

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom
of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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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

BE HELPFUL TO THOSE AROUND YOU

When Pope Francis instituted the World Day for Grandparents and the elderly and called it to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, he spoke of the value of the elderly. He said they were the link between the generations, passing on the wisdom of their own formative years to the generation being born now. He would know from experience. His own father's family fled the fascist regime of Benito Mussolini in 1929 to emigrate to Argentina. No doubt his father, who was twenty-one when the family fled Italy, taught his children about the dangers of fascism, which, like the weeds sown in the field of Jesus' parable, threatens the wheat that provides food and nutrition.



Especially back in Jesus' time, the bane of a wheat farmer's work was darnel, a toxic weed often called "false wheat." For darnel and wheat look very much alike until each blossoms. What farmers think is wheat may turn out to be darnel, but they assume is darnel may turn out to be wheat. Hence the words of caution the parable's farmer expresses about pulling up the weeds prematurely. Those whom we now identify as evil may grow and transform and eventually blossom as righteous and good. Our neighbors - as well as ourselves - have an entire lifetime to change, to mature, to leaven, before the harvest comes.

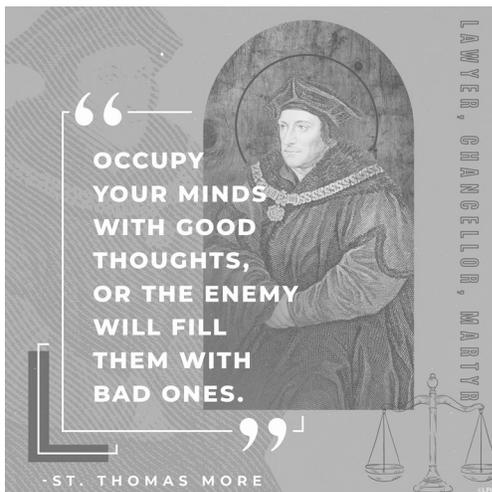
Consequently, Jesus counsels patience for those who tend the wheat fields. Do not judge or condemn prematurely! As we heard in Wisdom, God judges with clemency, governs with leniency, applies justice with kindness, and permits repentance for sins. Paul points out the advantage we have in the Holy Spirit, who comes to our aid in our weaknesses. We are not perfect. We are not strong enough ourselves to always avoid sin, to always do the right thing. But the Holy Spirit is strong enough. If we heed the movement of the Spirit in our lives, we can blossom, nourishing others with the fruit we bear.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What substantial service can I provide this week to someone who is elderly, whether a member of my family or not? What can I learn from this action?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



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.



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 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 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.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR AUGUST on Saturday, AUGUST 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday AUGUST 6th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **NEXT Saturday and Sunday, July 29th and 30th.**



PRAY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN

Our prayers for all children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. It will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. Many people in life have reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment. May all our children find their success by discerning God's will and being the wonderful person he intended.

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

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

Rise Up Festival

On Saturday, August 12, 2023, the Salesians of Don Bosco will be holding the 2023 Rise Up Festival from 2pm - 10pm (rain or shine). The festival will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mother Mary, with Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for an open-air concert, worship (Mass and Adoration), games, exhibitions, food for purchase, and the gift shop. The evening ends with fireworks on the upper field. The Marian Shrine is located at 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point, New York. There is no charge to attend this event but free will donations are accepted. For details about the festival's schedule please go to: www.marianshrine.org/events or call: 845-947-2200.

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 9th
Sunday collection: \$4,124.00
On Line giving: \$1,160.00
Total: \$5,284.00

**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, 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, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman Richard Romanowski and Eileen Mistal.

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.

July 23, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, July 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Marie Giuriceo +

**Sunday, July 23
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Suor Maria Cira +

Yolanda Mangalao +

11:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

12:30 PM Anabelia Gonzalez +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, July 24

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Filomena Manzi +

Tuesday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gabriel Nanoia +

Wednesday, July 26

**Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

Thursday, July 27

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Daly +

Friday, July 28

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Ngo +

Saturday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, July 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Margaret & Michael Hickey +

Brittany Pezzola (Living)

**Sunday, July 30
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Walter Moore +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

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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