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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator Dayle Vander Sande 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 Wednesday evening quarterly.

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

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HELP SOMEON ELSE CARRY THEIR CROSS

When those sinners who had been bitten by venomous snakes



looked upon the bronze serpent that Moses lifted up high, they lived. Compare this with what Jesus tells Nicodemus, that those sinners who look upon the Son of Man, who would be lifted up will have eternal life. Through the cross, like a venomous snake, an instrument of death, our immortal souls are saved. As God gave new life to the sinful people in the desert, Christ offers new life to us in the desert of sin. Jesus' self-sacrificing love for us brings us healing and life.

Nicodemus is a fascinating character. He comes to Jesus at night, suggesting that he was afraid of being seen. He was likely a member of the Sanhedrin and feared for his reputation. Later, when he defends Jesus before his peers, he is identified as one of the chief priests. After Jesus' death, he anoints His body, then with Joseph of Arimathea - another secret disciple - carries His body to a tomb, perhaps also after nightfall. Through all this time, the people Nicodemus worked with, worshiped with, and even lived with may not have known the journey of faith he was making. In the same vein, we may not know the inner lives of those we think we know.

By accepting His death and sacrificing His life, Jesus transforms the cross from an instrument of execution to one of triumph. When we were baptized and the sign of the cross was made over us, we were given a share in this triumph. We affirm this each time we trace the cross on ourselves. We are not given an exception from the cross. But our crosses are not just instruments of suffering and hardship. Our crosses have been sanctified for they are shared by Christ, who carried His cross to the end. Our crosses too can transform death into life.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I imitate Christ by helping someone else carry their cross, as He helps me carry mine?

Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin



and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness — rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your

house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

Fr. John Muir lpi



THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.





THIRD TIME:

Nicole Koukis and Frankie Vargas

Registration is open for next year's Religious Education classes. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school through high school are eligible to enroll.

Also we offer programs for any adults who have not made communion and confirmation.

Please call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.

Religious Education Classes began on Tuesday, September 9th.

IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED
PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A
PARISIHIONER ON LINE AT



WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH REGISTRATON. FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Also, to all our parishioners, don't forget to sign up for on line giving. 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.

Save the Date: October 4th after the 5 pm Mass

McManus Parish Center International Night Join your fellow parishioners, celebrate many heritages with



food, costume and dance.

Sign up to volunteer if you can.

Sign up to join in on the festivities

Prayer of Love



Dear God, Expand my heart in new ways today, to understand the love You have for me,

to take that love deeply into myself, and to act from that love. Amen.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S 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

The Cross is Not Negotiable

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart — it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things — and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit. Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look

upon the cross — the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross — the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman lpi

Sunday, September, 28th is our next Bingo



Doors open at 5:30 pm and games begin at 6:30 pm. Hot food, drinks and snacks served. Come join us for a night of fun.

We are also looking for volunteers. If you can help out at Bingo please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on this Thursday, September 18th, 12:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Info: 914 423-5331. New members are always welcome. Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Annual Communion Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 21st. Mass at 10:00am, Immaculate Conception Church, 53 Winter Hill Rd, Tuckahoe, followed by brunch at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cash \$36 per person payable at the brunch. Members and guests welcome. Reservations required. For more information and reservations, please call 914-423-5331.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 31, 2025

 Sunday collection:
 \$2,845.00

 On Line giving:
 \$1,175.00

 Total
 \$4,020.00

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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Ronald Pietropaolo, Jan Stevenson & Deyanira Silva.

Please call 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 Importance of Mass

Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life. Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that

Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?



Saturday Vigil, September 13

Deceased Members of the Pragana Family 5:00 PM

> Sunday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name

> & Rosary Altar Societies William Marsden (Living)

11:00 AM Luis Villanueva +

12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish 5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 AM All Holy Souls in Purgatory 9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

Tuesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 AM Roger Hicks (Living)

9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, September 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM John McArdle +

Thursday, September 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Angelo Hicks + 9:00 AM Maureen Schettino +

Friday, September 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Jesse Kowaluk + 9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, September 20

Saints Andrew Kim, Taegon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang, & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday Vigil, September 20

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Nicholas Ciampanelli +

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Lawrence Tiplady + 11:00 AM Tara Taylor +

12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

Leonard A. Cacciatore + 5:00 PM

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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly 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 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.	

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