

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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Happy Grandparents Day!

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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

JESUS CHALLENGES US TO BE GOOD DISCIPLES

Jesus' words to the crowds are difficult to hear. The demands He makes of His disciples are too much. Hate your family? Carry your own cross? Renounce all your possessions? They range from unreasonable to unthinkable. Can He possibly mean to be so harsh? First, consider that the use of the Greek *misei* for hating one's family could well be an example of semitic hyperbole, intended to shock when "reject," not "hate" could be more appropriate. Secondly, renouncing all possessions doesn't necessarily mean leaving oneself destitute, but no longer regarding what you have as your own property. To follow Jesus means to choose Jesus, who gives us everything we need, even the promise of eternal life, over those things most dear to us: our families, our homes, our wealth, and all our "stuff." Let us look to His first disciples: the twelve apostles. They left their families, their homes, and their possessions, choosing to live a difficult lifestyle instead. Every day they calculated the cost of discipleship and concluded that following Jesus was worth everything they gave up.

It may still be difficult to understand why we can't have both. Let us consider the question in Wisdom: "Who can conceive what the Lord intends?" (Wisdom 9:13). God's ways may seem foolish or shocking to our limited imaginations, but we are asked to trust in God, to accept that God's wisdom is greater than we can conceive.

Saint Paul asks his convert Philemon to do something radical and selfless: to welcome back Onesimus, who ran away and found Christ, and accept him not as a slave but as a brother. Onesimus, whom Paul trusted to return to Philemon and deliver this letter, could have kept running rather than take the chance that Philemon would ignore the letter and re-enslave him. The fact that this letter not only survived but became part of the Bible implies that Philemon kept it and agreed to Paul's appeal.

Question of the Week:
How do I feel challenged by Jesus' demands of discipleship?

Prayer for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sirach 14:2)
How beautiful are these words of yours,
Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage
through time,

animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,
to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,
to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren,
for our loved ones

and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring,
in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost.
For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.



PARISH NEWS

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.



SECOND 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 begin on
Tuesday, September 9th.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR September on this Saturday, September 6th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on this Sunday September 7th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A PARISHIONER 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

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS
Where's the Sacrifice?**

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to *want* to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS 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.

Prayer from Grandchildren to their Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents.

Thank you for the life they gave my parents
and for the life, they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways, they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways, they have paved the road
that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.
And let them see with their own eyes your glory
and the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 24, 2025

Sunday collection: \$2,954.00

On Line giving: \$1,565.00

Total \$4,519.00

**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.



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

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.

"Heavenly Father, as our children return to school, we lift them up to You. We ask for Your divine protection to be a shield around them, keeping them safe from all harm. Grant them wisdom and a love for learning as they open their books and engage in their studies. Help them to be kind and compassionate friends, and to be a source of encouragement to others. Bless their teachers and school staff with patience and understanding. May they know they are loved and created for a purpose. Amen."



September 7, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, September 6

5:00 PM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +
Lucille & Samuel Garafola +

Sunday, September 7 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebration of Grandparents Day

9:30 AM Irene Barton +
Amada Medranda, Octabio Medranda &
Carlos Cevallos +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick & Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, September 8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Richard O'Connell +

Tuesday, September 9 Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 AM Judy Velez +
9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, September 10 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Edward J. Ryan +

Thursday, September 11 Weekday

7:00 AM Fallen NYPD +
9:00 AM Faust Venturino +

Friday, September 12 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, September 13 Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday Vigil, September 13

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family

Sunday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name
& Rosary Altar Societies
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

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly 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.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

