

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 and 11:30 a.m. and 5 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 4:30 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:** Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

GIVE MERCY TO OTHERS AS GOD GIVES TO US

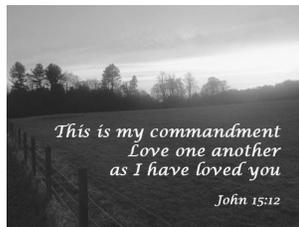


What if David had ordered Abishai to kill Saul? He certainly would have felt justified in doing so, for Saul would have done the same, given the opportunity. But how much bloodshed would have followed? An army of three thousand surrounded him. It is unlikely that David or Abishai would have survived. Then his allies back home would likely have been driven to avenge their deaths. Meanwhile, the

new leader of Saul's army would lead them to avenge the death of their king by killing or imprisoning all those who had allied themselves. David. And so on. Only mercy can defeat retribution.

Jesus teaches the Golden Rule, "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31), but immediately takes it one step further, telling His disciples to "love your enemies and do good to them" (6:35). Note that he is not telling them just to passively tolerate them, but to actively do kind things for them. This is as countercultural now as it was then. It asks us to look at our enemies as God does, with mercy and love. None of us is sinless, immune from judgment or condemnation. How often have we seen a public figure denounce a person or a group or heard a friend bad-mouth someone else? Let us realize that the reverse could happen just as easily. Our challenge is to reconcile with those we want to condemn, giving others the mercy God gives us.

Paul knows intimately what it's like to receive God's mercy. He had persecuted Christians before his conversion and was on his way to Damascus to imprison more of them. Had he been struck dead, it would have appeared destined. But God did not return violence with violence. Paul went on to become the premier apostle of the faith among the Gentiles. Paul reminds the Corinthians that we all bear the image of God's creation, from Adam to Christ. As Adam was given life by God, Christ gives life to those with His spirit within them. As children of Adam, we look forward to bearing the image of Christ.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who has hurt me to whom I can give mercy? How can I go about giving mercy, giving life, to them?

Blessings

Father Raphael

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are needed for Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> to hang plastic cards on door knobs. Volunteers will be working in teams of 2. Please contact Cheryl Duda if you can help St. Bart's out.

Hours are between 10 am and 1 pm. This is a great way to get some exercise.



**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.



**PRESIDENT'S DAY:** This Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> is President's Day, a legal holiday. **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9 A.M.**

For this week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

**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.



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**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2020 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS.**

The 2022 Mass book still has Masses 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 birthdays, 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.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2023 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup> AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, which is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Mass times are: 7 am and 9 am. There will be short Word Services at 4 pm and 7 pm. With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Services.



**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**MASSES**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**  
 7 AM AND 9 AM  
**SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Thanking God for Missing Spears**

Imagine how Saul must have felt when he awoke from his sleep and saw his spear missing from its resting place. Now imagine how he felt when he realized that the person who had it was the same person seeking his life — and there he sat, safe and sound. Now there's a day you don't forget your morning prayers.

I think if we look, we can all find a "missing spear moment" in our lives, when it hits us right in the gut that God has kept us safe from an impending disaster. This can be physical disaster, sure — but more commonly, I think it is spiritual disaster. Often the salvation comes through the gift of a person, or people, through whom God reveals His mercy.

When I was in high school, I had a circle of friends who were really into their faith. We were all in youth ministry together, and the bond we shared taught me a lesson that changed me as a person: we become those with whom we associate. I can look back now, all these years later, and see that these people are evidence of God's hand in my life.

Take a look at your life. In whose love has God shown you comfort? By whose hand has God brought you closer to Him, or kept you away from harm? Through whose friendship has God shaped you into the person you are?

Let's strive to remember to thank God for these people — and to thank them, too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**Attention busy Catholic family men, professionals and students:**

The Knights of Columbus online membership program allows Catholic men (ages 18+) and their families to enjoy the benefits of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization at their own convenience. In addition to many web-based spiritual resources, online members have access to the top-rated Knights of Columbus life insurance program as well as the option (but not the obligation) to transfer their membership to a local Knights of Columbus council.

Contact Rob Maffucci at 917 319-5525 or [Robert.maffucci@kofc.org](mailto:Robert.maffucci@kofc.org) for a special promo code on [kofc.org/JoinUs](http://kofc.org/JoinUs) that will unlock a special limited time no-risk offer of one full year of **FREE** online membership. Bob can also connect men interested in traditional membership with the officers of a nearby Knights of Columbus council.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

February 6<sup>th</sup>

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	<b>\$2,159.00</b>
<i>On Line giving:</i>	<b>\$1,215.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,374.00</b>

**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](http://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](mailto: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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, and Megan Weingarten.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM In Honor of Christian Civilization

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**Sunday, February 20, 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Elizabeth Feroletto +

11:30 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, February 21**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Anthony Nguyen (Living)

**Tuesday, February 22**

**The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marie Giuriceo +

**Wednesday, February 23**

**Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Thursday, February 24**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

**Friday, February 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

9:00 AM Edward & Lorraine Groth +

**Saturday, February 26**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Marie Giuriceo +

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**Saturday, February 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Elizabeth Hodges +

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**Sunday, February 27, 2022**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

February 20, 2022

**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 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 Parish Office. 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.

**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

