

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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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

HELP TO RELIEVE THE HUNGER OF OTHERS

The Math involved in the first reading would seem to imply that the incident was nothing special. Surely twenty loaves of bread could be stretched to feed one hundred people. However, the barley loaves that Elisha was presented were small, probably not much larger than a dinner roll. Remember, all this bread was carried by one single person. Also note that these loaves were made from the first fruits, the first crop of the harvest. This would have been the time of the year when the previous years' harvest would have almost or completely run out. In other words, many would have already been going hungry. The generosity of one man who offered his gift to the man of God, followed by the generosity of Elisha, through the grace of God, satisfied the hunger of one hundred people...and more.



In Baptism we were called to put on Christ and so like Christ we are called to feed the hungry. Many are hungry because they are poor, unable to afford to consistently feed themselves or their families. Many more go hungry because they live in places where entire communities have no access to enough food to prevent malnutrition. Experts tell us that there exists enough food in the world so that no one—not a single one of the world's almost 8 billion people - need to go hungry. Jesus was able to find a way to provide food for thousands by sharing what one person had and distributing it as far as it would stretch. Putting on Christ, we are called to find a way to share our plenty as far as it will go.



Hungry for meaning in life, we come together to be fed at the table of the word, where we are nourished by the word of God, and the table of the Eucharist, where we are nourished by the body of Christ. After our time together, we go forth, invited to share the sustenance we have received with all whom we meet. Paul reminds the Ephesians that God is "over all and through all and in all" (4:6). If God is through all and in all, then our challenge is to recognize God in others. Then, seeing God in those who are hungry, actually seeing the face of the Lord in them, we will be driven to make sure they have plenty.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What can I do to alleviate hunger in my community, my city, our country, the world? What can I allocate from my plenty to relieve the hunger of someone else?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

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 FLOWERS & THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE, are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



THE ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



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, JULY 25TH, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING

INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Lucyanne Caruso +
- Gabriel Nanoia +
- Henry Joseph +
- Antonio Perez +

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

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



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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR**



AUGUST on Saturday, August 7th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday August 8th, 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 NEXT Saturday and Sunday, July 31st and August 1st.

FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use cereal, tuna, and juices. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.*

Feast of St. Martha Thursday, July 29th

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home. Friend and servant of our Savior, I too am "troubled about many things." (*Pause for silent prayer.*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen.



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******

**Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary
Feast Day, Monday, July 26th**

Saints Joachim (sometimes spelled "Joaquin," pronounced "wal-keem") and Anne, are the parents of the Virgin Mary. There are no mentions of them in the Bible or Gospels, what we know comes from Catholic legend and the Gospel of James, which is an unsanctioned, apocryphal writing from the second century AD. We do know from scholarship that the Gospel of James was not written by James, the Brother of Jesus, despite its claim to be so authored.

Even the early Church fathers expressed skepticism about the Gospel of James in their writings. There are about 150 copies of the ancient manuscript which often have different titles, but tell the same story, that Mary was promised to Joachim and Anne by an angel, was consecrated to God, and she remained a virgin all her life. Naturally, there is plenty of room for scholarly debate about these saints. We have no true primary sources that prove they even existed, but certainly we can agree that Mary had parents. Likewise, we can agree that Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Joachim and Anne serve as role models for parents and both deserve to be honored and emulated for their devotion to God and Our Lady Mary, the Mother of God.



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope. I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!" In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand. God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

**SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATED
July 11, 2021– Tithing**

Envelope	\$3,665
Online	\$1,170
Total	\$4,835

**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, 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, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, and Emil Kurak.

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.



**Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.**

July 25, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, July 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso +
Gabriel Nanoia +
Henry Joseph +
Antonio Perez +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, July 26

**Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

7:00 AM Antonio Perez +

9:00 AM Mary De Santis +

Tuesday, July 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Robert E. Quickel +

9:00 AM Michael Daly +

Wednesday, July 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Perez +

9:00 AM Mary De Santis +

Thursday, July 29

Saint Martha

7:00 AM Antonio Perez +

9:00 AM John Di Rodio +

Friday, July 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Perez +

9:00 AM Robert Campisi +

Saturday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family

Saturday, July 31 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Helen Hanrahan +
Louis Loscalzo +
Dina, Frank & Carmela Legio +
Antonio Perez +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

July 25, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

HOLY
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.
Amen.

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

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