

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. - Mk 1:32-34

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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

## LEARN ABOUT JESUS

Job's life has become a drudgery: restless nights followed by forgettable days. Every evening he ends his day without hope. He has no confidence that his life will change. A couple of weeks ago we heard Jesus call Andrew and Simon. They abandon their nets of drudgery and follow him to a brand-new life. Today we see Jesus enter Simon's mother-in-law's house, where she lay in bed ill. His healing touch gives here a new life, a life of ministry to her fellow disciples. Often we feel as Job did, stuck in a rut and despairing of our misfortune. May we instead find hope in Christ, as His first disciples did, allowing Him to guide us to a life of service, a life with purpose, a life for the kingdom.

Interestingly, the Greek word *egeiro*, which Mark uses to describe how Jesus raised Simon's mother-in-law out of bed, is used in a slightly different form by the angel who greets the women at the tomb when they come to anoint Jesus' body. Recall that Mark wrote his Gospel long after Jesus' death and resurrection. It would appear that Mark intentionally used the same word the angel did to describe what Jesus did here. Jesus is truly raising her to a new life, the life of ministry to and for others.

Often we just have to learn things by ourselves. Sometimes it's because we're unsure if we can trust the person who's teaching us. Sometimes, it's because what we're told seems unbelievable. But often it's simply because we learn better when we figure it out on our own. In today's Gospel, Mark says that Jesus did not permit the demons he drove out to speak "because they knew Him" (Mark 1:34). Later, we will hear again and again that despite following Him for a long period of time, the disciples still misunderstood who Jesus was. They only learn little by little over time. Perhaps Jesus realized He had to wait patiently for His disciples to gradually learn who He was. What the demons could have revealed would not have enabled true learning.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I best learn more deeply about Jesus?

*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.

Take Note



### Rest in Peace

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed especially Marie Latino.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. by Sandra Ricciardi.



### Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for **February THIS Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Thank you for your generosity.

The 2024 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.

**NOTE: THE 2025 Mass book opens on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> after the 9 am Mass.**

### LIVING LIFE

*Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out.*

*Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.*

*Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work.*



**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

*Family Breakfast after the 9:30 Mass on  
February 4<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. The next family  
breakfast will be on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.*



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS

**The Audacity of Holiness**

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*January 21st*

*Sunday collection: \$3,150.00*  
*On Line giving: \$1,641.00*  
*Total: \$4,791.00*

**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](http://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](mailto: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, Angela Lutomski, 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, 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, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

**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.**

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February 4, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM Michael & Paula Giandomenico (Living)  
Walter Zigabarra +

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**Sunday, February 4  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Werr &  
Spinner Families

11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +

12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, February 5**

**Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM James G. Holodak, Sr. +

**Tuesday, February 6**

**Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +

**Weekday, February 7**

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7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary Breheny +

**Thursday, February 8**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Bruno Capuano +

**Friday, February 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Philip Morrissey +

9:00 AM Mary Breheny. +

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

9:00 AM Mary Breheny +

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

5:00 PM Michael & Paula Giandomenico (Living)

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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies

11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**February 4, 2024**

**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**

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

