

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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St. Bartholomew's Yonkers

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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.

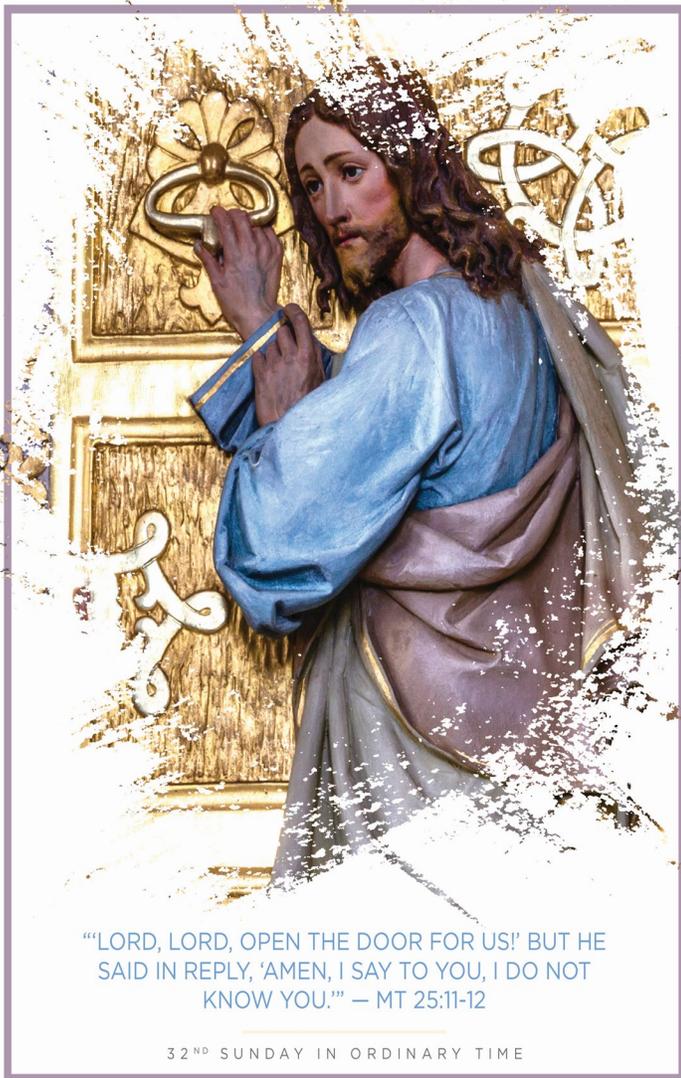
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

**BECOME MORE PATIENT**

Today's readings call us to keep vigil as we wait for the light, for the dawn, for the One who called Himself the light of the world. What can help us as we wait in joyful anticipation? Wisdom, for starters, for it enlightens us. To find wisdom per our first reading, we must seek it. To recognize it, we must love it. And to perceive it, we must love it. With wisdom, we prepare for our vigil by bringing that which will reflect and intensify that light, like the five wise virgins who brought flasks of oil. For we know not when the Lord will come, nor do we know when and how we will see Him in our midst. Therefore, we must always be prepared for the arrival of that new dawn, learning to perceive Christ in unexpected ways, ready to reflect His light upon everyone around us.



If only the bridegroom had come on time. If only he had not been running so very late. But unfortunately, he was unexpectedly "long delayed." Consequently, the five foolish virgins ran out of oil for their lamps. We have all had experiences of waiting when we ended up having to wait longer, maybe much longer, than we anticipated. Instead of running out of oil, we likely ran out of patience. It would be wise, therefore, to pack some spare patience each day, so that we can be prepared for all those times when we need to wait.

Bible scholars have determined that Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is the oldest book in the New Testament, written but twenty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. In the early days of the church, Christians believed that the end of the world could really come any minute. Therefore, doubt crept in among those who wondered why the second coming seemed to be "long delayed." What would happen to those who waited, and waited, and waited, but died before Jesus returned? Paul assures them that those who have fallen asleep in the Lord will be raised as the Lord was raised. Replace grief with hope, Paul writes, for those who have died—and those who will die before the end of the world—will remain with the Lord.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What has worked for me in the past when I begin to get impatient? Going forward, what will I do to draw upon more patience?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**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

**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.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive through November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Bags are at the rear of the church. **Please take a bag and place Thanksgiving appropriate,** non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, applesauce, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc. Return the bags to church no later than Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> and before the morning Masses on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



**WINTER COAT DRIVE**

St. Bart's will be collecting winter coats again up until Thanksgiving weekend. We will also be collecting winter apparel as well including sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves. Drop your donations in the box at the rear of the church.



**THE GIVING TREE**

*Please note that the "Giving Tree" will be up Thanksgiving weekend. Pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than Monday, December 18th. Every gift goes to someone in need. St. Bart's donates to:*



*Elizabeth Seton Children Center, Richmond Center, Immaculate Conception in the Bronx and Westchester Assisted Living. Thank you in advance for your generosity.*

*Many thanks to all who were involved in the International Cultural Festival, those who also donated their time in cooking, in the set up and clean up and those who attended. It was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time.*



*Looking forward to our next event!!!*

St. Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **106<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive** on FRIDAY, November 24, 2023 from 12 noon to 6pm.

It is preferable to make appointments by using:

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/300234](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/300234)



Enter zip code, press Search and scroll down for St Bart's. Then press Schedule. Check available appointment times and follow the instructions. NYBC prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only as capacity permits. If you have difficulty making an appointment, contact Tony Sciacca and he will do his best to help you.

You can change your appointment time on the web site before November 24, as long as there is a slot available. Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional.

IF you wish further information, check NYBC.org. If you have already given on your own recently, we thank you for your donation. If you have already signed up, we thank you so very much! If you have any family or friends that you think might be interested, please let Tony know. If you have any medical eligibility concerns, you can contact NYBC at 800-688-0900.

Regards,

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

[tonscia@aol.com](mailto:tonscia@aol.com)

(h) 914-423-3592

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 29th

Sunday collection:	\$3,336.00
On Line giving:	\$2,125.00
Total:	\$5,461.00

### 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.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.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, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, John Smith, and Theresa Liuzzi.

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.

### Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers

will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm** at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. A Bereavement speaker will be there to talk about coping with the holidays. Members and guests welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

November 12, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, November 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary & Joseph Cuozzo +  
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**Sunday, November 12**

**Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar &  
Holy Name Societies  
Antonio D'Addario +  
Mary & Gabriel Ameh (Living)  
11:00 AM Minerva Hernandez +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Kevin Waziko +  
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**Monday, November 13**

**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:00 AM Theresa Venturino +  
9:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy

**Tuesday, November 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Antonio & Giuseppe Fiala +  
9:00 AM Don Gaetano + & In honor of Padre Pio

**Weekday, November 15**

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7:00 AM Analeida Cuevas +  
9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

**Thursday, November 16**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Reverend Thomas McDonald +  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Friday, November 17**

**Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

7:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

**Saturday, November 18**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM T/SGT. Anthony Romanowski +  
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**Saturday, November 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Dr. Edward Casey +  
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**Sunday, November 19**

**Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family  
Patrick V. Fox +  
11:00 AM Louis Brusco +  
Patrick V. Fox +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**November 12, 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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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**

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

