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Maria & John Spagnola +

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

**Friday, October 2 First Friday**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

7:00 AM Terese Catherine (TC) Gallagher +

9:00 AM Viviene Pezzola (Living)

**Saturday, October 3 First Saturday**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco & Nanoia Families

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**Saturday, October 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, October 4, 2020**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Peter & Andrea Objay +  
Giulia Marchionno +  
Albert Gregorio +  
Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

September 27, 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 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**

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

