

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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
Dr. Anthonio Ciacca, 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

BE BLESSED

Jeremiah contrasts those who place their trust in humanity and those who place their trust in God by using nature to make an analogy. Those who misplace their trust are like a bush that is dry, stagnant, and barren while those who trust God are like a tree that constantly grows, thrives, and bears fruit. The psalmist echoes this likening. Jesus picks up on it in today's Gospel. Those whose life is easy, who have plenty of everything, who cling to their wealth will end up as hungry, thirsty, and sad as the barren bush. But those who thirst for God despite their impoverished situation will be rewarded with joy, laughter, and the kingdom of heaven.



Saint Paul reminds us that our belief in the resurrection gives us the hope that we may live eternally in the kingdom of God. Jesus himself lived a life involving no possessions, much grief, and strong opposition, which eventually led to His execution. His reward is indeed great in heaven. That reward is now our reward, for He has won us our salvation.

Just last weekend we heard Jesus call His first disciples: Simon Peter, James, and John. Today we hear Him talking to a much larger audience, though Luke says He was looking at his disciples when He spoke. Much as He explicitly called them to follow Him on His mission, today we hear Him implicitly call them to live by a different set of values. Then, as now, people naturally valued wealth and happiness and sufficiency. If Jesus had preached in support of these, many people would have been pleased.



After all, wasn't success in life a sign that God smiled upon them? But no. Jesus tells them just the opposite. It is the poor who will inherit the kingdom of God. It is the hungry, the grief-stricken, and the maligned who will "rejoice and leap for joy" (Luke 6:23). This radical, countercultural call to His disciples then is His radical, countercultural call to us disciples now.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

70 trays of ziti and rice and beans were donated to St. Joseph's.
50 bags of clothing were donated to Immaculate Conception.

Thank you for your generosity.



SAVE THE DATE

Our next Bingo will be Sunday, March 23rd. Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks for further details.

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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 ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Margaret & Carmine Maccia by John and Karen McKenna

The 2025 Mass book has Masses 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 birthdays, 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.



PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

History of Stations of the Cross

In the earliest days of the church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.



Stations of the Cross in the earliest years of Christianity, the locations central to the story of Holy Week — the Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the Holy Sepulcher, and more — were destinations for pilgrims who wanted to experience Christ's sacrificial love for us in a physical way.

In the years after the Crusades, pilgrimage to the Holy Land became impossible for most Christians, and the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to pray through the passion and death of Christ.

Throughout history the number of stations has varied, with different traditions focusing on different events. In the 18th century, the number was officially fixed at 14 by Pope Clement XII. These stations are taken from the Gospel accounts of Christ's passion and death, though there are several which are derived from tradition and apocryphal sources, such as the meeting of Mother and Son and St. Veronica wiping the face of Christ.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart in imitation of Yours. Bless me, Lord, help me to see people as You do, and to hear their needs.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**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



We are in need of singers for our Masses, children, teens and adults. If you are interested, please see Antonio, our Music Director, Father Mark or Cheryl Duda or call the Parish Office. Please we need your voices to sing God's praises.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Planted Near Water

We all know that there are times when life can feel, as Jeremiah writes, empty and wasted. There are moments when we think we resemble a barren bush, thirsting in the desert sun. That's why it is imperative for us to know the location of our water source. I promise you, it's closer than you think. God never planted a seed in barren ground.

For me, it's the Mass. Going to Mass is where I find total peace and renewal. I don't have any great theological explanation for this — Mass is simply where I can truly rest in God for a time, where nothing and no one in the world can touch me. And wouldn't you know it, it's in the toughest times that I need Mass the most — that my roots stretch harder for that water. Woe to the rich, says Jesus — woe to the popular, to the content, to the happy. It's not because He hates to see us smile. It's because He knows our humanity. He knows our limitations. He knows that when things are going really well, we often stop looking for God.

What replenishes you as a disciple, as a steward, as a Christian? If it feels far away or hard to reach, why is that? How can you bring it closer?

We are all trees planted near water, to yield our fruit in due season. Let's pray for the strength to know where our water source is, and to seek it both in good times and in bad.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS

Will meet on this Thursday, February 20th at 12:30pm at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are always welcome.

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 2, 2025

**Sunday collection: \$3,637.00
On Line giving: \$1,320.00
Total \$4,957.00**

**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.**



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, Tony Sciacca, 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 & Martha Cesaitis.

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.



February 16, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM Luigi Lucchetti +

Sunday, February 16 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dorothy Schreiber +
11:00 AM For All The People Of Our Parish
12:30 PM Sonia Ayala +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday February 17 Weekday—President's Day

9:00 AM Rosalie & Isadore Heit +

Tuesday, February 18 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Adora Thela +

Wednesday, February 19 Weekday

7:00 AM Grace Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, February 20 Weekday

7:00 AM Judy Velez (Living)
9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

Friday, February 21 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dr. Dante Brittis +
Veronica Chappory +

Saturday, February 22 The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle

9:00 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +

Saturday, February 22

5:00 PM Rose De Rosa +

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dorothy Schreiber +
Veronica Chappory +
11:00 AM Jane Esposito +
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

