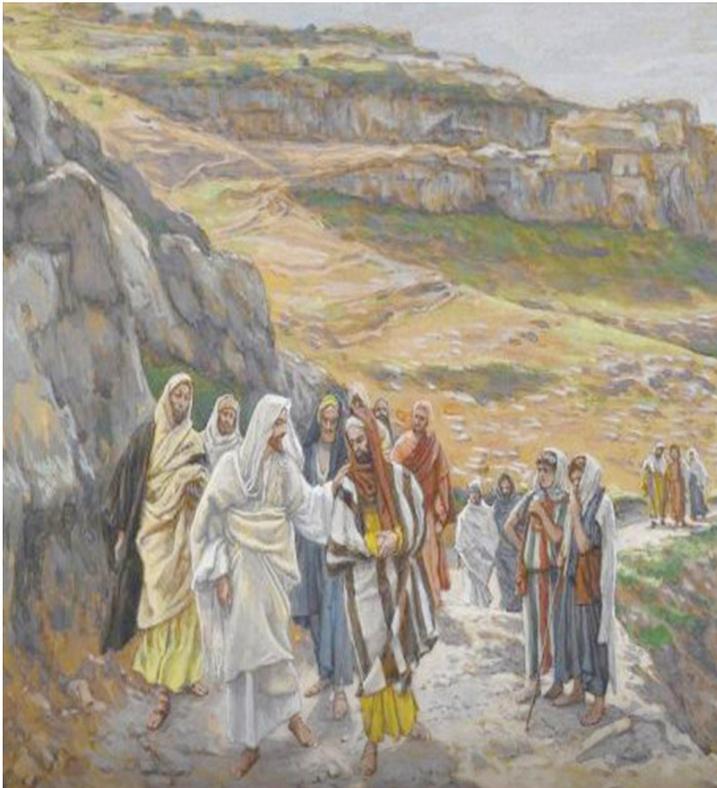


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

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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  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

DO YOU ACCEPT BEING A DISCIPLE?

Keep in mind that Jesus is walking the road to Jerusalem as He speaks to the crowd in the Gospel passage we hear today. As He tells them that those who follow Him must be prepared to carry their own cross, He Himself is heading toward the day when He will literally be carrying His own cross. Jesus does not carry a cross to free us from the burden of ever having to do so ourselves. He does not save us from suffering. But by carrying His own cross, he shares in our suffering.



How can Jesus, who speaks so eloquently about love, and teaches us that love of God and love of neighbor are a distillation of the entire law, say today that we should hate our family and even our own life? This language may reflect a Semitic idiom that refers to primary loyalty. In this context "hate" means whoever is not one's primary choice, one's primary love. It also helps to keep the words from Wisdom in mind: "Who can conceive what the Lord intends?" (9:13). We must trust in the One whose mind is greater than what we can conceive. May we find guidance from the Holy Spirit, who as Wisdom says, comes to us from on high with God's wisdom.

Today we hear Saint Paul's letter to Philemon, a fellow Christian, about his former slave, Onesimus. Onesimus has escaped. After speaking with Paul, who is ironically in prison himself, he converted to Christianity. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of this letter is not that he insists Philemon welcome him back, but also that he entrusts this request to Onesimus himself, who could have destroyed this brief letter and run in the opposite direction. After all, he could have been executed if he were apprehended. It is also significant that Paul trust that Philemon will voluntarily forgive and free Onesimus. Paul enables both Onesimus and Philemon to face their own moral choice, trusting that each will choose to act according to their newfound faith, allowing them both to experience a conversion of heart firsthand.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How strong is my commitment to being a disciple? What am I willing to give up and what am I willing to accept?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

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.



This Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day. The Parish Office will be closed. There will be only one Mass that day at 9 a.m. For this week the Parish office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Marion Howley.



*Rest in Peace*



THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.



THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering 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 this week 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. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup>

Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.

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**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.



**Seniors Monthly Gathering:**  
 This Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 12 p.m.  
 In the Gym for Rosary, lunch and conversation. \$5 per person  
 Movie Thursday, Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am  
 Two Crowns  
 The Extraordinary Life of St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe

Contact Rich Califano if interested in joining!!!

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

**MASSES**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR SEPTEMBER on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.



**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*

St. Bartholomew's Gym is hosting Tina Vaccarelli for a Partylite Fall Tricky Tray, which includes an afternoon of fun, games and raffles. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Ticket includes water, coffee, tea and snacks. (You can also bring your own refreshments if you'd like). Contact Tina Vaccarelli at 914 772-6533, [www.partylite.com/tealitetina](http://www.partylite.com/tealitetina) or [tdv1013@gmail.com](mailto:tdv1013@gmail.com).

**There are also flyers at the rear of the church.**



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

August 21<sup>ST</sup>

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	<b>\$1,905.00</b>
<i>On Line giving:</i>	<b>\$1,210.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,115.00</b>

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

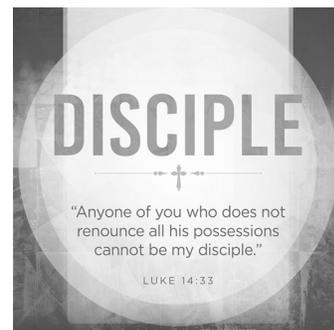
You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring 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, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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, Theresa Chappory, 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, and Richard Gritta.

**Please contact 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.**



September 4, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

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**Saturday, September 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Henry & Lucille Kurtz +

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**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

Angelina Brusco +

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 5**

**Weekday—Labor Day**

9:00 AM Luigi & Marie Martucci +

**Tuesday, September 6**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

**Wednesday, September 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Thursday, September 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

**Friday, September 9**

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Saturday, September 10**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Roseann Lepore-Corujo +

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**Saturday, September 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &

Rosary Altar Societies +

Frances Nanoia +

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM For The Fallen Members of the NYPD

**September 4, 2022**

**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**

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

