

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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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
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **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

PRIORITIZE GENEROSITY OVER FAIRNESS

The parable Jesus tells His disciples relates to the story of a landowner and the laborers he hires. But as we know, the details of the parable stand for something else. It is clear that the landowner represents God, that we are the laborers, and that the vineyard is the world. But what work have we been hired to do and what is the customary wage? Perhaps we can find an answer in a passage just a few chapters later in Matthew. At the Last Judgment, Jesus tells His disciples, the Son of Man will welcome into the kingdom those who have served the neediest among us: the hungry, the poor, the ill, the imprisoned. This is the work of God's vineyard, and the "usual wage" is eternal life.

A couple of implications of this: First, because our merciful God will reward even those who worked very little, we are not doomed by our previous inaction. There is always hope. Second, because the wage is the same for all, there is no special place in heaven, no extra among of bliss, no additional access to God's presence among all those whom God has chosen to save. Let us not judge ourselves to be superior because we seem to have done more for a longer period of time.

The resentful laborers who worked all day grumbled because they could not accept generosity favored over fairness. Yes, without a doubt, the landowner teased the ones who worked since dawn by paying the last ones first, raising expectations for the hardest workers. But for God, generosity and mercy are more important than fairness. The landowner's modus operandi is unfathomable to us, but, as Isaiah says, God's ways are so above our ways that we cannot possibly fully understand them.

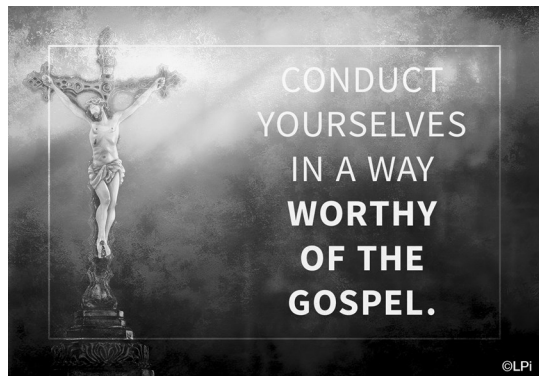
QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I prioritize generosity over fairness in how I regard and treat others?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Next Sunday, October 1st, will be our first Family Mass at 9:30 am and there will be "a welcome back and a welcome to new parishioners" breakfast right after Mass. Please join us.



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.



Rest in Peace

We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mario Liguori.

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes began on Tuesday September 12th. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



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.



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use cereal, juice, soups and macaroni and cheese. **May God bless you all for your generosity.***

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR OCTOBER on Saturday, OCTOBER 7th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday OCTOBER 8th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **NEXT Saturday and Sunday, September 30th and October 1st.**

A special thank you to all who donated trays of food in September. 30 trays were donated to Immaculate Conception.

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach You in gratitude for Your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd Your people, as You shepherd Your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work.

Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way.

May Your church never lose sight of these, Your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to You and Your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS

CHANGED AND 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
Be Sure to Look the Part

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select and high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will you look the part?

- Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

FRANCISCAN HIKE & MASS: Get in shape physically and spiritually! Teens and adults join the Capuchin community and connect with nature, community, and Christ on our 4-mile loop hike along two beautiful lakes with several planned stops; difficulty ranges from easy to moderate. Fr. Erik Lenhart, OFM, Cap. will be our shepherd, guide, and Mass celebrant on Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Harriman State Park. Free event, advance register required: <https://bit.ly/francishike>

Fordham Preparatory School
Forming Leaders in Faith, Scholarship, and Service
For details on admissions, including in-person and virtual events, visit: fordhamprep.org/admissions
Open House - Thursday, October 12, 6:00 pm & Sunday, October 29, 1:00 pm
Admissions Office Contact Information
(718) 584-8367 admissions@fordhamprep.org



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
SUNDAY COLLECTION

<i>September 10TH</i>	
<i>Sunday collection:</i>	\$2,965.00
<i>On Line giving:</i>	\$1,120.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$4,085.00

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.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, 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, 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, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, and Judy Hanrahan.

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 24, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, September 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Harold Smith, III +

Sunday, September 24

Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Lawrence Tiplady +
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kurz Family
(Edyth, Herbert & Leonard)
Dr. Edward Casey +
Frank & Angela Nanoia +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Leonard Cacciatore +

Monday, September 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +
9:00 AM Dr. Edward Casey +

Tuesday, September 26

Weekday

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +
9:00 AM Charles Joseph Jankowski +

Wednesday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, September 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Roger Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Michael, Mildred & Donna Pollick +

Friday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Dorothy Tomaskovic (Living)

Saturday, September 30

Saint Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, September 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +
Maria & John Spagnola +
11:00 AM Theresa Pisacreta +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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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

