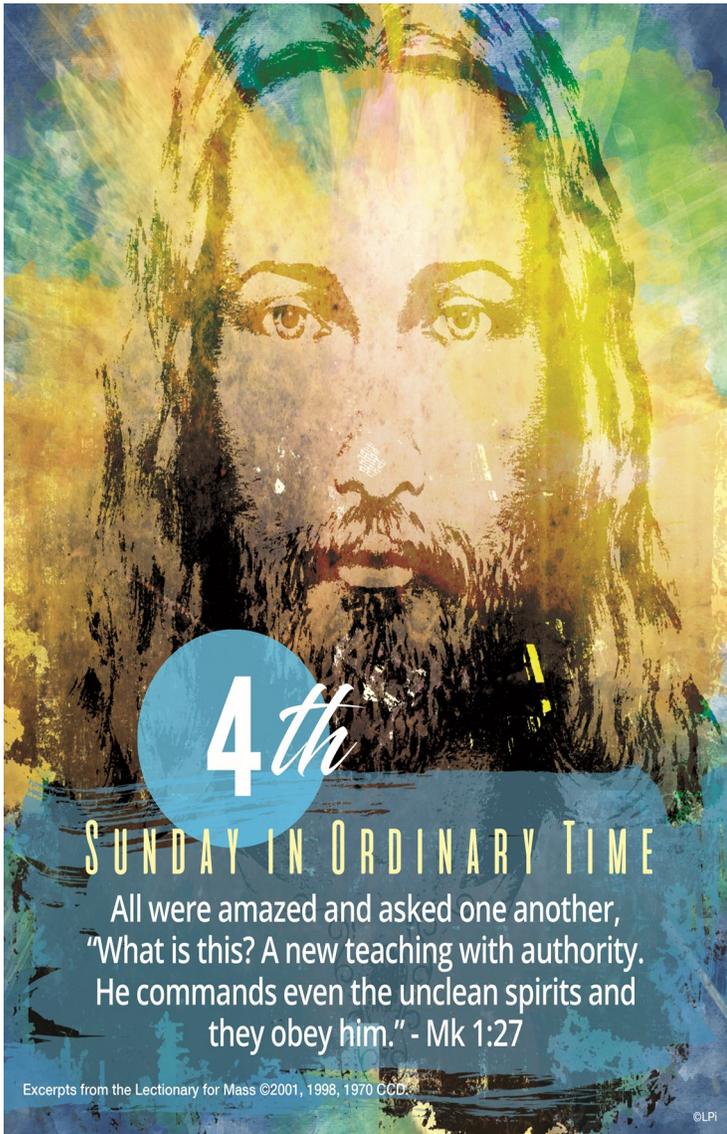


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

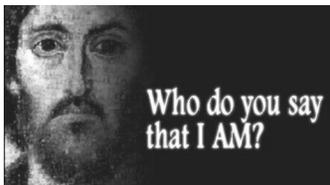
HOW GOD WITHIN ME CAN DEFEAT EVIL



The Lord promised Moses a prophet “from among your own kin (Deuteronomy 18:15). This certainly can be interpreted to mean one of the Chosen People, or later, a descendant of David. But more than that, it is someone who is kin to all humanity. Someone fully divine, but also fully human, born of a woman, born in a humble state, not of lofty status. Not of a world above us, but in the middle of this messy, sinful world.. Jesus Christ, our brother, our kin.

The man in the grip of a demon sounds like someone we might hear and dismiss as being seriously mentally ill. But many of us may feel that we're in the grip of something over which we seem to have no control. It may be personal, like addiction or illness. It may be something larger, like poverty or racism. It is God's will that this grip be broken, that we be liberated from these sinful states. Jesus has the power to break the grip of these demons upon us. His living word continues to rescue us.

Dead center in Mark's Gospel comes the key question Mark seeks to answer, which Jesus addresses to his closest friends, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark8:29). The unclean spirit gives one of the first attempts at an answer: “I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” (1:24). Human nature often leads us to turn to God only when we're in distress. Ditto with this unclean spirit! It knew the very existence inside a human host was threatened. It tried to gain power over Jesus by naming Him, the way an opposing spirit can usually be defeated. But it had no hold over the master healer. Nor does it now. Jesus, within us and among us, still has the power to drive out our demons.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life? How can Jesus, within me and among us, defeat them?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, JANUARY 31st AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

- DECEASED:**
 Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +
 Elizabeth Laredo +
 George Goresen +
 Angela Yanet Cuevas +
 Carmen Arzola +



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 2021 Mass Book is open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. You may call the Parish Office to arrange a Mass or come to the Parish office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



OPENING OF 2022 MASS BOOK

Due to the pandemic, WILL NOT not be booking Masses in person this year. Those wishing to book Masses for 2022 **MUST** call the Parish Office this Monday, Wednesday and Friday (February 1st, 3rd and 5th). Upon your call, you will be given a number (first person to call will receive the number 1, etc.). You will be called back in the order of your number the following week (week of Monday, February 8th) and will be able to book your Masses of choice over the phone. You can either mail in your payment (a receipt will be mailed to you) or drop your payment off at the Parish office (a receipt will be given to you) **when the Parish office is open (Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**

If you prefer, you can also mail in your Mass choices, beginning the week of February 8th. Upon receipt of your request(s), you will be contacted.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday February 5th is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday February 6th, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Donations of ziti and desserts for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on this Thursday, February 4th. You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use canned fruit, juice, paper towels, paper napkins, mayonnaise, and ketchup. **YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**



****Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards for needy families. **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 (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******

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2ND, CANDLEMAS DAY

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.



THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE
Luke 2:22-29.
GOLDEN TEXT—For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. Luke 2:30, 31.

Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations, she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation to the Temple forty days later—February 15th. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for forty days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." This feast emphasized Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the church in the West celebrated Jesus's birth on December 25th, the Presentation was moved to February 2nd, forty days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name of Candlemas.

THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, FEBRUARY 3RD

We know more about the devotion to Saint Blaise by Christians around the world than we know about the saint himself. His feast is observed as a holy day in some Eastern Churches. In 1222, the Council of Oxford prohibited servile labor in England on Blaise's feast day. The Germans and Slavs hold him in special honor, and for decades many United States Catholics have sought the annual Saint Blaise blessing for their throats.

We know that Bishop Blaise was martyred in his episcopal city of Sebastea, Armenia, in 316. The legendary *Acts of St. Blaise* were written 400 years later. According to them Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Although the Edict of Toleration (311), granting freedom of worship in the Roman Empire, was already five years old, persecution still raged in Armenia. Blaise was apparently forced to flee to the back country. There he lived as a hermit in solitude and prayer, but he made friends with the wild animals. One day a group of hunters seeking wild animals for the amphitheater stumbled upon Blaise's cave. They were first surprised and then frightened. The bishop was kneeling in prayer surrounded by patiently waiting wolves, lions and bears.



The legend has it that as the hunters hauled Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

Agricolaus, governor of Cappadocia, tried to persuade Blaise to sacrifice to pagan idols. The first time Blaise refused, he was beaten. The next time he was suspended from a tree and his flesh torn with iron combs or rakes. Finally, he was beheaded.

STEWARDSHIP

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

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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, and James Burns.

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.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Joseph Alongi and Peter A. De Yorio.

Rest in Peace

Please Note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. These are needed for a mission project for the religious education students. Thank you!!!



January 31, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, January 30(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +
Elizabeth Laredo +
George Goresen +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
Carmen Arzola +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 1
Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Faranda &
DePole Families
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Tuesday, February 2
The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ambrosio Khong +

Wednesday, February 3
Weekday—The Feast of Saint Blaise

7:00 AM Linda & Gene Skelly +
9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Thursday, February 4
Weekday

7:00 AM James Joseph Campion +
9:00 AM Josephine Califano +

Friday, February 5
Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

Saturday, February 6
Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

9:00 AM Josephine Califano +

Saturday, February 6(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Albert Pragana +
Robert Liddell +
Ralph Verderosa +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
Walter Zigabarra +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

January 31, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

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

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

