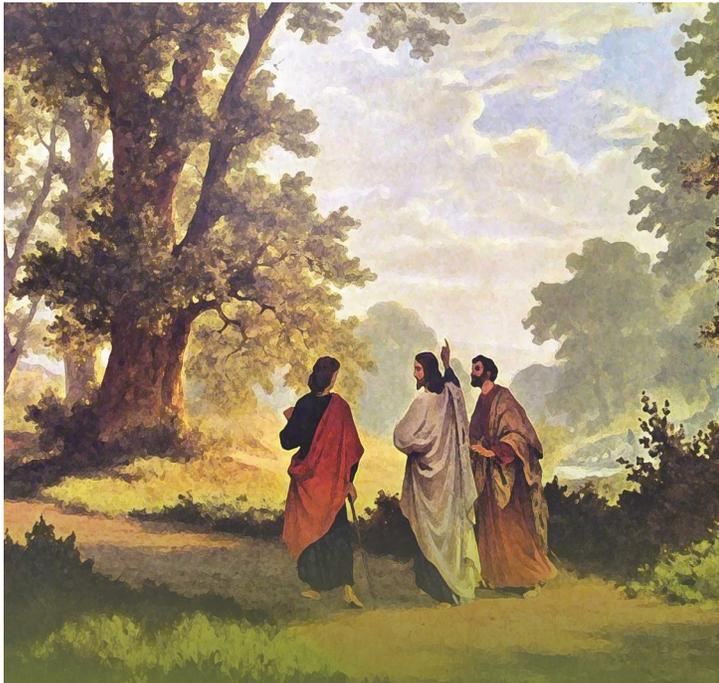


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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  
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**FORGIVE THE ONE WHO HURTS YOU**



Anger is a basic human emotion, its welling up within us perfectly natural in many situations. However, if left to fester, or expressed as wrath or vengeance, it can become poisonous. Sirach tells us that “the sinner hugs (wrath and anger) tight,” refusing to let go of their visceral reaction to being wronged (Sirach 27:30). Instead, we must embrace the golden rule, forgiving our neighbor so that we may be forgiven ourselves. Forgiveness opens the door for reconciliation.

When the king in Jesus’ parable forgave the loan, he didn’t just wipe away the servant’s debt, he restored him (and his family) to life. Had he not done so, the servant, his wife, and their children would have been sold, along with all their belongings, to pay his debt. He literally gave them their life back. How tragic to see him then go out and punish the servant with the smaller debt!

In ancient times seven was seen as the perfect number, so it was used to symbolize perfection or completeness, as in the creation story. When Peter suggests to Jesus that forgiving one’s brother or sister “as many as seven times” (Matthew 18:21) would be sufficient, he is suggesting that seven times would amount to total forgiveness.. But Jesus responds that “not seven times but seventy-seven times” (18:22). Is the answer, implying that there is no completion to forgiveness? Seventy-seven implies boundlessness, a sense that forgiveness is not a task to be quantified and completed, but an attitude to be integrated into our way of living. We are called to be forgiving. Always. Really, how can we stop forgiving if we so often need forgiveness ourselves?

Forgiveness  
Is the  
*Foundation*  
for Reconciliation

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I keep a consistent forgiving attitude that assuages my anger? What leads me to forgive the one who hurt me?

**Blessings** **Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**Should I Stay or Should I Go?**

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my spouse, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God’s calling clearly at first. God’s calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God’s plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI

**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.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

We are accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote.  **Religious Education**  
**Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**  
 \*\*\*\*Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families.  
**May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

**A NOTE OF THANKS TO RICH SCARDINO AND THE FOOD PANTRY**

Hello Richard,

I just wanted to drop a few lines to you, the members of your team, and also to the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's. We want to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for all you've done for the community of Immaculate Conception. Your generosity has helped immensely with our food pantry and helped feed the less fortunate in our community.  **Thank You**  
The donations from your parishioners year-round and especially during the pandemic and holidays are also extremely helpful and appreciated.  
My prayers and blessings,

*Fr.Meena, OFM Cap., Executive Director, Helping Hands Immaculate Conception Church Outreach  
754 East Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY 10467  
Ph: 718-653-2200*



**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH.**

**THIS SUNDAY MASS, September 13<sup>th</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Joseph Riccardi, Sr. + Theresa Venturino +  
Rafael Vazquez + Luis Mercado +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society +  
**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS: MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME) SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

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

YOU CAN SIGN UP EACH WEEK FOR WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP.

IF YOU DO NOT OR ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND MASS. (PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING). PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Calls if there are additional updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

Knights of Columbus - Cardinal Hayes Council

Please support The Knights of Columbus Council by getting your Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) Raffles online with a chance to win \$50,000 in prizes. They can be purchased securely via credit card on their website...https://jrkofc3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995/c-b-raffles.

The Knights of Columbus are calling out to Catholic gentleman to join a great group and participate in activities based on K of C principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If interested, please contact them at (914)709-5090 or visit their website at https://jrkofc3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995 for more information or to join online.

Did you know...Since March 15th, the Council has been hosting a daily prayer group each night at 7:30pm for 1/2 hour (via audio/video conference) where they pray for an end to this pandemic, for all those who are sick or who have passed, and for all our healthcare workers and those keeping us safe. For more information or to join the group, please send an email to: jrkofc3995@gmail.com.

Dear Merciful Lord, Thank you for your gift of forgiveness. Your only Son loved me enough to come to earth and experience the worst pain imaginable so I could be forgiven. Your mercy flows to me in spite of my faults and failures. Your Word says to "clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony." (Col. 3:14) Help me demonstrate unconditional love today, even to those who hurt me. Amen



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
• Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).
• Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, and Dominick Francis Marra.

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.

September 13, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, September 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Joseph Riccardi, Sr. +  
Theresa Venturino +  
Rafael Vazquez +  
Luis Mercado +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 14**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:00 AM William Marsden (Living)

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

**Tuesday, September 15**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +

**Wednesday, September 16**

**Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Francisca Delorise +

**Thursday, September 17**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of DePole and Faranda  
Families

9:00 AM Carmella Del Bene +

**Friday, September 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary Ann Teti +

**Saturday, September 19**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Jessie Kowaluk +

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**Saturday, September 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family  
Frank & Mary Fayden +  
Ferdinand J. Colon +  
Patrick V. Fox +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

September 13, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

HOLY  
COMMUNION



My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

