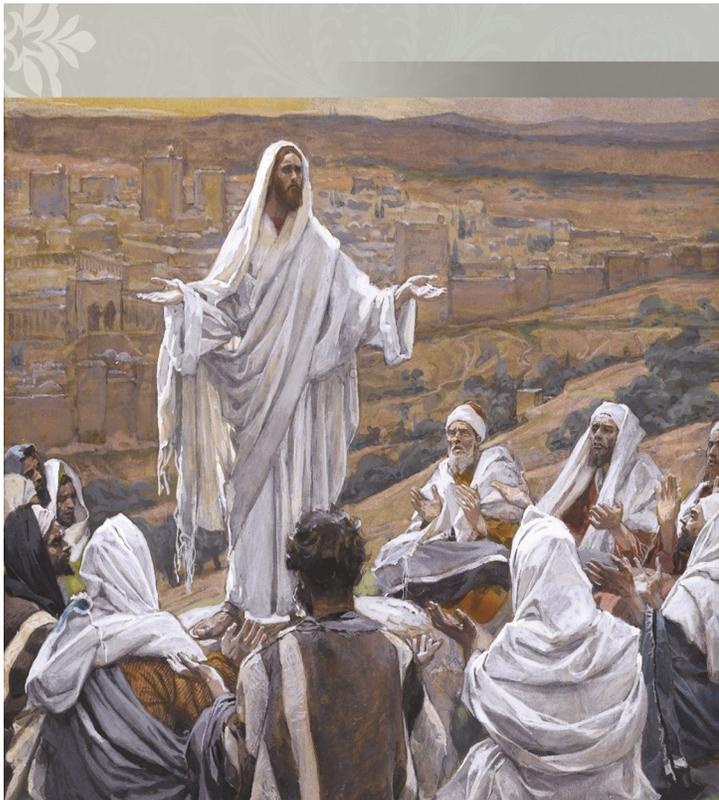


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17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;

8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 p.m.

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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, Anthony Martelli

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

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Abraham addresses God quite boldly in the reading from Genesis. So too does the person who wakes up a friend in the middle of the night to ask for bread. Such boldness may make many of us uncomfortable. But note that there is an ameliorating factor in these stories. In both cases, the petitioner is asking for someone else's benefit, not his own. Abraham makes his plea on behalf of potentially innocent people in Sodom. The disciple asks for a friend who has paid an unexpected visit. Though there is nothing wrong with petitioning God for something for oneself—an egg, our daily bread, forgiveness—both examples of persistence in prayer in today's readings involve selfless petition.

When Abraham bargains with God, it shifts the focus of the story from sinfulness of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah to the tension between justice and mercy. How can a loving God be the source of both, especially in a case in which innocents may suffer? By going so far, by lowering the bar for mercy six successive times, Abraham reveals that God is always willing to show mercy, no matter how few are worthy.

When we are desperate to obtain or achieve something, we persist. Persistence in prayer indicates the importance we place upon what we pray for. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus prays persistently. From the moment He is baptized to the moment He dies on the cross, Jesus lifts up His voice to His Father. In today's passage, it is the fact that He has just finished praying that leads the disciples to ask Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus' persistence in prayer, therefore, has led to a prayer we persist in saying today.

**When we pray,
God hears more
than we say,
answers more than
we ask,
gives more than
we imagine...
in HIS own time
and HIS own way.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What have I prayed for persistently in the past? Am I receptive when I am asked for something persistently?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Rosalie Chimenti by Franco, Tina and Matteo Falcone.



FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Register now for next year's Religious Education program. PLEASE NOTE: THIS Sunday, July 28th, registration forms will be available after the morning Masses to register new children in the Religious Education Program. In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September.



Religious Education

Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday bulletin. **Parents of children who attended last year and did not yet submit a re-registration form may also do so at this time.**

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.



Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◆ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ◆ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◆ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◆ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of canned vegetables and canned fruit. Thank you for your support.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen Thursday, August 1st; we will be providing a Soup Kitchen in the Bronx with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday. If the doors are not open, leave your donations by the food pantry door. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.**



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!



Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, August 1st for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

PARISH EVENTS



THIS COMING SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD.

FR. ANTHONY MBANEFO'S GOING AWAY POT LUCK DINNER PARTY. PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE. COME AND



JOIN US, MAKE YOUR FAVORITE DISH OR MONETARY DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH, BLOCK PARTY, CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP, DURING THE PARTY AND CLEAN UP AFTER.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, August 2nd, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 3rd, 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.

2019 and 2020 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

July 21, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$3,700.00
Online	\$ 570.00
Total	\$ 4,270.00

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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 and Carol Stola.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

As you plan and enjoy your summer vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!!!

SUMMER PRAYER

Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

July 28, 2019

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, July 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

Sunday, July 28, 2019
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +
10:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +
11:30 AM Dorothy La Monica +
5:00 PM For All the People of our Parish

Monday, July 29

Saint Martha

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Mr. William G. Flower +

Tuesday, July 30

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

Wednesday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 AM Nancy Melillo+
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Dina Legio +
9:00 AM Peggy O'Haire +

Friday, August 2

Weekday

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

Saturday, August 3

Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

Saturday, August 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Dec. Mem. Of Venturino & Martucci Families

Sunday, August 4, 2019
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +
11:30 AM Carol Vicino +
5:00 PM John Nieman +

July 28, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

NOVENA TO ST. MARTHA

Feast Day, Monday, July 29th



St. Martha, I resort to thee and to thy petition and faith,

I offer up to thee this light which I shall burn every Tuesday for nine Tuesdays.

Comfort me in all my difficulties through the great favour thou didst enjoy

when Our Savior lodged in thy house.

I beseech thee to have definite pity in regard to the favor I ask (Mention favor).

Intercede for my family that we may always be provided for in all our necessities.

I ask thee St. Martha to overcome the dragon which thou didst cast at thy feet

Say One Our Father, Three Hail Mary's and a Glory be. Amen.