

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When someone strikes you on your right cheek,  
turn the other one as well.” Mt 5:39

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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  
**Beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, changes to 11:00 a.m. and a 12:30 p.m. Mass is added in Spanish**  
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

HOW CAN I OVERCOME ANGER?



Our culture tends to value a show of strength and tends to assess our strength by the amount of force we have. When someone hurts us, we're expected to fight back. We say that our anger is justified. We say that the only way to teach the wrongdoer a lesson is to hurt them. We say that we should get even. Heroes like Gandhi and King modeled a different response: non violent resistance. Instead of fighting fire with fire when they were provoked, they turned the other cheek. They exhibited greater inner strength by courageously standing up not only to their violent opponents but also to their own powerful emotions.

Anger and hatred can poison our hearts when they are left to fester. Some would say it's better to release them, whether in the form of a violent action, a hurtful word, or some sort of revenge. But releasing these emotions does not overcome them and it can escalate the situation. Jesus calls His disciples—us—to cleanse our hearts of negative emotions. Last week we heard Him tell us to replace anger with the determination to be reconciled with one another. Today we hear Him tell us to replace hatred with love. We are challenged to be counter cultural.

“**Forgiveness** does not mean condoning what has been done. It means taking what has happened seriously and not minimizing it; drawing out the sting in the memory that threatens to poison our entire existence. In these forgiveness stories there is **real healing.**”  
**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy” the Lord told Moses (Leviticus 19:2). “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect,” Jesus tells His disciples (Matthew 5:48). How can we be holy or perfect? Isn't this too much to ask anyone? Let us recall, though, that we are created in the image of God. Let us also recall that the Holy Spirit dwells in us, as Paul instructed the Corinthians. Though humanity has sinned, and we have sinned, we still are temples of God. God desires that we allow the Spirit within us to shine through our sinfulness.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When do I get angry and respond unkindly to provocation? How can I overcome these triggers?

The 2022 Mass book still has Masses available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS.**



**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.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Thomas Conroy.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY:** This Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is President's Day, a legal holiday. **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9 A.M.** For this week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.



Beginning on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Please join us!!!

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR MARCH on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 this Saturday and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass and Word Service on Ash Wednesday, which is this Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**Mass times are: 7 AM, 9 AM and 7 PM**  
**There will be short Word Services at 4 PM**

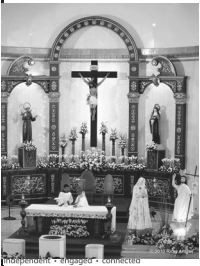
With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Services.

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**PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**



Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds Your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to Your presence, let Your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of Your love. Amen



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\*\*\*\*

**BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND 26<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE SOME MASS CHANGES. PLEASE LOOK FOR UPCOMING CHANGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Going the Extra Mile**

So often in life, people are concerned about the minimum requirements. What is the minimum I must do to get a certain grade? What is the minimum I need to do to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? What exactly do I have to do to make my boss happy?

This concern does not stop with everyday life but continues into our relationship with God. What exactly is required of me for salvation? How much time, talent, and treasure are enough? Jesus does not call us to this way of life, but instead to a life of unbounding generosity and surrender.

Jesus said, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum.

Imagine a world where all of us good stewards give without ceasing and go far beyond the minimum requirements. Our world would be a very different place. So, what is stopping us?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

**The Knights of Columbus**

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](mailto:kofc3995@gmail.com) for information on how to purchase tickets.

**Employment Opportunity**

Sisters of Charity are hiring a full time LPN or RN at Mount Saint Vincent Convent. Please contact Sharon Dosin at [sdosin@scny.org](mailto:sdosin@scny.org) for more information or visit our website [www.scny.org](http://www.scny.org) for more information.



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday collection: \$3,052.00**  
**On Line giving: \$1,320.00**  
**Total: \$4,372.00**

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**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.



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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, February 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

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

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**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 +

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**Monday, February 20**  
**Weekday– President’s Day**

9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis+

**Tuesday, February 21**  
**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Mitchell Naber +

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &  
Capuano Families  
4 PM Word Service  
7:00 PM No Intention

**Thursday, February 23**  
**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Leonard Kurz +

**Friday, February 24**  
**Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Carol Stola +

**Saturday, February 25**  
**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

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**Saturday, February 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Lisa Villar +

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**Sunday, February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +  
11:00 AM Anthony Uduebo (Living)  
12:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
(Spanish Mass)  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

February 19, 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**

