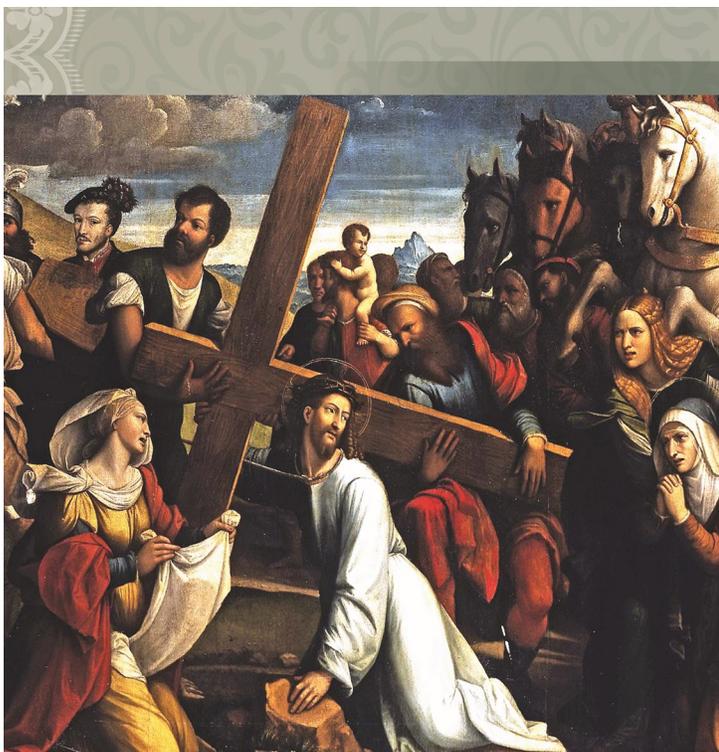


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23rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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 Chimentì

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

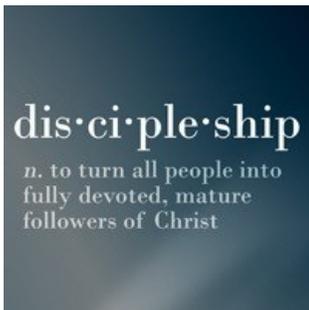
Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

Becoming a True Disciple

Jesus called Simon Peter after filling his net on an otherwise fruitless evening of fishing. Having witnessed this miracle, Peter and his partners immediately left their families and jobs to follow Jesus. But in today's passage, Jesus encourages would-be disciples to follow the examples of a tower builder and an army leader, each of whom deliberates at length before reaching a practical conclusion. We may be bowled over by a miracle, but it is more likely we will follow based on practical considerations. Jesus asks us to consider the practical question: Is it more important to accumulate possessions or to follow the One who opened the way to eternal life?



Interestingly, each statement Jesus makes about discipleship He phrases negatively, ending with "...cannot be my disciple." Jesus is aware that the demands of discipleship are not likely to be accepted. Jesus is challenging us to do what seems impossible, spurning one's family, one's possessions, one's comfort, even one's own life.



A few Sunday's ago we heard Jesus say that he would divide family members against each other (Luke 12:52-53) Now he tells the crowd that His disciples must hate their families (Luke 14:26). Is Jesus really anti-family? Perhaps He just wants to redefine "family." Look at Onesimus in the second reading. Seen as a slave, he was excluded from Phileman's family. Now he is a brother to Paul, so Paul urges Phileman to welcome Onesimus as a partner and brother as well. Families are wonderful, but the Christian family can be so much more. Perhaps it's not the members of one's family Jesus is criticizing, but our narrow concept of "family."

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How do I need to transform myself to be a true disciple? Who is party of my family?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** will meet this Monday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. All men of the Parish are welcome!

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Teodora Dippolito. *Rest in Peace*



The **ALTAR FLOWERS, ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES** are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Lou and Angela Brusco.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday bulletin. **Religious Education classes begin on Tuesday, September 10th.**



Religious Education

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. **See more details on the back flap of the bulletin.**



Come Join St. Barts' Musical Ministry St. Bart's Parish is blessed with several different musical ensembles for all ages at the various Masses including children, adult and Sunday Modern Contemporary choirs. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin about the Sunday Modern Contemporary choirs or call the parish office for more information.

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy.

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is September 14th.



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross came to be when St. Helena (mother of the Christian Roman Emperor Constantine) went to Jerusalem to find the holy places of Jesus Christ's life. She had the Temple of Aphrodite torn down, which tradition said was built over Jesus' tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses and burial tombs. The cross on which Jesus died was identified when a dying woman was healed after touching the cross. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher was built

above the place where Jesus' cross was found. The cross immediately became an object of veneration and to this day the Catholic, Eastern and Orthodox Churches all celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14th, which is the anniversary of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher's dedication.

Read more at <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/exaltation-holy-cross-novena>

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.



Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, September 8th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** are holding their annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on **September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

August 25, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,225.25
Online	\$ 430.00
Total	\$4,655.25

The Collection for Buildig and Grounds totaled \$518.00 (this includes Online giving).

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share.
Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane and Frank Marra.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Dear Heavenly Father, As our children leave home for school today, cause them to arrive safely. Assign your angels to guard and keep them wherever they are, whoever they are with, and whatever they are doing throughout the day.



Remove any fear from their hearts and replace it with a sense of peace, comfort and Your loving presence. Help them to maximize and enjoy their educational experience. Father we trust You to keep our children safe in Your divine care. By faith cover them in the protective arms of Jesus from the crown of their heads to the soles of their feet and stand on Your word that no evil formed against them shall prosper. Father we humbly release our children to You. Watch over them like only You can. Thank you for bringing them safely home. In Jesus' Name, Amen .

September 8, 2019

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, September 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Jerry Pisacreta & Betty D'Angelo +

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Mem. Of Holy Name and
Rosary Altar Societies

10:00 AM Anthony S. Guarente +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Josephine A. Greco +

Monday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Adele De Munbrun +

9:00 AM Anthony Prunella, Jr. +

Tuesday, September 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, III +

9:00 AM Andrea Objay +

Wednesday, September 11

Weekday

7:00 AM NYPD Fallen Members +

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

Thursday, September 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, III +

Friday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

Saturday, September 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Capuano Grandchildren (Living)

10:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

September 8, 2019

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

_____ I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

_____ I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.

_____ I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.

_____ I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.

_____ I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.

_____ I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.

_____ My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

**NY ARCHDIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL UPPER COUNTIES CONFERENCE
2019**

The Archdiocese of New York Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team invites all parishioners to their Upper Counties Conference, Saturday, September 28, 2019, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, at Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries (CYFM), 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY. Doors open 9:00AM. Fee is \$25 per person (includes continental breakfast, buffet lunch, and conference) Theme is Salvation. Speakers are: Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR, "Jesus' Victory"; Fr. William Cosgrove, "The Light Dispels the Darkness", and Fr. Christian Amah, Healing Service (Eucharistic Adoration and Laying of Hands).

Please visit the following website for more details, , and registration: CatholicCharismaticNY.org/ny-arch-upper-counties-conference

or call (845) 223-5653, no later than September 25, 2019.