

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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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  
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

**IMITATE GOD'S GENEROSITY**

"It's not fair!" We sympathize with the laborers who worked all day only to find out that they made not a penny more than those who worked for only an hour. This is an obvious injustice. What's the point of having a "daily wage" and an "hourly wage" if the numbers are the same? In the first reading we hear the Lord tell Isaiah, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my way" (Isaiah 55:8). Yes, from our perspective the landowner's arrangement is unfair and the consequences for the hardest workers is an injustice. But our perspective is flawed. God, source of infinite love, infinite mercy, and infinite generosity, sees this arrangement much differently. May we be humbled by Isaiah's reminder.

"Because no one has hired us" (Matthew 20:7). This is the response of the laborers who were still standing around at five o'clock. Why hasn't anyone hired these workers? Perhaps they were injured, weak, or disabled. Perhaps they were lazy or uncooperative. Quite likely they were already rejected by every other landowner. But not this one. The kingdom of heaven welcomes even those who have been rejected, who have been waiting, who did not bear the heavy burden. God's mercy and acceptance are unrestricted.

Saint Paul was in prison when he wrote the selection we hear today, unsure of what would come next. His conversion had come some twenty years earlier, around noon if one were to apply today's Gospel story to his life. In the twenty years since his conversion he had made three missionary journeys, carrying the gospel to Gentile lands from Corinth to Antioch, throughout dozens of towns in between. He was ready to meet the Lord, if that was his fate, but more than willing to continue his ministry if allowed to do so. Whatever happened, he would magnify Christ in his person as he increased the body of 'Christ, the church.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I magnify Christ in myself? How can I imitate God's generosity?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS BE SURE TO LOOK THE PART**

I used to coach my oldest son in soccer when he was younger. As he got older, he would go to tryouts for select high school teams. I was no longer the coach, but I always shared with him one piece of advice before any tryout: Be sure to look the part. I told him that if he showed up looking like a soccer player, there was an increased chance of him being seen as a soccer player. If he showed up looking like a kid that plays soccer in video games as opposed to the real thing, he might not be taken seriously. As he grew older, that same advice was then applied to getting a job. It's advice I have heeded myself all my life. You can even say it is like another common phrase: "Fake it till you make it."

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we certainly do not want to fake it, but we do need to look the part. The world looks at those of us who proclaim to be Christians to see if there is anything to this way of life. If they see us looking and acting like people transformed by Jesus Christ, they will be more likely to take Christianity seriously. If they look at us and see nothing different, then they can easily conclude that there is nothing different about Jesus Christ. He just becomes simply another religious figure of history. Can the world see the power of Christ in you? How will do you look the part?  
 - Tracy Earl Welliver,



**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

We are accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote.

**Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.**

Hopefully by now everyone has picked up their access code and book for the year and have followed the instructions given for logging in the first time into google classroom. Please do not wait until Tuesday night to do so. All assignments will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 8am and must be completed and submitted by

Sunday evening at 10PM. Payment for the classes can be made by going to our parish website, [saintbartsparish.org](http://saintbartsparish.org), and clicking on the We Share online giving link then scrolling down to 2020-2021 Religious Education registration fees. Hit submit payment, twice and it will bring you to payment screen. Make your payment and fill out the appropriate information.



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

This weekend, parishes across the country will honor and pray for those who share in the evangelizing and teaching mission of the Church.

We especially want to thank our catechists for their dedication to handing on the faith to the children, youth and adults in this parish; especially this year where they went above and beyond and stepped out of their comfort zone to learn and teach an online religious education program. Good luck in this new teaching tool and may God bless you.



**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

\*\*\*\*Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families.

**May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH.**

**THIS SUNDAY MASS, September 20<sup>th</sup>, AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Deceased Members of the Pragana Family  
 Frank & Mary Fayden + Ferdinand J. Colon +  
 Patrick V. Fox +

**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**



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.

\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*

YOU CAN SIGN UP EACH WEEK FOR WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP. IF YOU DO NOT OR ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND MASS. (PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING). PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Calls if there are additional updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

Knights of Columbus - Cardinal Hayes Council

Please support The Knights of Columbus Council by getting your Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Raffles online with a chance to win \$50,000 in prizes. They can be purchased securely via credit card on their website...https://jrko3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995/c-b-raffles.

The Knights of Columbus are calling out to Catholic gentleman to join a great group and participate in activities based on K of C principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If interested, please contact them at (914)709-5090 or visit their website at https://jrko3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995 for more information or to join online.

Did you know...Since March 15th, the Council has been hosting a daily prayer group each night at 7:30pm for 1/2 hour (via audio/video conference) where they pray for an end to this pandemic, for all those who are sick or who have passed, and for all our healthcare workers and those keeping us safe. For more information or to join the group, please send an email to: jrko3995@gmail.com.

Prayer to St. Matthew

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven. Amen



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
• Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).
• Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, and Dominick Francis Marra.

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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Jeffrey Adams Huertas.

September 20, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, September 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family  
Frank & Mary Fayden +  
Ferdinand J. Colon+  
Patrick V. Fox +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 21**

**Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:00 AM Nick & Marie Ciampanelli (Living)

9:00 AM Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)

**Tuesday, September 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen Hanrahan +

**Wednesday, September 23**

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III +

**Thursday, September 24**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Frank & Angela Nanoia +

9:00 AM No Intention

**Friday, September 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Saturday, September 26**

**Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family

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**Saturday, September 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 27, 2020**

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Gaetano Taormina +  
Jim Manning +  
Lawrence Tiplady+  
Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +  
Lucille & Samuel Garafola +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

September 20, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

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.

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**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, 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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