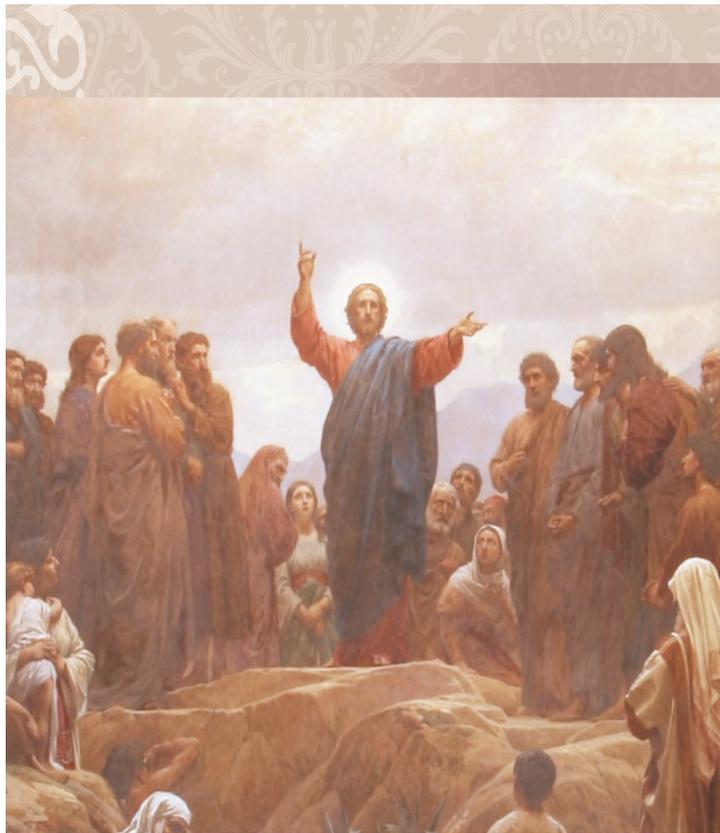


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7th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." - Lk 6:36

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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
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
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, Anthony Martelli

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

SHOW MERCY TO OTHERS ALWAYS

Jesus commands us to show mercy to those who hurt us. "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6: 36). We are called to be merciful not just



because it is the right thing to do, but also because God is merciful. But there is another implication.

Since we are created in the image of God, and God is merciful, we are created to be merciful. This is not some additional feature that Jesus is calling forth from HIS disciples. This is part of our constitution, our humanity. It is no accident that *humane* is often used as a synonym for *merciful*. To be human is to be merciful.

Later, Jesus offered the most extreme example of mercy when He died on the cross. Today's Gospel passage is not regarded as a prediction of His passion, but it could be. Everything that He said to His disciples on this occasion, early in His ministry, happened to Him on Good Friday. He was hated, He was cursed, He was mistreated. He was struck on the cheek, His cloak was taken from Him. Jesus forgave them all, saying on the cross, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).



Saint Paul compares Adam and Jesus. Going back again to the creation narrative, God blew the breath of life into Adam's nostrils. Adam became the first recipient of God's life-giving spirit. Jesus, after His resurrection, breathed upon His disciples, giving them the Holy Spirit. God literally breathes life and the Spirit into humanity.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How am I showing my mercy, my humanity to others?
Am I witnessing to the God-given spirit within me?



A Special thank you to all who volunteered and participated in our Winter Festival Dance. A fun time was had by all.

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lucia Savona.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

During the month of February, the Religious Education Program is sponsoring a service project to benefit the Elizabeth Ann Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers. The Center is in the process of starting a baby book club for their residents and have asked for donations for new books. Because the children who reside there are medically fragile, strict infection control guidelines must be followed and they can only accept new books.



We recognize that everyone might not have time to shop for a book, so if you would like the Religious Education Program to purchase a gift for you, please send in a \$5 donation (or whatever amount you would like) in an envelope marked: Donation—Books for Seton Hospital or give the donation to Cheryl Duda. **This is the last week to donate.** If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

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.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This **Friday March 1st** is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And **Saturday March 2nd**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist



BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org.

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartsparish.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books.

February 23rd was the memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr. Listen to: *Swimming Upstream, Lessons from the Early Church Fathers*, or *The Logic of Being Catholic*.

PARISH EVENTS

FEBRUARY



Healing Mass:
February 27th, 7 p.m.

MARCH

Pasta Party:
Saturday, March 16th after the 5 p.m. Mass
In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi
Sponsored by the Holy Name Society



Parish Mission:
Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th &
Wednesday, March 20th



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,136.05
Balance	- \$1,863.95
*(Envelopes \$4,200.05 , \$936.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$15,906.80

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR SNOW REMOVAL
TOTALED: \$809.25

"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.

The 2019 Mass Book is open with dates 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 birthday's, 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is **next** Sunday, March 3rd. *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.

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

LOCAL NEWS

The **Sierra Club of the Bronx and Westchester** is hosting their February luncheon on Wednesday, February 27th from Noon to 3:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Father Gerald Murray, J.C.D., the Pastor of Holy Family Church. The topic will be: Fidelity to Christ in the midst of the crisis in the Church. The luncheon will be held at the Eastwood Manor at 3371 Eastchester Road, Bronx, NY. The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00. Please call 718 798-7176 for additional information.

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, April 26-28, Marianist Family Retreat Center, www.capemaymarianists.org, Cape May Point, NJ 08212, 609 884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First timers as well as those who are familiar and experienced with this type of retreat are all welcome. The time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist. \$140 per person



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, and Lisa Villar.

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

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!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.** (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce and rice. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



February 24, 2019

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

11:30 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 25– President’s Day

Weekday

7:00 AM John McKenna (Living)

9:00 AM Edward Groth +

Tuesday, February 26

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen Bronski +

Wednesday, February 27

Weekday

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Karen & John McKenna (Living)

Thursday, February 28

Weekday

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Verna Pidany +

Friday, March 1

Weekday

7 00AM Janet Marsden (Living)

9:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

Saturday, March 2

Weekday

9:00 AM John Brusco +

Saturday, March 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pisacreta Family

Sunday, March 3, 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Peter Klee +

10:00 AM Elias Ocasio +

11:30 AM Antonio Darretta +

5:00 PM John Nieman +

February 24, 2019



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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.