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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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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
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);
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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

FILL YOUR LIFE WITH THE LIGHT

Isaiah could really be a thorn in the side of his audience. In the verses preceding today's first reading, he addresses the practice of fasting and scoffs at those who afflict themselves while ignoring the truly afflicted. "This, rather, is the fasting that I wish," he says before launching in to the exhortation we hear today (Isaiah 58:6). In just over two weeks, we will be expected to fast during the season of Lent. Let us resolve to eat less because we have given food to the hungry.

Let us resolve to spend less on ourselves because we have given assistance to those who lack shelter or clothing. Let us resolve to spend less time indulging our own desires because we have given our time to comforting and satisfying those in need.

In the responsorial psalm we sang that the just person is a light to the upright. The just person models grace, mercy, and charity for others to see. We can certainly think of people like this, who provide examples of how to live uprightly. In all things, let us hope the good deeds we see done truly glorify the source of love and grace.

Before creating any living thing, God created light to shine forth over all. But in our world, much is hidden in the shadows, intentionally or unintentionally. In baptism, we were given a candle, lit from the Easter candle with the light of Christ. We are called to shine that light into the shadows of our world, exposing sin, injustice, poverty, and evil.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What darkness can I fill with the light of Christ that was entrusted to me at baptism? How can my light overcome these examples of darkness?

Blessings

Father Raphael



PARISH NEWS

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Robert Chappory by Tina Falcone



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa Family.



The HOLY NAME SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, February 10th at 7 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Harold S. Bingay, Jr. and Carmen Arzola. *Rest in Peace*



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.

The 2020 Mass Book is open with dates 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 birthday's, 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



NOTE: The 2021 Mass book will open on Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wednesday) after the 9 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, February 11th is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses and for their caregivers. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes.



BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartparish.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Bart's Annual Winter Festival Dinner-Dance

is this coming Saturday, February 15th.

Come and join us for a night of fun!! Adults: \$20, Children \$10 (Ages 12 and under) and Family \$40. Call the parish office for more details.

Youth Week, February 16th to February 21st

Sun.: 2/16-Youth Group Meeting, dinner, games & discussions (6 p.m. TO 8 p.m.)

Mon.: 2/17 - 9 a.m. Mass and group discussion with the Sisters of Life & lunch (day ends at 3 p.m.)

Tues.: 2/18 - 9 a.m. Mass, light breakfast, trip to Museum of the City of New York, lunch & afternoon movie (day ends at 6 p.m.)

Wed.: 2/19 - 11:30 a.m. bowling at Homefield Bowl (day ends at 2 p.m.)

Thurs.: 2.20 - 9 a.m. Mass, breakfast with 'St. Bart's Seniors Group', discussions, lunch & afternoon movie. (day ends at 4 p.m.)

Fri.: 2/21 - Open gym, pizza & Evangelization (day ends at 9 p.m.)



Youth, come join us for a spiritual and fun week of many activities!!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

LOCAL NEWS

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, February 20th. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.

Consider Adoption, what better way is there to respect life in all of its stages than by adopting a homeless child. Be the light in the darkness for them. If there is room in your heart, consider adoption. Contact Downey Side Adoption at: c/o Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street, White Plains, NY 10601, 212 714-2200, Kimberly Frink.

February 14—Valentine's Day



HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY. BE SURE TO HUG A LOVED ONE!!!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

February 2, 2020—Tithing

Envelopes	\$5,026.30
Online	\$ 500.00
Total	\$5,526.30

The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$718.50.

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!"

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!!!!
Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



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, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy and Sister Joan Mary Gleason.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

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Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, February 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
& Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Mary & Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

Monday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Anna Whiteman +

Tuesday, February 11

Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Wednesday, February 12

Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Vito Traversa +

Thursday, February 13

Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Friday, February 14—Valentine's Day

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Saturday, February 15

Weekday

9:00 AM Santiago Manaces Fernandez +

Saturday, February 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

10:00 AM Matthew Lombardo +

11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +

5:00 PM Gaetano Taormina +

February 9, 2020



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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.