

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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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. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **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

HOW CAN I ASSIST THOSE WHO ENCOUNTER STORMY WATERS?

Last month we heard the parable of the sower. Because the sower threw seed around with no regard to where it fell, much of it failed to produce fruit. As Jesus revealed later, He is the sower and the seed is the good news of the kingdom. Today we see a portrayal of Peter that is not so flattering, but remember that when Jesus called him in the first days of His mission, Peter immediately dropped his nets and followed. Peter is like the seed that fell on rocky ground. Recall Jesus said, "Some fell on rocky ground...It sprang up at once... [but] withered for lack of roots" (Matthew 13:5-6). On rocky ground, on rocky waters, Peter's faith at this point is not well-anchored. But eventually the extravagance of the sower will be rewarded. Not this night, not even on that later night before the cock crowed, but in the end Peter's faith produces fruit, many hundredfold.



Peter is honestly trying to show faith. In daring Jesus to call him out of the boat and onto the water, he is not trying to prove Jesus wrong as some Pharisees consistently tried to do. He truly believes in Jesus' power. But he becomes frightened. On the night He denied Jesus three times, he again became frightened. Whether of drowning or of being crucified, Peter's fears are obstacles to his faith. Only after his faith is strengthened by Jesus' victory over death and the gift of the Holy Spirit does Peter publicly testify immediately and courageously to his faith in the Son of God. His testimony of the need for repentance and forgiveness is especially apt.

Our lives can be like a boat tossed about by the waves, leaving us fearful and exhausted. But recall Jesus' final words to those He loved: "I am with you always (Matthew 28:20). Can we see Jesus coming to us on the rough seas, reassuring us and staying with us? Can we trust in the One who overcame death itself to guide us through the rough waters of our life?"

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who can I accompany on their journey through stormy waters? How can I reassure them and assist them?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Welcome back to Father Victor from your vacation!!!! We are happy you have returned safely to your St. Bart's family.



SAFE TRAVELS

We wish Father Raphael and all those embarking with him on the pilgrimage to have a safe faith-filled and wonderful trip!!

St. Bart's will be honoring and remembering grandparents and the elderly at all the Masses on Saturday, September 9th at the 5 pm and Sunday, September 10th at the 9:30 and 11 am, and 12:30 and 5:00 pm Masses. All grandparents, their children, grandchildren and the elderly are invited. More details to follow in upcoming weeks.



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 Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Tuesday,, August 15th. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows: Tuesday 7 am, 9 am and 7 pm.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, tuna, dried beans, canned beans and juices. **May God bless you all for your generosity.**



It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering



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first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the

front of the bulletin. **The Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**

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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program. **The Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**



Recall when children learned how to swim. In the beginning, it seemed like no matter how much assurance they receive, they were certain they would drown. They were pretty sure their bodies were created to sink. In time, they grew more comfortable in the water. Eventually, they could even swim the length of the pool. But this did not happen overnight. They had to grow in their faith that swimming was possible, not just for others, but for them as well.



Too many of us who are Christians believe that holiness is for someone else. We believe that the stories of the saints are about super humans who had something in greater supply than us. When our faith is weak, we assume that we can never have the faith of these holy men and women.

On the contrary, faith and holiness are not things only possible for a few. But we must practice our faith to grow in our faith. We must strive for holiness if we are to become holy.

Like a child fears the water before learning to swim, we often fear the path that leads to greater faith or holiness. We are not convinced that God can work in our lives to create a saint. Yet except for Mary, the Immaculate Conception, every saint was a sinner. God called every saint to exit the boat and walk toward Jesus on the water. In time, with practice and trust in God, they found they did not sink either.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS

CHANGED AND 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

Being Human is to Doubt

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others. Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know. The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that cause us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thurs, Aug 17th, at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 12:30pm. Please be prompt as we will have a speaker to give lessons and information about the working of smart and flip phones. For more information, please call 914.423.5331. New members are always welcome.

CWWY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Communion Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, Sept 17th**. Mass will celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church, 670 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Reservations are necessary, \$30 cash payable at the restaurant. Please call 914.423.5331 for reservations. Members and guests are welcome.

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 30th

Sunday collection: \$2,870.00

On Line giving: \$2,015.00

Total: \$4,885.00

**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, 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 and Richard Romanowski.

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.

August 13, 2023

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Robert Sugrue +

Sunday, August 13

Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Theresa Venturino +

11:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

12:30 PM Jose Exposito +

5:00 PM Frank Como +

Monday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

7:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Leslie De Brocky & Margaret McGuirk +

Tuesday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM The Living Capuano Grandchildren

7:00 PM Steven Fitzpatrick +

Wednesday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Teofista Samarita +

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Thursday, August 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Peter Garafola +

Friday, August 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sam Pittaro +

Saturday, August 19

Weekday

9:00 AM Patrick Moore +

Saturday, August 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, August 20

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +

11:00 AM Anna Maria Vitullo +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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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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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

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