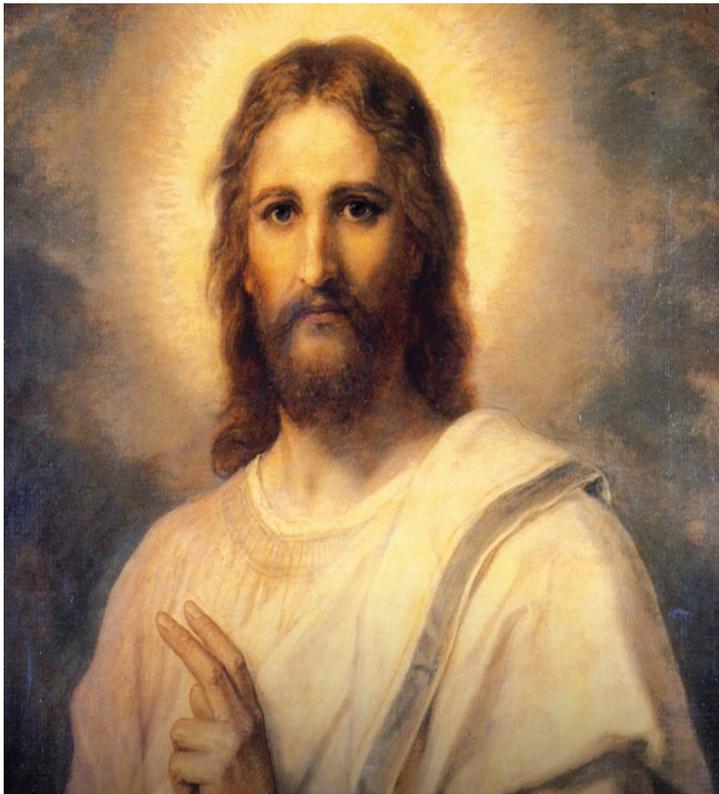


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 and 11:30 a.m. 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 GENEROUS AND HOSPITABLE

Though all-knowing, once again the Lord “must go down and see” before pronouncing judgment (Genesis 18:21). As in the garden of Eden or at Babel, God comes to the scene to determine the sinfulness of the people. Then we learn how willing God is to exercise mercy. By the time this was written, Sodom and Gomorrah were well known as cities that were suddenly and completely destroyed in a natural event precipitated by God’s wrath. Tradition varied as to the nature of the sinfulness that incurred God’s punishment, but this account does not concentrate on the sin or on the destruction. Its focus is God’s mercy. God’s mercy is so generous that if even a handful of innocent people lived there, entire cities of thousands would have been spared.

Last Sunday we heard readings that extolled the value of hospitality. Abraham ran out of his tent to insist that three traveling strangers stop to rest and eat. Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus into their home and their lives. Hospitality was rewarded in both cases. On the other hand, the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah were known for their arrogance and hostility toward strangers and travelers. Centuries later, Ezekiel wrote that they had been “proud, sated with food, complacent in their prosperity, and they gave no help to the poor and needy” (Ezekiel 16:49). Sodom and Gomorrah were large cities, and even today large cities often develop a reputation for inhospitality. Abraham argued in hopes that at least a few people could be found who were generous to outsiders.

Abraham’s conversation with God doesn’t exactly sound like a prayer, but it is in fact a prayer of petition, a persistent plea for God’s mercy. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray, also encouraging them to make a prayer of petition, pleading for food each day and for mercy for their sins. Let us in turn be generous with our belongings and with our forgiveness.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
When have I failed to be generous with what I have or been inhospitable to those I meet? What would lead me to be generous and hospitable?

*Blessings* *Father Raphael*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR AUGUST on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning NEXT Saturday and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.



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 ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**THE ALTAR CANDLES AND ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.

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 this week 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. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.



Religious Education

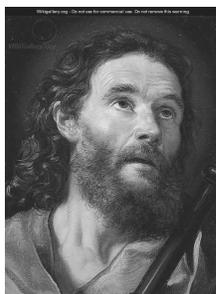
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**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you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



**St. James the Apostle | July 25**

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus’ group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them “sons of thunder” because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.



Saint James was part of Jesus’ intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius’ daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had “James, the brother of John, killed by the sword.” (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9<sup>th</sup> century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint’s lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint’s relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S  
IS AS FOLLOWS:  
**MASSES**  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM  
SUNDAY MASSES  
9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM  
\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4  
TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**When I Called, You Answered**

Some of us have that friend about whom we are constantly discovering new things. Maybe we've known this person for ten or even twenty years, and one day at lunch we'll find out they're a direct descendant of a dead president or they once met a major celebrity.

"You never asked," they'll say with a shrug.

As annoying as this can be, it makes perfect sense, doesn't it? We never asked. There is something strangely sacred about the act of asking for something. It requires humility. It requires grace. It requires us to be awake, to be aware, to be vulnerable.

Too often we fall into a pattern of entitlement, even when it comes to information. We go through life thinking that a great cosmic conveyor belt of what we want is going to roll on past us, and we'll barely even have to extend our arms. We read our Bible and we hear all these amazing promises from the Father who loves us, and we get sort of complacent. *He's got this*, we think, and we shut our eyes to take a snooze on the road trip of life, confident that someone else is going to look out for stop signs and wrong turns.

It's true: God's got this. He *is* going to take care of us. But He wants us to be in relationship with Him. He wants us to be an active, receptive participant in our own salvation. See his patience with Abraham's entreaties on behalf of the righteous of Sodom: He wants to answer, not simply to tell.

He wants us to stay awake for the drive.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers  
Communion Breakfast**

On **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast. We will be attending the 11:30am Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers at 11:30am. Luncheon immediately following the Mass at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cost: \$27 cash, payable at the luncheon, reservations required - call 914-968-0614 or 914-965-6278. Bring a friend. Guests are welcome.



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
July 10<sup>TH</sup>  
Sunday collection: \$2,915.00  
On Line giving: \$ 920.00  
Total: \$3,835.00

**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](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, 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, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, and Richard Gritta.

**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.**



*We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Michael Pugni.*

July 24, 2022

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, July 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Margaret & Michael Hickey +  
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**Sunday, July 24, 2022**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso +  
Dianne Milder +  
11:30 AM Marie Giuriceo +  
5:00 PM Suor Maria Cira +

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**Monday, July 25**  
**St. James, Apostle**

7:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +  
9:00 AM Maria & Joseph Costanzo +

**Tuesday, July 26**  
**Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Adrian John Santos +

**Wednesday, July 27**  
**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Michael Daly +

**Thursday, July 28**  
**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Rose Han (Living)

**Friday, July 29**  
**Saint Martha**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anna Fallone +

**Saturday, July 30**  
**Weekday**

9:00 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +  
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**Saturday, July 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +  
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**Sunday, July 31, 2022**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Louis Loscalzo +  
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**July 24, 2022**

**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**

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

