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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun and his clothes
became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

WHAT CROSS WILL I PLEDGE TO CARRY?

Matthew writes that when Peter, James, and John see Jesus transfigured and hear the voice of God they are "very much afraid" (Matthew 17:8). Jesus immediately goes to them and calms them, saying "Do not be afraid. (17:7), recalling the words an angel says whenever appearing to someone in the Bible. Seeing their Lord in His dazzling glory and hearing God's voice unnerves them, just as people visited by spiritual being are unnerved. To reassure and refocus the disciples, Jesus at once sets their minds at ease.



What should their focus be at this point of Jesus' mission? Just before their journey up the mountain, Jesus had told them for the first time that He would suffer at the hands of the authorities, be killed, and then be raised on the third day. He had gone on to tell them that His disciples must deny themselves, take up their crosses, and follow Him. They will be repaid for their conduct when "the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father's glory" (16:27). Now they have seen a foretaste of that glory. In case they don't put two and two together, God explicitly commands them to listen to Jesus. He told you that He would be put to death. Listen to Him. He told you that you must carry your crosses. Listen to Him. He promised you that He will be raised and come again in glory to repay you. Listen to Him.



Our world has always been in need of transformation, and these days that need seems especially great. Jesus gives us the first step. We need to deny our own priorities, our own desires, our own self-interests, and take up the challenge to uncover and reveal the kingdom that God is building in our midst. Let us be, as Peter says, "a lamp shining in a dark place," shining the light of God into the darknesses in need of transfiguration (2 Peter 1:19).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Which self-interest of mine will I promise to put aside and what cross will I pledge to carry, transfiguring my life and my little part of the world?

Blessings **Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to Him so that we may hear Your voice and follow Your holy way; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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.



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, tuna, dried beans, canned beans and juices. **May God bless you all for your generosity.***

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



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 THIS Saturday, AUGUST 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday AUGUST 6th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



THE LORD IS KING, THE MOST HIGH OVER ALL OF THE EARTH.

PSALM 97

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS
CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7 AM AND 9 AM

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,

12:30 PM (SPANISH)

& 5 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

There are times in our lives that we get the chance to see a glimpse of heaven. It may be through the love of another, loved one or stranger. Sometimes it may even be an event that seems unexplainable, perhaps even supernatural. These occurrences may be the answer to prayer or they may surprise us by coming out of nowhere. But no matter their nature or origin, they give us hope and strength to carry on through life.

When we journey on a pathway of stewardship, we are bound to experience moments of grace where we see even the smallest seeds we planted grow into something amazing. At these moments, we are reminded that God is real and that our stewardship is not in vain. The giving of our gifts and talents is not just a response to God's calling. The giving is one way that God breaks through into the lives of others. As we use what God has given us for His glory, He uses us as instruments of grace to be truly present to others.

The greatest example of this occurs at the Mass. Through the hands of an ordained priest taking the gifts of bread and wine, God is really present with us. When we then take Christ into our bodies, we accept the offer to take him into the world to others. The world cannot see Jesus in us with human eyes, but through our works of stewardship, they can see Jesus in us. One could say they even have a chance to see a glimpse of heaven.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

They come with the sacraments: in the pew following First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed our forehead with oil at Confirmation, standing opposite our spouses on our wedding day, cradling newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ..

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

† STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 23RD

Sunday collection: \$3,330.00

On Line giving: \$1,210.00

Total: \$4,540.00

**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.



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

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, 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 Richard Romanowski and Eileen Mistal.

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.

August 6, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

**Sunday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:30 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +
Lorenzo & Giulia Marchionno +
11:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +
12:30 PM Ercilia Moreno, Luis Artemio Luna,
Felix Verdesoto & Xavier Cedeno +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, August 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Charity Ubawike +
9:00 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

Tuesday, August 8

Saint Dominic, Priest

7:00 AM Reverend Raphael Ezeh, MSP (Living)
9:00 AM Rita De Sanctis +

Wednesday, August 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Valerie & George Smith +

Thursday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

Friday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin

7:00 AM Edwid Vega +
9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Saturday, August 12

Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, August 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Robert Sugrue +

**Sunday, August 13
Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Theresa Venturino +
11:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +
12:30 PM Jose Exposito +
5:00 PM Frank Como +

August 6, 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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

TRANSFIGURATION

