

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

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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. 9 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 4:45 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

WE ARE PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

In the verses preceding the one we hear in today's first reading Isaiah details Shebna's excesses, particularly the tomb he had hewn himself. Isaiah goes so far as to say that the Lord would see to it that Shebna would make use of his tomb much earlier than he expected! Isaiah's Judah was threatened by foreign adversaries from without and moral decay from within and Isaiah had no time for leaders who served only themselves. Instead, the Lord favors Eliakim, who serves God, and so to him God entrusts the key of the house of David. Eliakim is made a part of David's lineage, ensuring that a Messiah, one anointed to bring salvation, would eventually be born.



Jesus' disciples initially tell Him that people say He is John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets, like Isaiah. A prophet is not one who can predict a future; a prophet is one chosen by God, sent by God, who speaks on God's behalf, and commits to spreading God's message. In this sense Jesus is a prophet, but not just "one of the prophets" (Matthew 16:14). He is not just chosen by God, He is the Son of the living God. He is not just delivering a message, He is the Word of God. He is not just pointing to salvation, He is our salvation. Peter realized this uniqueness of Jesus, and so Jesus gives him authority over all believers.

Each time we gather together at Mass, we listen to the word of the Lord. We eat at the table of the Lord. We grow in knowledge of the Lord and are sustained in the Lord's mission. We become a part of something much larger than ourselves, for we are a part of a parish community, of a diocese, of the whole Church, indeed, of the Body of Christ.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I answer the question Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

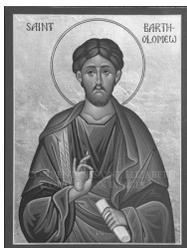
Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PRAYER TO SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
FEAST DAY, MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Lord, sustain us with the faith which made Saint Bartholomew ever loyal to Christ. Let Your Church be the sign of salvation for all the nations of the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Bartholomew, our patron saint, pray for us!!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

We are accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote.

Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.

PARISH NEWS



THE PARISH OFFICE HAS RE OPENED. 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.

WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES WILL NOW RESUME WITH INTENTIONS AS NORMAL.



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, August 23rd AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Alfred & Audrey Falcone +
Elizabeth Laredo +
Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE

LIVING

*We pray for the intentions of:
David Zevon (Living)*

*EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Choice of Stewardship*

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

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.** (THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS INCREASED ACCEPTABLE CAPACITY
TO 50% PROVIDED FACE MASKS ARE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING
IS PRACTICED). 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.

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.

OUR BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS—THANK YOU!!!!

St. Bart's and NY Blood Center express sincere appreciation to
the 85 donors who came down to the SPECIAL 96th Blood Drive
on 8/7/20 to donate 66 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives
have collected 7,270 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and
parishioners to understand the need for
blood, particularly during critical times
of shortage.

46 donors gave a regular donation.
10 donors gave a double red cell
donation using the ALYX system.
8 donors were deferred for various
reasons.

There were 13 new donors!

21 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.
These 21 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested
can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by
calling NYBC at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group #
7747.

Barring any unforeseen circumstances due to the Coronavirus, we
are planning our next drive for the day after Thanksgiving and
look forward to continuing this much needed community service.
Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson



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, and Dan Panik.

**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.**



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially
Rose Gentile.

August 23, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, August 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Alfred & Audrey Falcone +
Elizabeth Laredo +
Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +
David Zevon (Living)

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sandy Gooding +

Tuesday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

Wednesday, August 26

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Vernon James Reeves (Living)

Thursday, August 27

Saint Monica

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Lorena Feroletti +

Friday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Carmela, Frank, & Dina Legio +

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 AM Jeri Michele Sugrue (Living)

Saturday, August 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Edith A. D'Aquila +
Tony & Nettie Cognatello +
Gloria Vitale +
Radames Blanco & Luis Angel Blanco +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

August 23, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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.

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

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