# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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 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

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#### **FAITH GIVES US POWER**

Ah, the mustard seed. This is not the first time Jesus compares

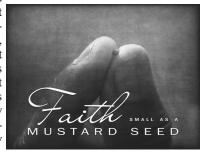


something to a mustard seed. Earlier on the road to Jerusalem He compared the kingdom of God to a tiny mustard seed, able to produce a huge bush that can provide a home for a flock of birds. Now He compares it to faith, saying that faith as small and undeveloped as the seed itself can be powerful enough to do great things. Like mustard seeds, God's gifts may appear small and insignificant, but with God's grace they can blossom and grow and flower into something

great and powerful.

The mulberry tree is notoriously difficult to uproot, as it has an

extensive root system. Yet Jesus tells His disciples that faith the size of a tiny mustard seed can do it. Indeed, faith has an extensive root system as well. Our faith is planted in us in baptism. It takes root deep within us, is fertilized and nurtured by others—probably our parents, perhaps other family embers, teachers, mentors,



peers—and grows and grows for many years. We may feel that our faith is weak, threatened by doubt, but in fact it is rooted more deeply than any tree.

What does our faith lead us to do? It is no coincidence that when Jesus is asked about faith, He speaks not of its size but of its power. With faith of any size, we have the power to do great things. Not only do we have that power, we have the responsibility to use that power to do great things. Faith demands action. We see the problems and injustices and conflicts of the world through the lens of faith and are called to uproot them. Others may say it is too difficult, too hopeless, or that it requires someone much more powerful. But we have the power of faith. We can each be the one that uses that power to bring hope, bring justice, bring peace.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What injustice, conflict, or problem does faith give me the power to address? How can I put my faith into action?

**Blessings** 

Father Raphael

#### OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Remember to invite your family and pray the Rosary with them each



and every day throughout the month of October. By praying the Rosary you are requesting the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary for the protection of your family and for the faith and strength to accept any hardship you may be encountering in life. Please make a special effort to say the Rosary with your fellow parishioners after the 9 a.m. Mass on Monday and also with your family at home.



#### 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.



Classes for religious education students have begun. If you know



of a child from 1st grade through high Religious school who has not made their First Communion or Confirmation, please have them call the Religious Education **UCATION** Office to register their child. The number is on the front of the bulletin.

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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.

NEXT Saturday, October 8th Oktoberfest 6 pm at McManus Parish Center Great Food and Music. -Come Join Us!!! See the flyer in the bulletin.





Seniors Monthly Gathering for October THIS Thursday, October 6th at 10:30 am for movie discussion with Father Raphael followed by the normal 12 noon meeting in the Gym for Rosary, lunch and conversation. \$5 per person

Movie Thursday, Thursday, October 20th at 10 am The Chosen—Season 2

#### Contact Rich Califano if interested in joining!!!

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 8th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday October 9h 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 THIS Saturday and Sunday, October  $1^{\rm ST}$ and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### FAMILY BREAKFAST IS BACK!!!!!! THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

Please join us for family breakfast after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.





We celebrate **the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi,** this Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. St, Francis was well known for his love of animals. **ON THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 4 PM** we will have a blessing of the animals in our parking lot. Bring your favorite pets to be blessed.

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This **Friday, October 7**<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: You're not as strong as you think you are.

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

The Ursuline School, a Catholic, private, independent college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12, located in New Rochelle, NY, invites prospective students and their families to attend our upcoming Open House events: High School-Tuesday, Oct 25 at 6:30 p.m. All School-Saturday, October 29 from 11 am - 2pm. Our Middle School Information Night is on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. Explore our campus including our dynamic new spaces; engage with our dedicated faculty and administration and learn how our students develop the critical skills for continued success after high school. Please visit the Admissions page of our website for information and to register <a href="https://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions/open-house-2022">https://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions/open-house-2022</a> or call the Office of Admissions at 914-500-6227.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses.

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

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

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 18<sup>th</sup>

 Sunday collection:
 \$3,364.00

 On Line giving:
 \$2,070.00

 Total:
 \$5,434.00

## IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE

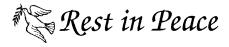
You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. Also, know if you set up for recurring donation s, 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, 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, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta and Joan Manno.

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.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Dr. Edward Casey.

# Mass for the Intentions Week

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#### Saturday, October 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joan Oliver +

#### Sunday, October 2, 2022 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso + 11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Kurz Family

#### Monday, October 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

## **Tuesday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gloria & Benjamin De Luccy +

#### Wednesday, October 5

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Albert Gregorio +

#### Thursday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM For All The Souls In Purgatory

#### Friday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

#### Saturday, October 8

Weekday

9:00 AM Pete & Helen Pietrowski +

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#### Saturday, October 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

Sunday, October 9, 2022

#### Sunday, October 9, 2022 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name and

Rosary Altar Societies

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

#### October 2, 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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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



