

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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

**DO NOT HOLD BITTERNESS IN YOUR HEART**

Peter must have thought he was going overboard when he suggested that he would forgive the person who wronged him seven times. But seven times actually seems doable. Once a day for an entire week isn't that hard. And after all, seven represented completeness. To complete the forgiveness process, if seven times was what it took, okay. But Jesus shocks Peter when He demands forgiving seventy-seven times. Who could possibly do that? But that's the point. Forgiveness isn't something that is tracked on a scorecard, with a certain number of boxes to fill in. The goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. Until that is reached, we need to keep trying, whether it takes seven times, seventeen times, seventy times or whatever number of times. There is no limit, for your relationship with your brother or sister remains incomplete until you have reconciled.

Forgiveness begins in the heart. Unfortunately, so do wrath and anger, which Sirach urges us to avoid. When we are wronged, especially when it hurts, especially when it has long-term consequences or even changes our lives completely, it is difficult for the heart to make a complete turn from anger to mercy. But, as doctors will say, we need to nurture a healthy heart. When we hug tightly wrath and anger, allowing them to fester into resentment or bitterness, we are unconsciously choosing to have an unhealthy heart. Forgiveness allows us to reconcile with the consequences of the action that hurt us as well as with the cause of that hurt. It allows us to heal the broken relationship with that person, with an apparently unfair world, and with a seemingly unjust God.

Saint Paul can be of help. "We live for the Lord, and... we die for the Lord," he tells the Romans (14:8). As God's children, baptized in Christ, we belong to the Lord and so we live and we die for Him. As Christians, we are called to look to Christ as a model of forgiveness. Let us make Christian not just a name but part of our very core, our heart.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I see myself letting resentment or bitterness build up in my heart? Who do I need to reach out to and forgive?  
**Blessings** *Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*



*Starting with the first weekend in October, those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during a particular month will receive a special blessing at the Masses on the first Saturday and Sunday of that month.*

**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.



*Rest in Peace*

We pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Barbara Fandel.

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes began on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.



*Religious Education*

**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.



*We will have our Children's Mass at 9:30 am beginning the first weekend in October.*

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



**Seniors Movie Thursday, Thursday, September 21<sup>ST</sup> at 10 am**  
**"Gianna Molla"**

**A Prayer for our Teachers:**

*O Lord, You who have called and equipped the teachers in our community, we pray for them today. Watch over them, provide for them, guide them, sustain them. May You be their sun and shield, so that they might do the work that You have entrusted to them and sense your care in these uncertain times. In Jesus' name. 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  
**Should I Stay or Should I Go?**

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

**Sacred Heart Church is having a blood drive on September 24<sup>th</sup>**

*from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm*

*Sacred Heart Church*

*Church Hall*

*110 Shonnard Place*

*Yonkers, NY 10703*

*See the flyer in the vestibule of the Church*



**† STEWARDSHIP ☒**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*September 3rd*

**Sunday collection: \$3,820.00**

**On Line giving: \$1,255.00**

**Total: \$5,075.00**

**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, 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, and Judy Hanrahan.

**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.**

September 17, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the*  
*Week*

**Saturday, September 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family  
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**Sunday, September 17**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Terrusa Family  
11:00 AM John McArdle +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Deacon Robert Clemens +  
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**Monday, September 18**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
9:00 AM Dominic & Cecilia Nguyen +

**Tuesday, September 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
9:00 AM Jessie Kowaluk +

**Wednesday, September 20**

**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong  
Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
9:00 AM Connie & Jim Foti +

**Thursday, September 21**

**Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Friday, September 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
9:00 AM Richard Romanowski (Living)

**Saturday, September 23**

**Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

9:00 AM Jose Oscar Umana +  
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**Saturday, September 23 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Harold Smith, III +  
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**Sunday, September 24**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Lawrence Tiplady +  
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Kurz Family  
(Edyth, Herbert & Leonard)  
Dr, Edward Casey +  
Frank & Angela Nanoia +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Leonard Cacciatore +

**September 17, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

