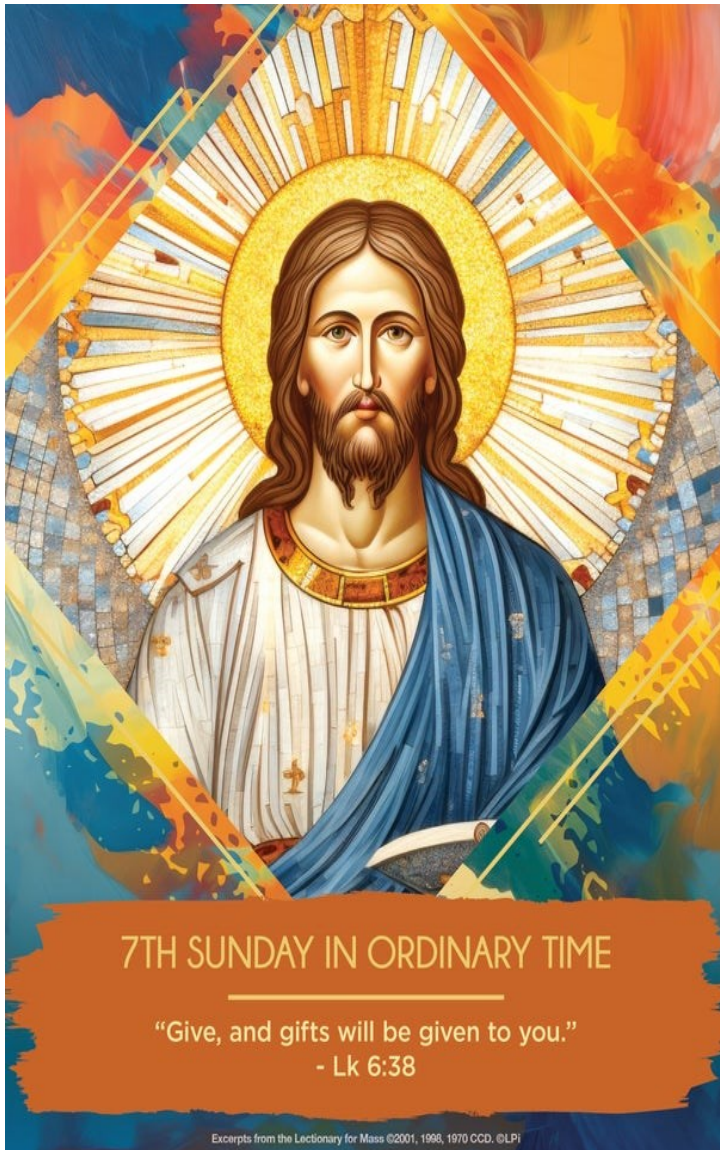


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dr. Anthonio Ciacca, 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.

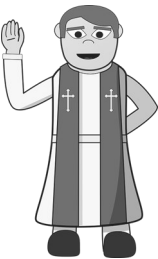
Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Joseph Chimenti

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

HOW DO I CHANGE MY THINKING AND BEHAVIOR WHEN I AM WRONGED?



Saul chases David into the desert because he is consumed with jealousy of the young giant slayer. David has every reason to fear for his life, seeing an army of thousands in pursuit, led by a king who kept a spear right next to him as he slept. But given the opportunity to kill Saul while he sleeps, David elects to spare his life. He tells his comrade Abishai that he will not kill Saul because Saul has been anointed by God. Jesus takes it one step further in the Gospel, teaching His disciples to love their enemies, whether or not they have been anointed. Our enemies may not be anointed by God, but no matter who they are, they were created in the image of God and are children of God. We have no right to hate or fight a fellow child of God.

Saint Paul puts it all together for the Corinthians. In speaking of the first Adam, who was made a living being on earth by God, and the last Adam—Christ—who comes from heaven and gives life, Paul writes, "Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one" (1 Corinthians 15:49). As we now resemble Adam in our humanity, one day we will resemble Christ in His glory.

Putting the lessons from today's Gospel into practice is a major challenge. It is tempting to fight back, to be judgmental, to condemn those who do not agree with us. After all, isn't that what we see online or on television, or practice ourselves on social media or among our family and friends? The key to meeting this challenge is to become as selfless as possible. We must overcome our self-centeredness and choose self-sacrifice, as Jesus Himself did. He freely gave His healing power knowing He could not be repaid. He lived without possessions, trusting in God's generosity. He forgave His enemies, even from the cross. It helps to see life as a collaboration, with all Gods' children growing and developing in harmony, not as a competition, where we fear that we will not get or keep what is our fair share.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Which is the most difficult challenge for me: turning the other cheek when I have been hurt or wronged, refraining from judging others, or giving without repayment? How will I change my thinking and my behavior?

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 5th.

Masses with distribution of Ashes are at 7 am, 9 am and 7 pm

Word Service with distribution of Ashes is at 4 pm



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. More details in next Sunday's bulletin

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR March on Saturday, March 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, March 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. TRAYS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FOOD DONATIONS THIS WEEKEND, AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**



PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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 2025 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.



PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

REFLECTION

We sometimes spend more money than we should. We make decisions based upon our wants and not our needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because we wanted what we wanted and we got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, we should realize we are not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. We need to listen once again to the words of Jesus when He says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often we would like for others to fulfill our wants instead of needs, and we can seemingly love ourselves.

A stewardship way of life means that we wisely steward what we have, and we cannot give what we do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would we have others give us lavish gifts and shower us with empty compliments or would we have them give to us something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, we need to love ourselves more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of Christian Life



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Dear Jesus,
 Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard.
 Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you.
 Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me.
 Amen.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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



We are in need of singers for our Masses, children, teens and adults. If you are interested, please see Antonio, our Music Director, Father Mark or Cheryl Duda or call the Parish Office. Please we need your voices to sing God's praises.



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

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Bingo will be Sunday, March 23rd. Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks for further details.



STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 9, 2025

Sunday collection: \$2,631.00
On Line giving: \$1,625.00
Total \$4,256.00

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.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, 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, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, & Martha Cesaitis.

Please call 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.



Saturday, March 1st 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.

February 23, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 22

5:00 PM Rose De Rosa +

Sunday, February 23 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dorothy Schreiber + Veronica Chappory +
11:00 AM Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday February 24

Weekday
7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez +
9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, February 25

Weekday
7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Loretta Kennedy +

Wednesday, February 26

Weekday
7:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, February 27

Weekday
7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ed & Rose Bell +

Friday, February 28

Weekday
7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Lisa Villar +

Saturday, March 1

Weekday
9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 1

5:00 PM Tricia Maria Locatelli +

Sunday, March 2 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dorothy Schreiber +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick + Caridad Areizaga +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly 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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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