

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 Ezeh, 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

ASSIST OTHERS THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

“Make straight paths for your feet,” we hear in Hebrews (12:13). In the Gospel, Jesus tells us, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate” (Luke 13:24). We are told, in other words, to keep to the straight and narrow. Later on His journey to Jerusalem, Jesus will compare entering God’s kingdom to a camel passing through the eye of a needle. Sounds as though the answer to the question at the opening of today’s Gospel, “Will only a few people be saved?” (Luke 13:23) is an emphatic “Yes!”



But wait. Jesus goes on to say that people are coming from every direction on the compass and they will all make it into the kingdom of God. This echoes God’s words in Isaiah, “I come to gather nations of every language” (66:18). Isaiah’s words are radical to his Jewish audience. They were the chosen People, after all, the ones on that straight and narrow path. Now they’re told they must yield to Gentiles from these far-off places spread over Africa, Asia, and Europe. For those who thought they had the inside track to salvation, it would be sobering to hear Jesus say that “some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last” (Luke 13:30).

It is revealing that the same Jesus who warned us about the narrow gate opened His arms wide on the cross to redeem the world. It is the wideness of God’s mercy, not our ability to stick to the straight and narrow, that determines whether we end up reclining at the table in God’s kingdom. By all means, we should try to strive to be a disciple, to aim for that narrow gate. We are called to focus our attention, our discipleship, on what is truly important, discarding whatever distracts us from that focus, that prevents us from concentrating on striving toward the kingdom. But we must always recognize that we are not the ones in charge.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How will I strive this week to aim for the narrow gate? How can I assist those outside my comfort zone as they strive to enter the narrow gate as well?

Blessings

Father Raphael

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 BREAD & WINE is donated in loving memory of deceased members of the Sorensen Family.

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 this week 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. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1st Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.



Religious Education

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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.



St. Bart’s will be walking door to door through the parish area to hang doorknob holders on people’s doors on Monday August 29th with a rain date of Tuesday August 30th. We will leave St Bart’s parking lot at around 6pm. We go as a group and last time we had over 30 parishioners joining the effort and were able to hang 2000 doorknob advertisements in under two hours. This is the major way we are able to grow our parish and cannot do it without the help of a large team. We still need some volunteers. Please sign up at the back table if you can help walk with us on those dates or call the Parish Office. Teens are welcome and encouraged to join us.



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

Chancing the Narrow Gate

From doctors to counselors, anthropologists to schoolteachers, it seems like everyone has their own parenting style to peddle, guaranteeing it will result in a happy and well-adjusted kid.

You've got "gentle parenting," predicated on respect for the child's feelings and needs. You've got "attachment parenting," based on the belief that kids need time to adjust to being outside of the womb. You've got "free-range parenting," where self-sufficiency reigns supreme.

But of all the parenting approaches I've come across, I've never encountered a philosophy that rejects discipline altogether. There are lots of conflicting opinions on how best to administer that discipline, but I've never heard any parent or parenting "expert" worth their salt say that a mother or father should completely ignore misbehavior that threatens the well-being of the child himself.

Discipline is in our human DNA. Consider for a moment what the world would look like if it came to be filled with people who had never been taught to reflect on their life challenges. People who bristled at the suggestion of personal growth.

And yet we become this way with God. Even the most "devout" among us shy away from occasions of divine constructive criticism. We avoid confession and forego daily examinations of conscience. We keep things superficial in our prayer life, avoiding depth of heart and real intimacy with God, afraid of what He will speak to us.

But when we do this, we rob ourselves of an opportunity to rely on God's fatherly strength, to rest in His mercy, to fill ourselves up with His goodness. We're putting up our hands, saying: "No thanks, Father, I'm good. You can keep your discipline. You can keep your grace."

When we do this, we are making a beeline for the "narrow gate," sure of our own strength and ability to pass through it. All I can say is this, proceed at your own peril. Are you so sure of yourself?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You know our misery and our weakness. O thou who art our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial. Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope. We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need. Most Holy

and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen. Mary Immaculate Queen, triumph and reign! Amen



STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 7th

Sunday collection: \$2,875.00

On Line giving: \$1,145.00

Total: \$4,020.00

**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, 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, Megan Weingarten, and Richard Gritta.

Please contact 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.

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers
Communion Breakfast**

On Sunday, September 18th, Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their 30th Annual Communion Breakfast. We will be attending the 11:30am Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers at 11:30am. Luncheon immediately following the Mass at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cost: \$27 cash, payable at the luncheon, reservations required - call 914-968-0614 or 914-965-6278. Bring a friend. Guests are welcome.

August 21, 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Delia & John Tighe +

Sunday, August 21, 2022

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Sorensen Family

5:00 PM Eugene Ubawike, Sr, +

Monday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Laura Campbell (Living)

Tuesday, August 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Medardo Hernandez +

9:00 AM Linda Orford +

Wednesday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

Thursday, August 25

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Louis Barcelo +

Friday, August 26

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Olga Vega +

Saturday, August 27

Saint Monica

9:00 AM Marie Giuriceo +

Saturday, August 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

Nettie & Tony Cognatello +

11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Marianne Monopoli +

August 21, 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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

