

# 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator

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

## OPEN YOURSELF TO JESUS' MESSAGE



We are reminded today of how God transforms our lives, Isaiah promises that the Lord will transform both us and the world. The blind will see and the deaf will hear. Springs and streams will flow in barren lands. In the Gospel, Jesus cures a deaf man with a speech impediment. Jesus' touch enables the stream of God's word to flow into his ears and his proclamation of it to spring forward from his mouth. Note how physical Jesus' actions are. He sticks his finger into this stranger's ears. If that isn't enough, after spitting on his finger he puts it in the stranger's mouth. And just last week the religious authorities reprimanded him for eating with unclean hands! Jesus touches our lives in an intimate way and transforms them.

Significantly, Jesus does not tell the man he heals to "Hear!" or "Speak!" So important is Jesus' command that Mark leaves it in the original Arabic: "Ephatha!" ("Be opened!") Perhaps Jesus is telling him to be open and receptive to a world transformed by the Son of God. Perhaps he is calling on him to be open to faith. By repeating the word that Jesus actually spoke, Mark may want his audience - then and now - to feel like Jesus is speaking directly to them, to us.

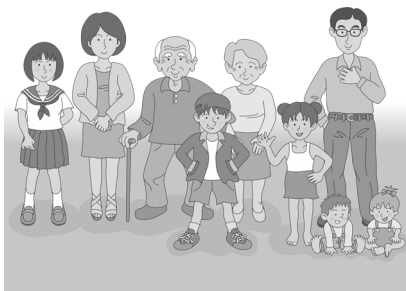
We may not be literally deaf, but are we deaf to God's word? Do we hear Jesus tell us to carry our crosses, but do not change the way we live? Do we hear him say that those who care for the least of our brothers and sisters will join him in the kingdom of heaven, but do not take it to heart? We may not be literally mute, but do we avoid speaking our faith? What are we saying, to use an example inspired by the second reading, if we ignore or bad-mouth someone who is also a child of God? Let us open our ears and open our lips to hear and proclaim the Good News.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When have I failed to be open to Jesus' message? Opening myself to his challenging message, how will I proclaim it by my words and actions?

*Blessings!*

They're there when we need them, and if we're honest, we need them for a lot of things! This week, many Spanish-speaking countries celebrate Día de los Abuelos. The celebration is held on the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus. In our mobile society, many grandparents may



be geographically disconnected to their children. Other grandparents have even more opportunities to be close to their grandchildren, as their children continue working and are in need of nearby child-care support. Whatever the situation, grandparents are essential to the growth and development of children.

They provide a warm, forgiving presence. Rarely the disciplinarian, grandparents are another reminder of the gentle mercy of God. As children age, they begin to appreciate grandparents as people with stories to tell and wisdom to impart. How can you show gratitude for the grandparents in your life today?

## 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.

Take Note

It's time to register for next year's

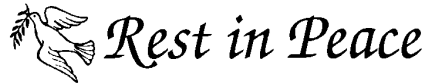
Religious Education classes. Classes will begin on Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially John Ward.



### 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!!!! **Go to: [www.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link..** Thank you!!!

### Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11

God of mercy, in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Give us today the courage to assist

those around us who may need our

assistance. Give us patience when we become impatient.

Remind us to pray for all those who perished on United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11, United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77, and those in the Twin

Towers and Pentagon. Give us a heart thankful for those who gave their lives as first responders, as did the men and women who ran into danger to be of aid. We ask all this in the name of the One who first responded to our need for a savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

We also pray for all those who have been touched by violence throughout the world.

### REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001



**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S**

**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

**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use cereal, beans and juices.*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Choosing Deafness**

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with her hearing. Is that why she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — she isn't being naughty, she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**THANK YOU** to those who signed up to donate money for new chairs for the gym. You can drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked: Attention: Karen or drop it at the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have already purchased 100 chairs and are on our way to purchasing the next 100. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

**Catholic Widows and Widowers Annual Communion Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am Mass at St. Ann's Church, 854 Midland Ave, Yonkers, followed by Brunch at San Martino's Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cash \$33 per person payable at the brunch. Members and guests welcome. Reservations required. For more information and reservations, please call 914-423-5331.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**August 18th**  
**\$3,227.00 + \$1,445 (online) = \$4,672.00**  
**August 25th**  
**\$2,460.00 + \$1,405.00 = \$3,865.00**

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Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Seivas, 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, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, and Betsy McShane.

**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.**

**Patriot Day: September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Heavenly Father, Creator of All, You have created the human person as good. You have placed us in the world as one human family, as sisters and brothers. We pray today for all victims of violence across the world, for the healing of their mind and body, for their mourning family members, for the repose of their souls. Jesus, You have told us to love our enemies, and to pray for those who persecute us. Give us the strength and courage to forgive. Remove all lingering desire for revenge. Holy Spirit, reveal to us the mercy of God. Give us the gift of Your





September 8, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, September 7

5:00 PM John Smith +  
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Sunday, September 8  
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Gaetano Taormina +

11:00 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco ++

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Regina Mbanefo  
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Monday September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Angela Cheung (Living)

9:00 AM Sam Farraj +

Tuesday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Mary & Jack Cizynski +

9:00 AM Edward Ryan +

Wednesday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)

9:00 AM Fallen Members of the NYPD +

Thursday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Kathleen Cunningham (Living)

9:00 AM Bernadette Raiola +

Friday, September 13

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Mario Liguori +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Sr. Mary Helene Duignan, RSM &

Sr. Mary Kevin Mulligan, RSM +  
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Saturday, September 14

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family  
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Sunday, September 15  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

11:00 AM Paul Maniscalco +

12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024**

**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**

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

