

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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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

TREAT PEOPLE WITH HONESTY, MERCY AND LOVE!

The scribes and Pharisees looked as if they were perfect in their behavior. They observed the letter of the law to a T. But Jesus could see deep into their hearts and realized that their righteousness was only for show. It is not enough to observe every commandment outwardly. We need to change our attitudes so that we have internalized God's law. For instance, it is the anger inside us that we are called to overcome, for it can lead us to say or do hurtful things well short of murder. Later, Jesus will teach us that love of God and love of neighbor are the greatest commandments. With love in our hearts toward our sisters and brothers, we will live our lives in accordance with the heart of the commandments.

Ultimately, though, it is our choice. We talk a lot about having the freedom to choose or about fighting for our liberties. But the free will that is part of our God-given human nature is the opportunity we have to choose the right thing, not license to do whatever we please. Ben Sira wrote that God does not give anyone license to sin; rather we are called to choose to keep the commandments, for they can save us. If the law of the Lord is written in our heart, we will act with honesty, mercy, and love for our neighbor.

Let us review Jesus' four examples in this light. If our hearts are merciful, we overcome whatever anger we might have toward our neighbor and replace it with a desire to reconcile. We forgive rather than retaliate. If we truly love our brothers and sisters, we see them in their wholeness, not merely the part of them that pleases us. With forgiveness and love, marriage is not just a legal contract, but a lasting covenant. If we are always honest, we do not need to swear to any kind of oath that we are telling the truth this time. This is what Jesus expected of His disciples, and so of us as well.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When do the temptations of anger, lust, or deceit affect what I say or do? How can I build the habit of treating everyone else with honesty, mercy, and love?



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 CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by The Traversa Family.

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.



Volunteers are needed for next Saturday February 18th at 10 am to go door to door hanging doorknob adverts on doors in our parish community to advertise Ash Wednesday. Snow/rain date is Presidents Day, Monday February 20th also at 10am. We are generally done in well less than two hours. The more help we have the quicker we will be done. We go as a group, and it does not involve speaking to residents. Please consider joining us and add your information to the sign up sheets that are on the rear table in the back of the church. This small window of time can really help introduce our parish to the community.



The Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each: 1st prize-\$5000, 2nd prize-\$1500, 3rd prize-\$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing will be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council at 914-709-5090 or email kofc3995@gmail.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM ELIZABETH SETON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Dear St. Bartholomew's,



We would like to thank all of you at St. Bartholomew's for supporting Elizabeth Seton Children's with gifts during the Christmas season. Donations like yours help us to create a memorable time of year for our children and young adults with complex medical needs. Together, with your support, we give our residents, students, and patients opportunities to experience the joy and wonder of childhood during the holidays.

Your generosity during this season of blessings and miracles is truly appreciated. We look forward to continuing to partner with you in 2023 and beyond. Wishing you and yours a Happy New year filled with peace and good health.

Sincerely, *Brian Harrington, Senior vice President of Advancement*



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****

Seniors: Movie Thursday:
This Thursday February 16th, 10 am
Mother Theresa

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I saw a slogan once for an Internet start-up: "There is one rule; there are no rules." In fact, when I searched for this slogan again online, I was surprised at all of the variations on the "no rules" sentiment. Apparently, even Justin Bieber has a documented quote: "I want my world to be fun. No parents, no rules, no nothing. Like, no one can stop me. No one can stop me." Wow. My own kids seldom read my reflections. If they are reading this one, don't get any ideas!

Of course, a society without laws or rules will not exist for very long. The laws of a society are there to protect us from perhaps our greatest enemy: ourselves. We can't just do whatever we feel like. We will eventually hurt others or ourselves. The laws of God and His Church have the same effect. Sinful and imperfect people need parameters. Christians who choose sin or their own will over God's commandments not only break the relationship they have with their God, but they hurt others and diminish the body of Christ.

A stewardship way of life asks of us to live in a certain manner. We sometimes think that our cultivation of gifts and giving them back with increase to God is for God's sake. God's commands do not benefit God, for God is complete and perfect without need for increase. But this way of life is for the benefit of his creation. There is no power struggle here between a God of rules and his children. The cross bears witness to that. Instead, God's "rules" prevent us from destroying ourselves, and give us a path so we may flourish. Whether you are an ordinary Joe or an ordinary Bieber, following God's commands will lead to the real satisfaction in this gift of life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Meeting

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 1:00pm. Our next meeting will be held on **February 16th**. For more info, call 914.423.5331 or email CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com. New members are welcome.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 29TH

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	\$2,735.00
<i>On Line giving:</i>	\$2,130.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$4,865.00

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 (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, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

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.

BE SURE TO HUG A LOVED ONE.



February 12, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, February 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
Elizabeth Feroletto +
11:30 AM Vito Traversa +
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, February 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Tuesday, February 14

Saints Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Wednesday, February 15

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Richard P. O'Connell +

Thursday, February 16

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

Friday, February 17

Weekday

7:00 AM Isadore & Rosalie Heit +
9:00 AM Roseann Lepore-Corujo +

Saturday, February 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +

Saturday, February 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +
Sophy Martin (Living)

Sunday, February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dina Legio +
Mary Esposito +
11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
5:00 PM Sandra De Santis +

February 12, 2023

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

