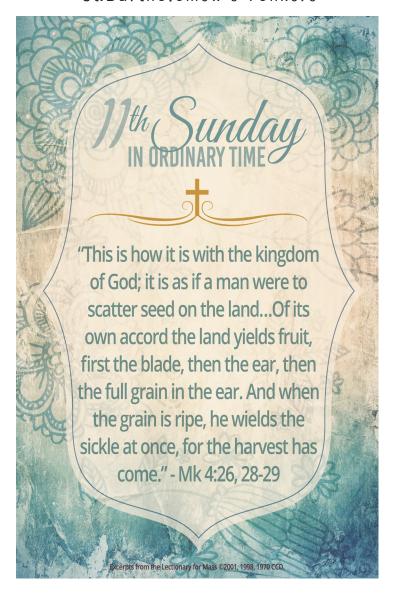
# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

St. Bartholomew's Church **Yonkers** 

#### WHAT RESOURCES CAN I USE TO BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

God's care of creation is evident in Ezekiel's vision. God



takes a tender shoot of a huge cedar to produce a new one in a select place. Over time it grows to provide a home for every kind of bird. The Lebanon cedar is known for its longevity, so Ezekiel's tender shoot could still be

alive in the first century, providing shade for birds, as well as for Jesus and His disciples. The story provides a model for us. We too are called to care for our environment, so that every kind of living thing may thrive in the nurturing home it offers.

"We walk by faith, not by sight," Paul tells the Corinthians (2) Corinthians 5:7). We trust in the Lord's goodness, especially because we see imperfectly, incompletely. We cannot see as God sees. We cannot see the seed germinating underground. We typically cannot see the wonders of nature in the tops of trees, in the depths of the ocean, light years outside the solar system, or even inside our very cells. Like Paul, we look forward to life in perfect knowledge with the Lord while we live our lives in limited knowledge here on earth.

It is just coincidence that we hear today's Gospel a week after celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, but in both Gospel passages Jesus speaks of grain that can be baked into bread. Today we hear Jesus compare the Kingdom of God to grains of wheat grown in fertile soil. Last week we heard Jesus, take the fruit of those fields of wheat and declare, "this is my body" (Mark 14:22). Neither the kingdom of God nor the Body of Christ just miraculously appear, sent down from heaven. They are fruits of the earth, of human labor. Stalks of wheat grow from the soil, the grain is harvested by farm laborers and made into bread by bakers. The kingdom of God is built up by many of us together by the work of our hands. Jesus was born of Mary, the fruit of her womb.

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What resources and talents do I have that I can use to build the kingdom of God like a seed that grows to a fruitful plant?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

Prayer to St. Anthony-Feast Day, June 13th



Dear Saint Anthony, your prayers obtained miracles during your lifetime. You still seem to move at ease in the realm of minor and major miracles. Saint Anthony, Performer of Miracles, please obtain for me the blessings God holds in reserve for those who serve Him. Prav that I may be worthy of the promises my Lord Jesus attaches to confident prayer. Amen.





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.

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, JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS: DECEASED:



William & Anna Groth + Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies Patrick Vincent Fox + Antonio Perez + In Thanksgiving For Saint Anthony

We Pray for the following intentions of: Michael & Maria Lewis (Living)

#### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for next year's Religious Education program.



Children in public school who will be entering First Religious Grade through High School in September are Education eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use cereal and



May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

#### FLAG DAY—JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

Wording to the American Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag has



been altered since its inception in 1892. Socialist minister, Francis Bellamy (1855-1931) originally published a shorter version in The Youth's Companion. In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words

"under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Posted by Cheryl Petersen



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\*\*\*\*

#### FATHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, fatherin-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the



week, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anthony— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplacing socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

St. Anthony, Pray for Us

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



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

Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. <u>IT'S EASY!</u> (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.
   May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

### 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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, 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, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, and Frank D'Aquila.

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.



#### **Saturday, June 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

For All The People of Our Parish 5:00 PM

#### **Sunday, June 13, 2021 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM William & Anna Groth +

Deceased Members of the Holy Name and

Rosary Altar Societies Patrick Vincent Fox +

Michael & Maria Lewis (Living)

Antonio Perez +

In Thanksgiving for Saint Anthony

For All The People of Our Parish 11:30 AM

#### Monday, June 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Perez + 9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

#### Tuesday, June 15

Weekday

7:00 AM For The Souls In Purgatory Theresa Venturino + 9:00 AM

#### Wednesday, June 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Fr. Bernard Corrigan +

9:00 AM John & Josephine Pietrowski +

#### Thursday, June 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Perez + 9:00 AM Joseph Rota +

#### Friday, June 18

Weekday

7:00 AM For The Souls In Purgatory Arnaldo De Sanctis + 9:00 AM

#### Saturday, June 19

Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Fathers of the De Feo &

Pisacreta Families

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#### Saturday, June 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

#### **Sunday, June 20, 2021**

#### **Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia + Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Antonio Perez +

Novena For Our Living &

**Deceased Fathers** 

In Thanksgiving for Saint Anthony

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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.

#### 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.

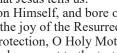
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.

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

#### IN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





