

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have heard that it was said, *You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.* But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” —Mt 5:43-45a

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

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
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

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS WITHIN US

Last week we heard Jesus tell His disciples, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill" (Matthew 5:17). Indeed,



we hear Jesus use the same words in today's Gospel that the Torah uses in the first reading. "You shall not bear hatred...take no revenge...love your neighbor," God says to Moses (Leviticus 19:17-18). The difference is in how the word "neighbor" was understood. In Leviticus, neighbor meant "fellow citizen." The Old Testament is filled with incidents in which the Chosen people took revenge against people and leaders who persecuted them, people who were not "fellow citizens." What Jesus says, whether making a Samaritan the hero of the parable He used to answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" or saying "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," is a radical change (Matthew 5:44).

"An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" (Matthew 5:38, from Exodus 21:24), known as the lex talionis, may seem like a defense of vengeance, but at the time it was considered a measured and moderate response. Found in records as early as the eighteenth century BCE, it was a civilized development over practices that allowed or even expected the wronged party to exact revenge way out of proportion to the initial injury. Lex talionis prohibits wanton revenge; Jesus prohibits revenge entirely.

Still, the last instruction Jesus gives, "be perfect," sounds impossible. Only God is perfect. We are human and are incapable of true perfection. And yet, as Saint Paul says in the second reading, "the spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Corinthians 3:16). Our challenge is to allow the Holy Spirit to come to full-and perfect-expression in us.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I allow the Spirit to guide me more fully? How will that affect how I treat both those who treat me well and those who mistreat me?

Blessings

Father Raphael

PARISH NEWS



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.

SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year we will donate to their South Sudan Mission.



The Missionaries of St. Paul took under their care 22 street children. The cost to feed and educate these children is \$412 per child per year.

So, please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box on Ash Wednesday for your family to save their donation and returning the box during holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 26th. Just a note about Masses and Services:



- 7 a.m. Mass with Ashes
- 9 a.m. Mass with Ashes
- 12 Noon Mass with Ashes
- 4 p.m. Short Prayer Service with Ashes
- 6 p.m. Short Prayer Service with Ashes
- 7 p.m. Mass with Ashes

With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Services.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, beginning this Friday, February 28th at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



A Special thank you to all who volunteered and participated in our Winter Festival Dance. A fun time was had by all.

PARISH EVENTS

MARCH



Pasta Party:
Saturday, March 14th after
the 5 p.m. Mass
In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi



Parish Mission:

Monday, March 16th, Tuesday, March 17th & Wednesday,
March 18th at 7 p.m.

BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY



Passion Play dates are Palm Sunday, April 5th
at 2 p.m. and Good Friday, April 10th during
the 7 P.M. Service.

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come
and show us your talents and be a part of this
great Parish event. Auditions are this Monday, February 24th in the
Church at 7 p.m.

The 2020 Mass Book is open with some dates available. Consider
giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special
place in your 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

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



Gracious God, today begins a
period of inner reflection and
examination. The days stretch
before me and invite me
inward to that silent, holy
space that holds Your Spirit.
This special time beckons me
to see my life through Christ's
eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give
me the grace to enter the space of these days with
anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to
Your presence, let Your loving kindness flow over me and
seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of
Your love.

From Catholic Online



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

February 16, 2020- Tithing

Envelopes	\$5,444.20
Online	\$ 660.00
Total	\$6,104.20

The Second Collection for Snow Removal totaled: \$773.70

"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.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We
Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH
PAY).



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, 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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of
all the faithful departed
especially John Bazzini

February 23, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, February 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso +

10:00 AM Michael Castignozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

11:30 AM Matthew Lombardo +

5:00 PM Antonio Vitullo & Carmela & Nicola Antonio
Romagnoli +

Monday, February 24

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Tuesday, February 25

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Edward & Lorraine Groth +

Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Deceased Mem. Of Capuano & Lucchetti Families

9:00 AM Elvin, Steven & Ann Gutierrez (Living)

12 Noon Charles Kolnik +

4:00 PM Short Word Service with Ashes

6:00 PM Short Word Service with Ashes

7:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Thursday, February 27

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Friday, February 28

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Lisa Alexis Villar +

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Saturday, February 29

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

Saturday, February 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Mem. of Brusco & Nania Families

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Amedeo & Angela Lepore +

10:00 AM Rose, Leo, Gloria & Lucy Savona +

11:30 AM Stella Barone +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

February 23, 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.