

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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

DRIVE OUT THE UNCLEAN SPIRITS

It is interesting that Mark chooses not to write anything about what Jesus taught in the synagogue, but only about how He taught. Twice he says that Jesus taught with authority. Teaching with authority can mean two different things. The obvious meaning is reflected in the way Jesus confronts the unclean spirit: He orders it come out of the man and the unclean spirit obeys. But teachers also speak with authority when they know the subject inside and out. Clearly, no one knows the subject of God or faith better than Jesus. This is the authority the unclean spirit recognizes. Jesus is able to interpret the law beyond measure because He Himself has come to fulfill it.

Mark also contrasts Jesus' teaching with the scribes, much maligned in the Gospels. It is not their fault; no matter how much the scribes studied the law, they could not truly understand it as Jesus could. Therefore, when we attempt to discern what Jesus would teach us today about our current issues and problems, we look to His authority in both senses: inspiring obedience and knowing God's will.

"Have you come to destroy us?" asks the unclean spirit in the Gospel, knowing that without a person to reside in, it was doomed (Mark 1:24). Indeed, Jesus only expels the unclean spirit from the poor man; He does not slay it. In a way it is destroyed, however, because it no longer has a host. The unclean spirit is made powerless and the man is freed of his torment. But the man would be wise to avoid the vulnerability that could lead to this demon returning to him for it is only defeated for now, not destroyed forever. We too depend upon a higher power to exorcise our demons, but forever taking care to resist their reappearance later.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me? Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?

Blessings

Father Raphael

FAREWELL POT LUCK PARTY FOR FATHER VICTOR

Last chance to sign up for the farewell party for Father Victor as we wish him well on his new assignment. Saturday, February 3rd after the 5 pm Mass.

WE WISH FATHER VICTOR MUCH HAPPINESS IN HIS NEW PARISH. WE WILL MISS HIM!!!



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.



THE ALTAR CANDLES are lit in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra by Lorraine Zigabarra.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. by Sandra. Ricciardi.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for February NEXT Saturday, February 3rd one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday February 4th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Masses. Trays will be out THIS weekend, January 27th and 28th.

The 2024 Mass book 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.



NOTE: THE 2025 Mass book opens on Ash Wednesday, February 14th at the 9 am Mass.

Saturday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after the 9 am Mass.

About St. Blaise.....

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S
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

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:



This **Friday, February 2nd**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. **Saturday, February 3rd**, 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS *Embracing Change in Christ*

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2023 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

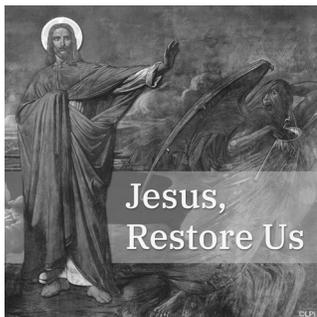
New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life He offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; He is a consoling figure, but He is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and His invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demonic never did.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 14th
Sunday collection: \$3,925.00
On Line giving: \$1,446.00
Total: \$5,371.00

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 (**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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

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.

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January 28, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, January 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

Sunday, January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Arlene Tiplady +
Paul Capuano (Living)
11:00 AM Mary Breheny +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, January 29

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Marie Caloia +

Tuesday, January 30

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Giovanni Lucchetti & Family
(Living)

Weekday, January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Adam Uzdejczyk +

Thursday, February 1

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +

Weekday—Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +
Linda & Gene Skelly +

Saturday, February 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Michael & Paula Giandomenico (Living)
Walter Zigabarra +

Sunday, February 4
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Werr &
Spinner Families
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

January 28, 2024

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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor

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: _____

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

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

