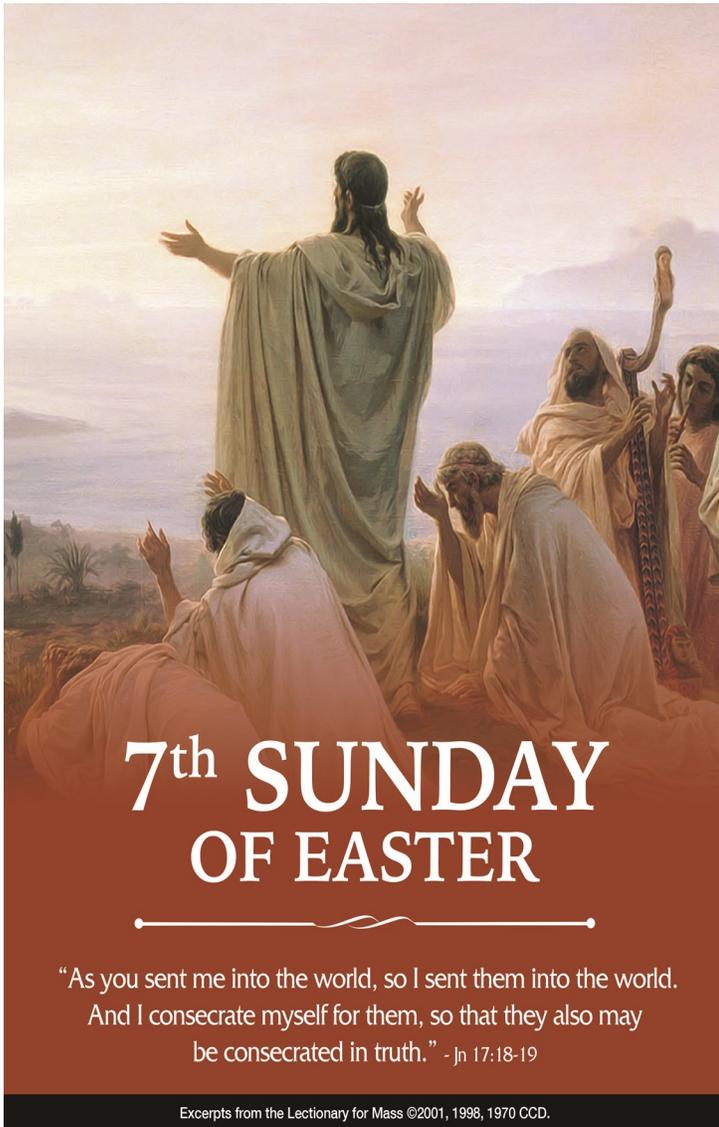


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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

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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

GOD IS LOVE

“No one has ever seen God,” John writes, which is absolutely true (1 John 4:12). However, he goes on to reveal how we can come closest to seeing the divine. First of all, humans were created in the image of God.



No matter our size, shape, or color, each and every one of us was made in the image of God. Therefore, every person is a reflection of the unseeable image of God. So when we look at someone with love, we

behold the divine. In that sense, when we love one another, when we reach out in love to another person, we are loving God. No wonder John goes on to say that “if we love one another, God remains in us”(4:12). When we truly love someone else, with all the demands and challenges that selfless love brings, we approach the divine.

Indeed, “God is love” (1 John 4:16). John uses the Greek word agape, regarded as the highest form of love: an unconditional, selfless, total devotion to another. Its greatest examples are found in scripture. God remained ever devoted to the Chosen People, despite their faithlessness. Jesus paid the ultimate price for His devotion, accepting death on a cross out of self-sacrificial love for the entire human race.



At the end of Jesus’ lengthy farewell discourse to His disciples after the Last Supper, He turns His attention to the Father, making this great prayer (Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer”) right in front of them, referring to them, often praying specifically for them, as in the passage we hear today. He prays that they—along with all who come to believe through them (He says in the verse after this passage) - may all be one. Obviously, the unity of His followers is very important, as they are consecrated in the truth and in the word (recall that for John, Jesus is the Word made flesh). But there is something else, and that is in the force that binds all disciples together. It is love. Selfless love bound them and binds us together and binds us in Christ to God. When Jesus prays for unity, He is also praying for us to live in the love that keeps us united.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specifically can I do this week to give of myself to 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, MAY 16TH AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

*John Nieman+
 Elizabeth Laredo +
 Alicia Salinas +
 Jean Sullivan Goresen +
 All Our Living and Deceased Mothers*



***We Pray for the following intention:
 Deacon Bob Clemens (32nd anniversary as Deacon)***

Please pray for our children who will be receiving their First Communion this weekend on Saturday, May 15th at a special 1 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 16th at a special 1 p.m. Mass.



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COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.
 The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?
 At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.
 As I become more like Him, please continue to help me.
 Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community, and with my friends.
 I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM

(BOTH MASSES ARE 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****

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Maria Rella & Mariana Ferreira.



Rest in Peace

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS Ipi



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.



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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 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, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Norah Murphy, 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.

The 2022 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. Call or come to the Parish Office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are also still some dates available for 2021.

May 16, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, May 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)
John Nieman +
Elizabeth Laredo +
Jean Sullivan Goresen +
Alicia Salinas +
Novena for Our Living & Deceased
Mothers

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

**Monday, May 17
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 18

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePole and Faranda
Families

9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

Wednesday, May 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Steven A. Ridzik +

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

Thursday, May 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Ezeobiukwu +

9:00 AM Josephine Lehoytak +

Friday, May 21

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Ezeobiukwu +

9:00 AM Monsignor Robert Diachek &
Brother Gregory Lucrezia +

Saturday, May 22

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

Saturday, May 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday**

9:30 AM Renee Capuano (Living)
Nicholas O'Connor +
Rita Kozarek +
Angelo De Polito +
In Honor of St. Rita & The Holy Trinity

May 16, 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

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

