

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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25th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
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, Anthony Martelli

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

Forgetting Self ... Caring For Another

We have all heard the phrase: "He/she is full of himself/herself." We normally see such a person as one who is truly full of himself. One who believes he is superior to others. At best he is preoccupied with his own works, interests, point of view, etc. He talks endlessly about himself, especially his achievements and connections. Often this guy is a poor listener and definitively takes little genuine interest in other people's welfare. He thinks he's very clever, special, or important. The list goes on. It sounds like a made up character but count your blessings if you have never had to deal with a real life "full of himself or herself" character. Count your blessings if you are not full of yourself. However, I guess many of us will jump to the conclusion that "That's not me .. I'm not anything like that." However, we must be slow to make that claim, especially as we all have the tendency to be full of ourselves. Even the apostles were guilty of this very human trait too.



Friends, especially close friends are supposed to be people we bare our hearts to. We cry on their shoulders. We share our joys, worries and fears with them. We count on them to listen, care and support us. So imagine Jesus finally deciding to share a deep secret with his friends – disciples. He tells them about how He's going to die and what will happen after that. We're told that they did not understand what He was saying. And that's OK. You and I would have jumped in to say, "What do you mean by" But not the disciples. We're also told that they were afraid to ask Him. That too is OK, although weird. No one wants to lose a good friend, and not a Master like Jesus. So, yes, you and I might be afraid to ask for any sort of details. We might want to just wish it away.

The problem is what follows. If I was told that they were silent or pensive for the rest of the journey or that they changed the topic to something like the weather, that would make sense. But these guys were discussing about who was the greatest. Your master just opened up and dropped a bombshell that must have been weighing Him down for months, if not years, and all you could talk about is how special you are and who is more special? I don't blame them, I blame Jesus who chose them in the first place. But that's Jesus for you! He's in the habit of choosing very weak humans and using them to accomplish great things, according to His salvation plan. And believe it or not, you and I have been and will still be full of ourselves in the future. Wisdom begins with recognizing this so that we can allow Jesus to then work with us and transform us.

Practical application: The prayer of St. Francis can be a wonderful beginning or continuation for us towards emptying ourselves of ourselves. Probably 90% of our problems with one another is caused by this tendency to be full of ourselves. This prayer is packed with words of wisdom, but above all, it's a prayer. Making it our prayer and praying it often or even daily will transform us into what they convey.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord.

And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, only light.

And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek.

So much to be consoled as to console.

To be understood as to understand.

To be loved as to loved with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

In giving to all men that we receive.

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessings on your week.

Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Deacon Guy Pellegrini.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

Register now for September's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Evening classes are available to accommodate the children of working parents. **First classes began on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.** Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?



◆ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

◆ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.

◆ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious instruction.

◆ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

For further information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676.

FEAST OF ARCHANGELS: MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL

Saturday, September 29th

Angels-messengers from God-appear frequently in Scripture, but only these three are named. Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel (March 24) and Raphael (October 24) were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their feasts to Michael's.

From *Saint of the Day*



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

September 26th – Healing Mass, 7 p.m.

September 29th – 9 a.m. Mass and Reflection following for all Ministry groups

Blessing of the Animals

Thursday, October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be a blessing of the animals in the parking lot at 6 p.m.



OKTOBERFEST

In honor of Steve Hickey, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Saturday, October 13th at 6 p.m. in McManus Parish Center Great Food and Entertainment



Reservations required. Call Joe Chimenti at (914) 423-0975 or Tom Hoffman at 914 476-7976 or contact the Parish Office.

The Holy Name Men will be at the Masses over the next few weekends.

\$15 for adults \$5 for children
\$40 per family (this includes mom, dad and all children under 21).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED NIGHT!!!

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Our food pantry has a need for the following items: **juice, apple sauce, canned fruit, and tuna.** Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. Follow our Youth Group on **Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.**

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is Sunday, October 14th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, October 19th.**

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,475.90
Balance	- \$1,524.10
*(Envelopes \$4,370.90 Online \$1,105.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of September	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$15,059,70

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Lou De Muro, Harold Sullivan and Clare Yaskovic.

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

LIFESCREENING AGAIN AT ST. BART'S

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here on Monday, December 3, 2018 at St Bartholomew's Church. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for Cardiovascular disease include: **Carotid Artery** plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), **Peripheral Arterial Disease** (hardening of the arteries in the legs), **Heart Rhythm Screening** (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an **Osteoporosis Risk Assessment** for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early.

Register online TODAY at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment.

September 23, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, September 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mildred & Michael Pollick +

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +
11:30 AM Giuseppe Rosario Barbieri +
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

Monday, September 24

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

Tuesday, September 25

Weekday

7:00 AM All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Douglas Abbott +

Wednesday, September 26

Weekday

7:00 AM The Molina Family (Living)
9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

Thursday, September 27

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 AM All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Carmelita Margand +

Friday, September 28

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Anthony Prunella, Jr. +

Saturday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth+

Saturday, September 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Walter Zigabarra +

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Carl Laredo+
10:00 AM Nettie Cognatello +
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Celestino Rodriques +

September 23, 2018

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL:

Dear Friends in Christ,

One of the most significant passages in the Bible is Jesus' last personal instruction to His disciples—"Go forth, and make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We are called to follow this "Great Commission," but the young men studying at St. Joseph's Seminary are called in a very special and very specific way. In recognizing and responding to God's call to become the next generation of priests and deacons, these seminarians will mirror the life of Christ as a priest, teacher and shepherd.

As Saint Joseph's Seminary enters its 122nd year, we are modernizing the campus with some long needed repairs. We have replaced the roof and the bell tower, updated the fire and sprinkler systems, added much needed air conditioning to the meeting spaces, and renovated the beautiful chapel. These long overdue physical improvements will enhance our nationally renowned seminary, and hopefully inspire more young men to join us.

As you know, Saint Joseph's Seminary has a great tradition of forming and ordaining holy, faithful and dedicated priests. Many of you are familiar with the financial challenges of educating your children and grandchildren at college. Those same costs exist for our seminarians, but without the option of government scholarships and financial aid. This is why it is the duty of all us to support these men who will eventually support all of us.

Our priests and deacons form and inform, they nourish and strengthen us, and they heal and guide the people of God throughout their lives as Catholics. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to supporting this year's Annual Seminary Appeal. Through His divine love and mercy, God has given us the gift of the young men called to Holy Orders so that we may truly "go forth and make disciples of all nations."

Thank you for the important part you play in the spiritual development of our priests and deacons as they prepare to advance God's kingdom.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

LOCAL EVENTS

Catholic Widow and Widowers: The group is holding its annual Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 40 Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on this Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course. Cost is \$23. All are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

ANNUAL RED MASS

Celebrated by The Most Reverend Bishop Gerald T. Walsh, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of New York at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 92 South Lexington Avenue, White Plains, NY 10608, on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at 6 p.m.**

Lawyers and Members of Law Enforcement and their families are invited to attend. (A Red Mass is a solemn Mass invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the deliberations of the Courts and on the endeavors of all members of the legal profession and law enforcement).

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for students and their parents on Thursday, October 4th, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For additional information, please write e-mail or call: Eric De Michele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028, 212 288-1100, ext. 2057, or edimichele@regis-nyc.org.