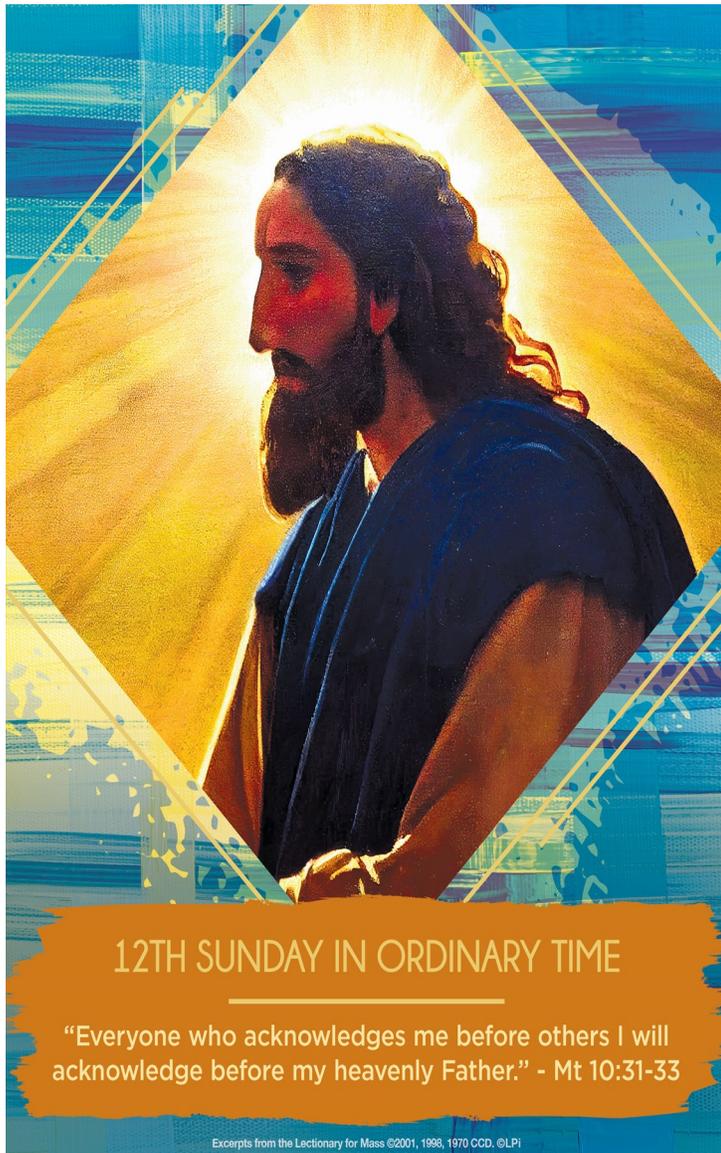


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

TAKE A STAND

Grace is greater than sin. This is the point that Paul is making to the Romans. As terrible as sin is - for it caused a fundamental separation from God and brought mortality and death - grace is greater. The grace that Jesus won for us on the cross restores our union with God and brings the promise of immortality through eternal life. Grace is stronger than sin for when both are present, grace overcomes sin. Grace overcomes not just the original sin Adam brought into the world; it is able to overcome all human sin. Grace washes our soul



clean from sin.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus send the Twelve out to the countryside of Galilee, instructing them to proclaim: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). This is what He is now encouraging them to proclaim from the housetops. However, He has just warned them about persecution. Like Jeremiah, they would hear people denounce them and worse. But God would watch over them, over every little hair on their heads. Proclaiming the immanence of God's kingdom from the housetops is an acknowledgment that Jesus embodies the kingdom. For this, Jesus assures them that he will acknowledge them in turn.

Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus all faced persecution, for their values aligned with God's, not society's. Jeremiah's message that Jerusalem's fall was God's punishment for the people's sinfulness did not win him many friends. Indeed, his friends stood ready to take vengeance on him. Paul repeatedly preached a countercultural message across the Gentile world. Jesus found enemies among both religious and political authorities. Tradition holds that Jeremiah was martyred in exile after the fall of Jerusalem, killed by fellow exiles. If this is true, then all three died at the hands of their persecutors. But as Jesus told the Twelve, those who can kill the body but not the soul should not be feared. We have no less an obligation to bear witness to our faith in an often cynical and intolerant world. Our life in the Lord can overcome our very real fears in our day-to-day life.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

What am I reluctant to take a stand on? How can I bear witness most effectively and realistically?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

St Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **105<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive** on **FRIDAY, July 7<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon to 6 pm, at St. Bartholomew's Gym. It is preferable to make appointments by using: <https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive/schedule/280910>.



NY Blood Center prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only if capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment. Covid policy and precautions will meet

current FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be optional.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Tell your family and friends too.

**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.



**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



**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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:**

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR JULY next Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and next Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **THIS Saturday and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**



Loving God, Creator of all times and places, we thank you for the gift of summertime, the days of light, warmth and leisure.



Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us everywhere we look: the multi-colored flowers, the deep blue of the sky, the tranquil surface of lakes, the laughter of children at play, people strolling in parks, families gathered around picnic tables and the more time to spend with family and friends.

As we open our eyes and ears to the landscape of nature and people, open our hearts to receive all as gifts. Give us that insight to see you as the Divine Artist. Help us to realize and appreciate that you are laboring to keep all in existence. Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence.

Let all the gifts we enjoy this summer deepen our awareness of your love so that we may share this with others and enjoy a summertime of re-creation. AMEN

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



MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,**  
**12:30 PM (SPANISH)**  
**& 5 PM**

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**Will You Say Yes?**

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

Calling all single Catholics! August 25th-27th, 2023 - Join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Conference for Single Catholics at St. John's Resort, in Plymouth, MI *OR participate virtually and engage with others via the online socials and small group discussions. This is your chance to connect with like-minded singles (of all ages). The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. (If attending in-person, use the promo code (PARISH23) when you register to get \$50 off! Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code.) Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register. (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)*

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

June 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday collection: \$5,717.00  
On Line giving: \$1,045.00  
Total: \$6,762.00

**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, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.  
**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.**



This **Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

June 25, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**9:00 Saturday, June 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rose Virga +

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**Sunday, June 25  
Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Robert Liddell & Carl Laredo +  
11:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers  
12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, June 26**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Fathers  
9:00 AM Carole & Richard Romanowski (Living)

**Tuesday, June 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Udeaku & Ubaku Ubawike +  
9:00 AM Rose Zanca (Living)

**Wednesday, June 28**

**Saint Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Graduation of  
Edgar Arias (Living)  
9:00 AM Michael & Alexis Tracey (Living)

**Thursday, June 29**

**Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Robert Sugrue +

**Friday, June 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM David Kucharczyk +

**Saturday, July 1**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM No Intention

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**Saturday, July 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Paul Capuano (Living)

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**Sunday, July 2  
Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM George & Marie Hoffman +  
Mary & Thomas Barrett +  
11:00 AM Belkis B. Rodriguez +  
12:30 PM Juan Touriz, Luz Minerva Rodriguez,  
Anna Luisa Luna & Silvia Beatriz Luna +  
5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

**June 25, 2023**

**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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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**

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

