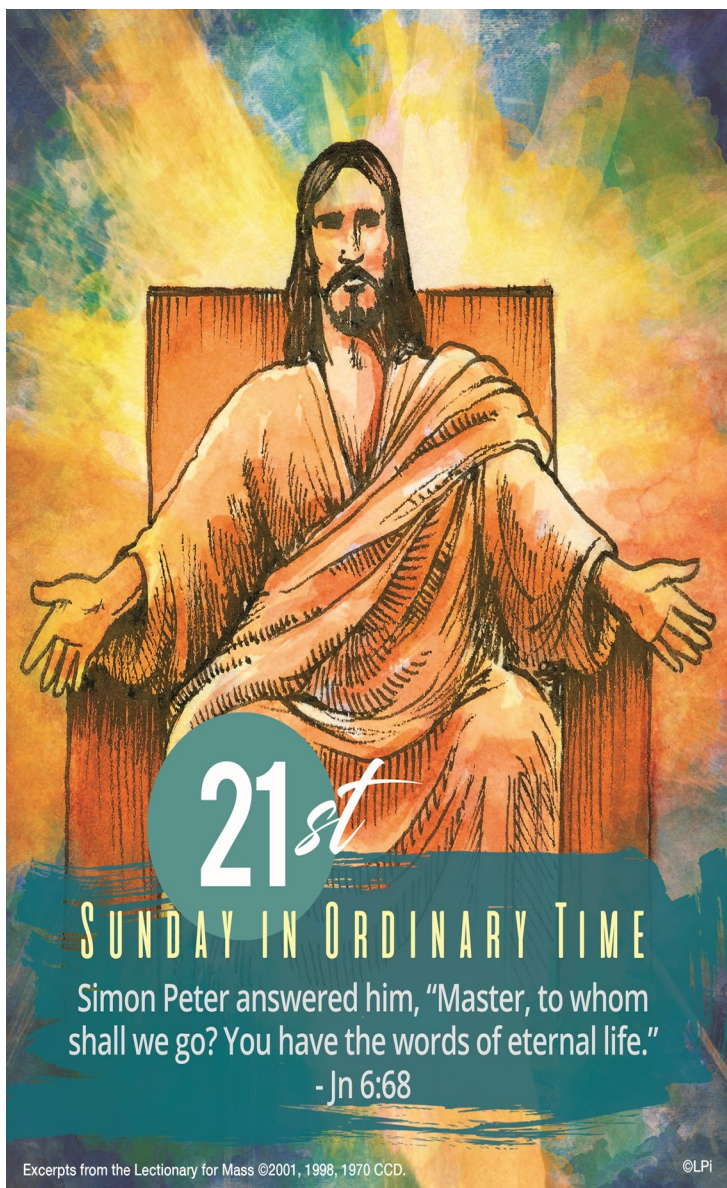


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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

REMAIN A DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

Joshua (a variant of the name Jesus) gives his people three options. The gods “beyond the River” (24:15) are their distant ancestors’ gods, from before Abraham and Sarah. Nostalgia would inspire this choice. “The gods of the



Amorites” (24:15) are those of their current non-Jewish neighbors. Choosing this option would ease their acceptance as foreigners. But they all choose to remain loyal to the Lord. After all, their God led them out of slavery, gave them hope during their hardships in the desert, and guided them to the Promised Land. By our Baptism, God has rescued us from the slavery of sin, given us the hope of eternal life, and guided us along right paths. Alternate paths may be easier or more socially acceptable, but our moral conscience tells us that these are not the values that will lead us to our eternal home.

Today’s second reading begins with an unfortunate analogy too reflective of its time, but the second half is the point. Christ is the head of the Church. This is why we often call the Church the body of Christ.. Like a married couple’s love, which leads one spouse to sacrifice their own desires for the other, Christ’s love for us—the Church—led Him to sacrifice Himself for our salvation. His body is the living bread that gives us life eternal.

A little context might help in today’s Gospel, which begins with “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” (John 6:60). What saying? What did we miss? This: Jesus had just told them that He is the living bread and that in order for them to have life they must eat His flesh and drink His blood. Yes, this is much harder to handle than the multiplication of the loaves and fish, which must have seemed like a lifetime ago. Sadly, but unsurprisingly, many of His disciples bailed. But no matter how confused or shocked the Twelve may have been, Peter drills down at once to the essential truth: “You have the words of eternal life” (6:68). Each time we respond Amen we affirm our acceptance of Jesus’ challenging words.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specific action can I take to show my commitment to remain a disciple of our Lord?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Karen will be on vacation from Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and will return to the office on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. During that time, the Parish Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. for any phone calls or urgent matters.

**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, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**



**DECEASED:**

Vernon James Reeves +  
Robert Liddell +  
Dianne Milder +

**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.



Religious Education

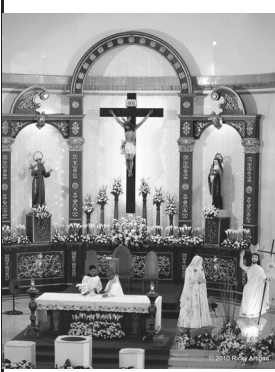
**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



Prayer to Saint Monica, Feast Day, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Exemplary Mother of the Great Augustine, You perseveringly pursued your wayward son, not with threats but with prayerful cries to heaven. Intercede for all mothers in our day, so that they may learn to draw their children to God. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even the prodigal sons and daughters who have sadly gone astray. Dear St Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Your prayers were answered. Grant me that same fortitude, patience, and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea. (mention your intention here). Grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen





**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.**  
**WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Submission as Stewardship.**

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at Him in His agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

**OUTSIDE NEWS**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers Bereavement Group is holding their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mass will be at St. Anthony's Church, 10 Squire Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 10 a.m. followed by breakfast at Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, One Waslenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$30 per person. Bring a friend. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.



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

August 8, 2021– Tithing

Envelope	\$2,742
Online	\$1,155
Total	\$3,897

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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

August 22, 2021

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, August 21 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Vernon James Reeves +  
Robert Liddell +  
Dianne Milder +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, August 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Richard Gioggia (Living)

**Tuesday, August 24**

**Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charles Sweeney +

**Wednesday, August 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Gunn Eivor Sandberg +

9:00 AM No Intention

**Weekday, August 26**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Devi +

**Friday, August 27**

**Saint Monica**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Walter Duda +

**Saturday, August 28**

**Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +

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**Saturday, August 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 29, 2021**

**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +  
Radames Blanco +  
Luis Angel Blanco +  
David Zevon (Living)

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

August 22, 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.

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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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

