

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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GREAT

Then Jesus said to her in
reply, "O woman, great is
your faith! Let it be done
for you as you wish."

MATTHEW 15:28

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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

BE ACCEPTING OF OTHERS

The author of the passage of Isaiah that we hear today is unafraid to make a bold statement about God's will during a tumultuous time in Israel's history. Cyrus the Great, the Persian King, had just liberated the Israelites, fifty years after they were driven into exile by the Babylonians. They returned to Judah and found it desolate, with Jerusalem in ruins. But "Third Isaiah" (scholars believe this author of the book was the third to write under Isaiah's name) challenges his compatriots to not only rebuild the temple and the country, but also to welcome all peoples to come worship the Lord. Though the pagan nation of Babylon had destroyed Judah and conquered its people, the pagan nation of Persia had rescued them and restored their lands. Isaiah understood that believing all foreigners to be evil and dangerous was simply wrong.



It appears contradictory for Jesus to say, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" while standing in the region of Tyre and Sidon, which was clearly outside of Judea (Matthew 15:24). However, the Good Shepherd will not stop at boundaries to pursue His sheep. Therefore, this Canaanite woman feels free to challenge him to break down another boundary. Jesus refuses initially, but her persistence leads him to acquiesce, healing her daughter, sight unseen.

Faith is the key, but it may come from anyone, even far outside the community of believers. In the Gospel, it is the faith of the Canaanite woman that convinces Jesus to answer her prayer. In Isaiah, it is foreigners who come to God's holy mountain with sacrifices and offerings. In Paul's letter to the Romans, it is Gentiles whom Paul not only welcomes but hopes my spur Jewish people like Paul to accept Christ. Faith is to be encouraged in all peoples.

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Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



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.



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, tuna, dried beans, canned beans and juices. May God bless you all for your generosity.*



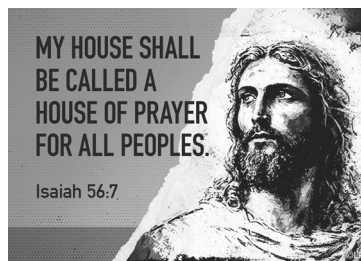
It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin. **The Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**



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. **The Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**



St. Bart's will be honoring and remembering grandparents and the elderly at all the Masses on Saturday, September 9th at the 5 pm and Sunday, September 10th at the 9:30 and 11 am, and 12:30 and 5:00 pm Masses. All grandparents, their children, grandchildren and the elderly are invited. More details to follow at the upcoming weekend Masses.



Lord our God, grant that we may be your children who receive the Spirit and all they need from you. You strengthen us not only physically but also inwardly, in our hearts, enabling us to face the uncertainties of earthly life and whatever still needs changing in human society. Keep us from giving in to weakness.

**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

The Challenge of Stewardship

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

– Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

CWWY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Communion Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Sept 17th**. Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Reservations are necessary, \$30 cash payable at the restaurant. Please call 914.423.5331 for reservations. Members and guests are welcome.

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 6th
Sunday collection: \$3,314.00
On Line giving: \$1,185.00
Total: \$4,499.00

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.**



LORD
give strength
to your people

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 and Richard Romanowski.

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.

August 20, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +

11:00 AM Anna Maria Vitullo +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Sr. +

Tuesday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jose Exposito +

Wednesday, August 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Medardo Hernandez +

9:00 AM John E. Sayegh +

Thursday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Peter Tran +

Friday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Francis, Xavier & Joseph +

Saturday, August 26

Weekday

9:00 AM Jose Maria Midence +

Saturday, August 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Pauline Salamone +

Sunday, August 27

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dina Legio +

Elizabeth Laredo +

11:00 AM Richard Di Venuto +

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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor

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

