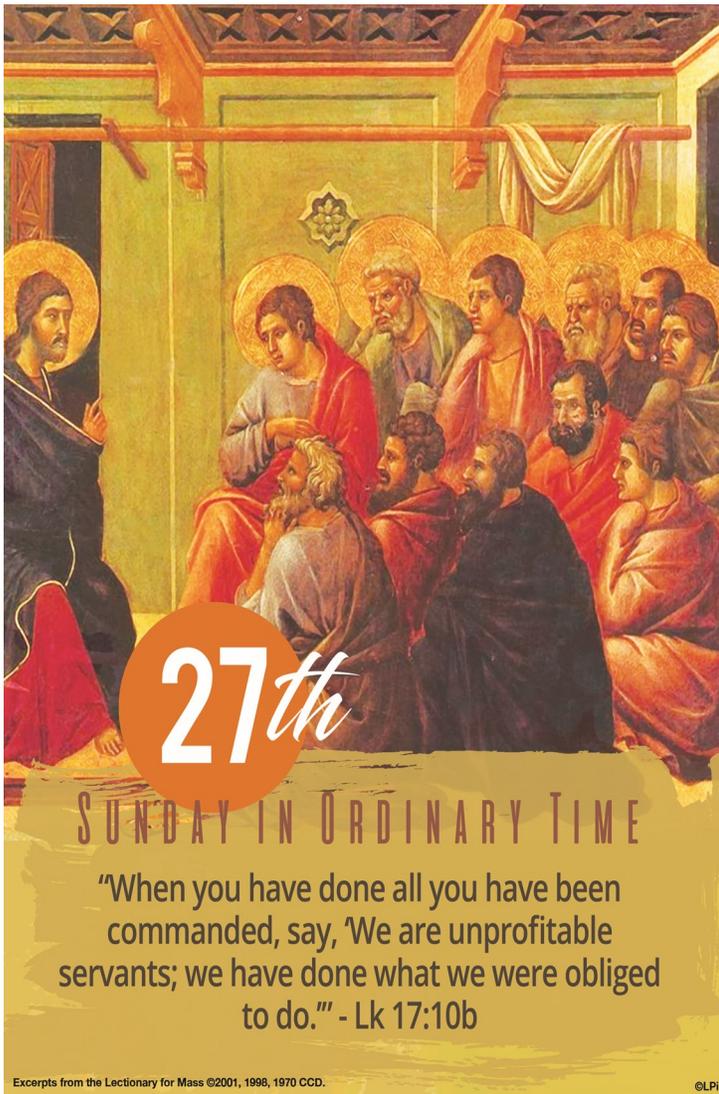


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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);
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 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

NURTURING THE SEEDS WITHIN US

“How long, O Lord?” Habakkuk cries in the first reading (Habakkuk 1:2). He accuses God: “You do not listen!” (1:2). There are times in all our lives when we



feel abandoned by God, when we suffer trauma, violence, ruin, or misery. It is natural to question how a loving, caring, all-powerful God can allow

this. Do we turn to faith or despair? In the end, Habakkuk turns to faith. The forces of Nebuchadnezzar are closing in on Jerusalem, but the Lord assures Habakkuk that the just Israelite will live. Keeping faith is a challenge when times are difficult. But this is when it is necessary....and consoling.

A gardener plants seeds in the spring, nurtures the tender shoots by watering and weeding and fertilizing, tends them throughout the summer., allowing them to flower, then harvests their fruits in the fall. Within each one of us are seeds that were planted before we were born: seeds of kindness and courage, generosity and patience, faith, hope, and love. But we were born with seeds of vices as well as virtues. Which seeds do we nurture? Which seeds do we care for? Are we nurturing the tender shoots or the invasive weeds? As babies, the seeds we contained were incapable of any action at all. As we mature, the seeds we nurtured are capable of moving mountains.



How do we nurture the seeds within us? Nurturing requires attention and action. We nurture the seeds of virtue by exercising those virtues. We exercise kindness and generosity through acts of care and charity. We exercise courage when we stand up for what we believe in when it's easier not to. We exercise faith by placing our trust in God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
Which seeds have I nurtured? Which seeds will I make the effort to nurture now?

Blessings

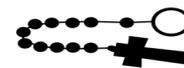
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PARISH NEWS



The SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in loving memory of t Peter & Andrea Objay by Laurie Bartolini.

THE LADIES OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will meet this Monday, October 7th at 7 p.m. in the rectory basement. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Serge Columbres and Robert Nuguid.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

You can still register for this year's Religious Education program. In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade this 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 began on Tuesday, September 10th. It is not too late to register your child.



SPONSORED BY THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE LIONS CLUB—UNWANTED EYEGGLASS COLLECITON

In just about any home, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. During the month of October, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring an unwanted eyeglass collection in conjunction with the Lions club. There will be a collection box at the rear of the Church for your unwanted eyeglasses, including reading and children's glasses. The glasses will be given to the Lions Club who will then distribute to people in need in developing countries. **No glasses will be accepted after October 29th.**



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. BART'S 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 call the parish office for more information.



SAVE THE DATES

FAMILY ROSARY

THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

JOIN US AT 7 P.M. IN THE CHURCH TO PRAY THE ROSARY.

Pope Saint Pius V established this feast in 1573. The development of the rosary has a long history. First, a practice developed of praying 150 Our Fathers in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 Hail Mary's. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each Hail Mary. Though Mary's giving the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as unhistorical, the development of this prayer form owes much to the followers of Saint Dominic. One of them, Alan de la Roche, was known as the "apostle of the rosary." He founded the first Confraternity of the Rosary in the fifteenth century. In the sixteenth century the rosary was developed to include fifteen mysteries (joyful, sorrowful and glorious). In 2002, Pope John Paul II added the Mysteries of Light to this devotion.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, AT 12:00 NOON
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, will be one of over 20,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. Please join us in offering reparation for the sins and offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and to fervently pray for the conversion of the United States. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. If you would like to join us, please meet in the Church parking lot at 11:45 am on Saturday, October 12th.



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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: canned fruit, rice, and rice-a-roni. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!! Also, if you know of anyone that is in need of assistance from our food pantry please contact the Parish Office.



Pray throughout the day

In Psalm 55:17, King David said he would pray in the "evening, and morning, and at noon." Typical times for personal prayer are as you start your day in the morning, before each meal, and before you go to bed at night. But there is never a wrong time to pray. God is always listening, so we can "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

September 30, 2019– Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,259.55
Online	\$ 520.00
Total	\$ 4,779.55

The second collection in support of St. Joseph's Seminary totaled: \$891.90

"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, Frank Marra and Ellen Chimenti.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, October 6th.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ *St_Barts-Youth*.

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

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Saturday, October 26th for their Halloween party.**

October 6, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week



Saturday, October 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members Of Laudadio Family

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Frank & Mary Fayden+
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Dr. Mildred Jefferson +
5:00 PM John Nieman +

Monday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +
9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

Tuesday, October 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Del Bene & Salerno families
9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Wednesday, October 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Robert Hinton +
9:00 AM John Merenda +

Thursday, October 10

Weekday

7:00 AM Salvatore Darretta +
9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Friday, October 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Kolodzinski +
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, October 12

Weekday

9:00 AM Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo +

Saturday, October 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Mahoney +

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
and Rosary Altar Society
10:00 AM Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson +
11:30 AM Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

October 6, 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.

LOCAL NEWS

Regis High School an all-scholarship Jesuit Secondary School for Catholic Boys announces its Open House for students and their parents on this Thursday, October 10th, from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Erick Di Michele, Director of Admissions at Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, New York 10028, 212 288-1100, Extension 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.

The Ursuline School is a Catholic, private, independent, college preparatory school for girls located in New Rochelle, NY. **Open house will be on Saturday, October 19th from 12:30—3:30 p.m.** Explore our campus, meet current students and parents and speak with our dedicated faculty and administration. Please visit the Admissions page of the school's website for more information and to RSVP for the Open House: www.Ursulinenewrochelle.org or call the Admissions Office at 914 500-6227.

Forty Hours Devotion at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Yonkers, October 27th, 28th, and 29th. Opening Mass is October 27th at 12:15 p.m. followed by Adoration until 10p.m. October 28th Adoration will be from 9:30a.m.– 10p.m. and October 29th Adoration will be from 9:30a.m.– 7p.m. with the closing Mass at 7p.m.