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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,
"Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said,
"For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.
All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:26-27

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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 and 11:30 a.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

FOLLOW JESUS



Jesus asks the eager inquirer in today's Gospel to do two things to inherit eternal life. One is already habit, but the other requires a complete transformation. One is straightforward, but the other seems impossible. The first requires keeping the commandments. He eagerly tells Jesus that he has done this since he was a kid. The second requires him to "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor...then come follow Me" (Mark 10:21). This leads him to go the other way, back home again. He is not willing to leave his lifestyle behind or pay the price Jesus requires. He preferred what he already had to what he could have had. Any change requires letting go of something. A transformation demands a radical abandonment of part of the past. To follow Jesus is the greatest treasure of all but it is easier to choose the treasures we already have.

Before asking him to make this radical transformation, Mark tells us that "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said..." (10:21). The phrase loved him consists of only two words in this rather lengthy Gospel passage, but Mark thought these two words significant enough to include them. It is not a stretch to include them in what Jesus asks of us. We know the commandments and have tried to keep them for a long time. So before asking any of us to render the cost of following Him, Jesus assures us that He loves us.



Even the disciples, who had indeed left their families, homes, and possessions behind to follow the Lord couldn't fathom that anyone could possibly inherit eternal life. Jesus acknowledges that it is impossible for any of us to do it on our own. But it is not a matter of doing but in being: being a disciple. With God all things are possible. God is the doer. God offers to do it for us as well. We are called to be open to it, to be disciples. We pray that God's living word penetrate our hearts, opening them up to a transformation, readying us for God's saving grace.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What am I willing to leave behind in order to follow Jesus more fully?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



Please Note: Father Raphael is away from October 10th to November 4th in Nigeria celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination with his class. Father George Okoro will be taking care of the parish while he is away.

PARISH NEWS

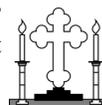
THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON MONDAY AT 9 A.M.



THE ATLAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of Joseph Mahoney by Pat Mahoney



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, OCTOBER 10TH, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:

William & Anna Groth +
Deceased Members of Holy Name
& Rosary Altar Societies +

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Register now for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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.



SOUP KITCHEN

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR OCTOBER THIS Saturday, October 9th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday October 10th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. *May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.*



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

MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS **If Heaven were like Harvard**

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: *Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.*

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Local News

The Ursuline School, a Catholic, private, independent, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12, located in New Rochelle, NY, cordially invites prospective students and their families to attend our upcoming Open House events on Saturday, October 23 at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. or Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, Virtual Open House will be held on Wednesday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. Explore the campus including the dynamic new spaces; engage with the dedicated faculty and administration and learn how the students develop the critical skills for continued success after high school. Please visit the Admissions page of the website for information: <https://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions/open-house-2021> or call the Admissions Office at 914-500-6227.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold a Business-Social Meeting on Thursday, October 21st at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers, at 1:00pm. The cost is \$26.00 cash - payable at that time. Reservations are required. If interested, please call 914.423.5331 on or before Friday, October 15th.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 26^h:
Sunday collection: \$2,156
On Line giving: \$1,090
Total: \$3,246

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, 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, and John & Patricia Quirk.

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.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus will be selling their C+B raffles at the exits of the church on Saturday, November 6th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, November 7th after all Masses. If you would like to purchase tickets ahead or after those dates you can visit www.kofc3995.org. The Knights thank you for your continued support.



October 10, 2021

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, October 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM William & Anna Groth +
Deceased Members of the Holy Name
& Rosary Altar Societies

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, October 11

Weekday—Columbus Day

9:00 AM Stephen J. Levandoski, Sr. +

Tuesday, October 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Luke Crotty +

9:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +

Wednesday, October 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Thursday, October 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Argentina Jean Miele +

9:00 AM Joseph Mahoney +

Friday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Vito Valentinetti +

Saturday, October 16

Weekday

9:00 AM Pasqua & Roberto Capuano +

Saturday, October 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 17, 2021

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Ralph Verderosa +
Frank & Mary Fayden +
Rose Marie Mitchell +
Angelica Perez
Jonathan Zevon (Living)

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

October 10, 2021



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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Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor 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 complete 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

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