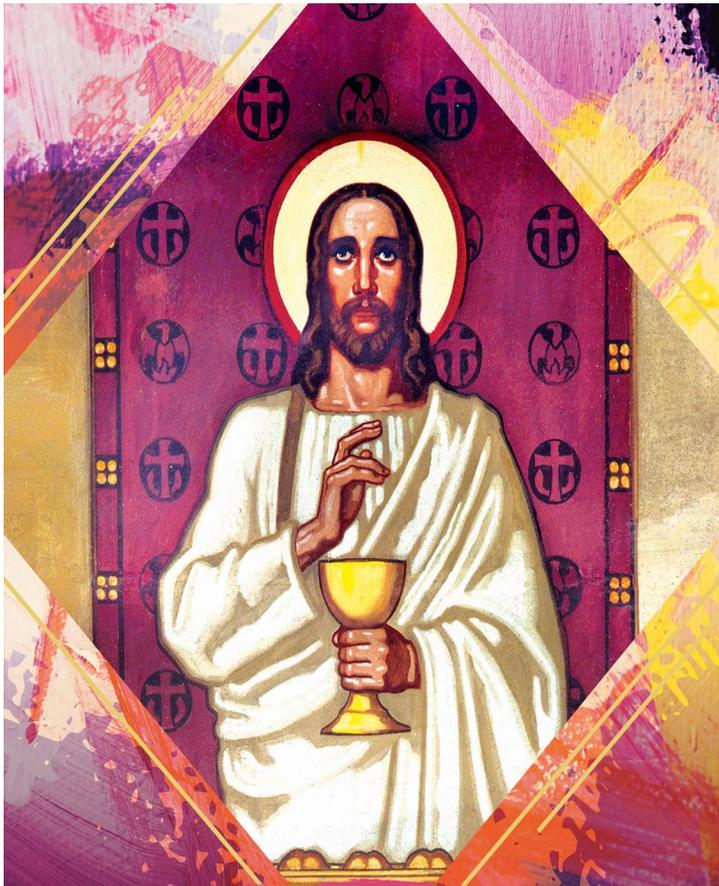


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” - Jn 6:57-58

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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

FOLLOWING THROUGH ON CHRIST'S MISSION

The manna that God provided to the Chosen People in the desert was literally bread from heaven. It was a food they did not recognize, in fact, a food they did not even recognize as food, a food unknown to their ancestors. Moses

# Pastor's COLUMN

had to explain: it is food, it is indeed the bread God had promised, and unless the people eat it, they will starve to death in the desert. The words we hear Jesus proclaim in the Gospel come right after the starving crowd of thousands had

been fed with five loaves and two fish. Neither do these people recognize Jesus' flesh as food. Obviously, this is also a food unknown to their ancestors. Like Moses, Jesus has to explain: His flesh is true food, and unless the people eat it, they will not have eternal life within them.

In the third chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus repeatedly uses the word "believe" as the key to eternal life; for example, "everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life" (3:15). Now, in the sixth chapter, Jesus essentially substitutes an action for a belief: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life" (6:54). Orienting one's mind toward God is essential, but now Jesus calls the people to do something: to eat the flesh of our Lord. Just as what we ordinarily eat and drink becomes part of us, giving life and energy to our physical selves, the Body and Blood we eat and drink become part of us, giving life and energy to our whole selves, for they are "true food" and "true drink" (6:55).

The energy we receive from consuming Christ's Body and Blood can energize us to carry out the mission He calls us to. We are called to be His witnesses, to make disciples, and to build the kingdom. The true food and true drink remind us of His sacrifice, sustain us in our faith, and nourish us. In this way, as Saint Paul writes, we participate in the body and blood of Christ. Participating in Christ's body and blood assists us in participating in Christ's mission.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I participate in Christ's mission? Do I recognize the strength I receive in the Eucharist?

**Blessings**

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*

**EASTER COLLECTION**



*The total for the Easter collection was inadvertently left out of the bulletin.*

**The total of the Easter Collection was \$12,360.34.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

# 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 BREAD AND WINE is donated in loving memory of Margaret T. Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, 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.



**FATHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>**



We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our fathers, living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and will end on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. There are cards and/or envelopes at the back of the church if you want your father, father-in-law or any other father remembered in the Novena of Masses. Please fill out the envelope and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week, on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Lord Jesus,  
by giving me bread and wine, Your  
Body and Your Blood,  
you teach me that life is a gift,  
nourished by You, help me to make my  
life an offering pleasing to the Father.  
Amen*



**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

**The Heart of Stewardship**

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi*

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers:**

Is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership.

The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers at 1:00pm.

Their next meeting will be held this Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are always welcome.

**† STEWARDSHIP ☒**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

May 28<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday collection:	\$2,330.00
On Line giving:	\$1,995.00
Total:	\$4,325.00

**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.**



*Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Roberto Lopez.*

June 11, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, June 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Eugene & Frances Giandomenico &  
Victoria Renzullo +

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**Sunday, June 11**

**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

9:30 AM Nicola Bellone +  
Eleanor & George Tiplady +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name  
& Rosary Altar Societies

11:00 AM JulieAnn Campisi Moroch +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Kathleen A. Portanova +

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**Monday, June 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Maria Ferreria's  
Intentions (Living)

9:00 AM Florence Fenner +

**Tuesday, June 13**

**Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM In Honor of St. Anthony

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Wednesday, June 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Thursday, June 15**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

9:00 AM John Joseph O'Shea +

**Friday, June 16**

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:00 AM Mary Bryce +

9:00 AM John & Josephine Pietrowski +

**Saturday, June 17**

**The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Louis Barcelo +

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**Saturday, June 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

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**Sunday, June 18**

**Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time Father's Day**

9:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

11:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gabriel Nanoia +

Steven Fitzpatrick +

12:30 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers

5:00 PM Filomena Zapone +

June 11, 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**

