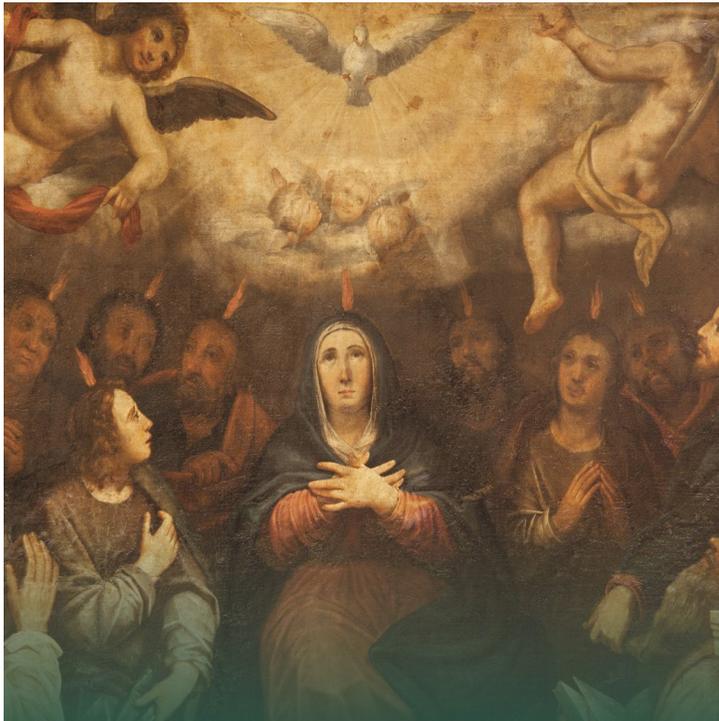


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PENTECOST SUNDAY

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.
He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and
will declare to you the things that are coming.” - Jn 16:13

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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 Ezeh, 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

HOW WILL I CONFRONT AND ACCEPT TRUTH?

The account in Acts of the coming of the Holy Spirit is quite dramatic. Though the disciples are gathered inside, they all hear and feel a sudden strong driving wind. The wind is an apt analogue of the Holy Spirit. We cannot see the wind, but we sense its presence by the sound it creates and the effect it has on light objects, trees, and our own skin. Similarly, we feel the effect of the Holy Spirit in the way we are gently nudged or powerfully driven to do something or say something that can transform our world.



Paul's words in both passages from his letters emphasize the interpersonal effects of the Holy Spirit. To the Corinthians, he wrote that the Spirit joins us to each other, as many parts are joined into one human body. To the Galatians, he wrote that the Spirit leads us away from rivalry, jealousy and selfishness to patience, kindness, and generosity. We have each been baptized into a community into the Church. The Holy Spirit binds us together so that we may love each other as we love ourselves.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of truth. The Spirit of truth "will guide you to all truth," Jesus tells his close friends (John 16:13). Recall that this discourse takes place after the Last Supper. The very next day, with his life on the line, Jesus will tell Pilate, "For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth" (18:37). After purposefully and continuously testifying to the truth while on earth, He sent the Holy Spirit to all believers so that they could continue to be guided to the truth. Pilate famously asked what truth was, but this was because he refused to be guided to the truth. Truth is difficult. It forces us to confront our comfortable illusions, to refuse our convenient rationalizations, to accept what we know is right, is good, is true. If Pilate did not know what truth was, it was because he got to his position by avoiding it. The Holy Spirit ensures that we face it.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When have I avoided the truth? What truth am I avoiding right now? How will I confront and accept it?

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, ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in memory of Edith D'Aquila by Frank D'Aquila and children Gail (Saretto) and Frank (D'Aquila).



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:

Nicholas O'Connor +
Rita Kozarek +
Angelo De Polito +
In Honor of St. Rita & The Holy Trinity



LIVING

We pray for the following intentions"
Renee Capuano (Living)

We

We would like to congratulate the following children who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday and Sunday, May 15th and May 16th. May God bless them and their families



May 15th

*Elijah Bello
Noah Carrasquillo
Jacob Francis
Karina Garcia
Jayden Garcia-Tlatelpa
Gerald Mazzaresse
Isabella Scarpelli*

*Christopher Calvello
Brian Ejiogu
Jenna Francis
Ariel Garcia
Nicole Lora
Joseph Perez
Julius Vargas*

May 16th

*John Adames
Ronald King
Justin Nunes
Kaylee Rivas
Ava Rocha
Ariandne Rojas
Josue Valdovinos*

*Emalene Alifanz
Matteo Mosiello
Marcos Plasencia
Bella Rivera
Isabella Rocha
Giselle Santana*



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.

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****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

You Don't Have What It Takes — but You Will

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

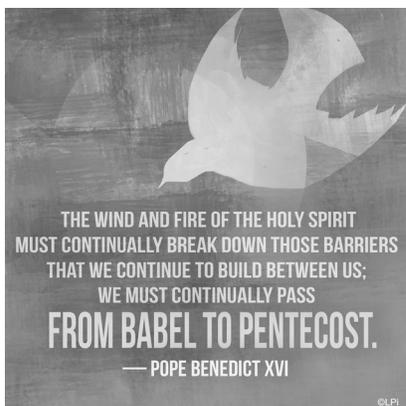
We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



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 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, 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.**

Rest in Peace Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially *Giuseppina Falcone & Norah Murphy.*

May 23, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

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

Monday, May 24

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Robert Webb +

Tuesday, May 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Timothy O'Sullivan +

9:00 AM Giovanni & Antonina Cucchiella +

Wednesday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 AM Patricia & Gerard Hickey +

9:00 AM Mary Milowe +

Thursday, May 27

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Faranda &
De Pole Families

9:00 AM Joseph Volpe +

Friday, May 28

Weekday

7:00 AM Blessings on the United States of America

9:00 AM Patrick Vincent Fox +

Saturday, May 29

Weekday

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, May 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, May 30, 2021
The Most Holy Trinity**

9:30 AM Elsie Kocur +
Robert Liddell +
Larry Mesler +
Menciadar Mercado +
Rosalina Rosario Mercado +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

May 23, 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

PENTECOST

