

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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  
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

HOW DOES GOD REASSURE ME?

The first step in receiving forgiveness is to acknowledge one's own sinfulness in the Lord's presence. Awareness of one's own sinfulness can be overwhelming. When seeing the Lord, Isaiah at once realized he was unclean, crying, "woe is me" (Isaiah 6:5). Peter fell to his knees before Jesus, boldly admitting, "I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Paul calls himself, "the least of the apostles... because he persecuted the church of God" (1 Corinthians 15:9). Before any of them respond to God's call, they confess their need for forgiveness. In doing so, they receive healing and reconciliation.

Paul tells the Corinthians that after appearing to Peter and the rest of the apostles, Jesus appeared to more than five hundred others at once. No mention is made in any of the Gospels of this appearance which would seem to be quite memorable. Paul's point is that direct eyewitnesses of the risen Lord were still around to attest to the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Hundreds of them. The risen Lord's presence was not confined to the few narratives we hear in the Gospels featuring no more than twelve disciples at a time.

After Jesus had taught the crowds from Peter's boat, He asked him to do two things—"Put out into deep water and lower your nets" - neither of which Peter would normally do (Luke 5:4). He must have been quite impressed by this stranger's teaching to do either one. The Lake of Gennesaret (more commonly known as the Sea of Galilee) is 8 miles wide and up to one hundred fifty feet deep. During the day fishing boats stayed close to shore, for sea squalls could easily capsize these boats. Moreover, during the day the fish swam as deep as they could to avoid the bright sunlight. Knowledgeable fisherman fished at night. So Peter was faced with doing something both potentially dangerous and visibly foolish. But after hearing Jesus teaching, he did. We may feel that sometimes God is leading us out to deep waters and making us look foolish. May His words of reassurance and comfort and the fact that He has shared His very body with us give us confidence to trust Him.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
When have I felt frightened or foolish by doing something I felt called to do? How has God reassured me and given me confidence??

*Blessings* *Father Raphael*

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. — Lk 5:5-6

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# 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 BREAD AND WINE** is donated **AND THE ALTAR CANDLES** are lit in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra by Lorraine Zigabarra and Family



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa family.

**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. Josephine Bakhita | February 8

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master. She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.





**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\*\*\*\***

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:**

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR FEBRUARY on THIS Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The gift of the Mission**

Early on in my work in parish ministry, I had to deal with a tough human resources situation, letting some staff members go and stepping into a role that demanded more of my time and energy.

In moments like this, stewardship can feel burdensome. Things take a turn we didn't expect, perhaps in spite of our best efforts. Maybe more is asked of us than we want or feel prepared to give.

But that's when we need to remember that stewardship isn't a job that we apply for. It's a gift bestowed directly from God, the Creator of all, and that can be scary all on its own, if we are preoccupied with our own unworthiness. What we might want to do is fall on our knees like Simon Peter and announce, "Depart from me, Lord — I am sinful."

But what if we stop looking in the mirror and look instead to God?

All those years ago, when I was faced with that ministerial challenge, I asked my wife to join me. What started as a tough situation turned into a decade of shared ministry with her — an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. It was a burden that became a gift.

We must remember that God knows what He is about. In His mercy, He gives us what we need as everyday stewards. When God calls out, "Whom shall we send?" we — in all our sinfulness — are allowed to cry out "Send me, Lord!" And He sends us out and behold — our nets tear with the bounty we harvest in His name.

— 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 23rd*

**Sunday collection: \$2,932.00**  
**On Line giving: \$1,115.00**  
**Total: \$4,047.00**

**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, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

**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.**

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February 6 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, February 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

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**Sunday, February 6, 2022  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
Walter Zigabarra +  
Josephine & Michael Califano +

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco + &  
Julieann Campisi Moroch +

5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

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**Monday, February 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Tuesday, February 8**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

**Wednesday, February 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Song & Maria Phan +

**Thursday, February 10**

**Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anna Phan Nguyen +

**Friday, February 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Tiffany Nguyen (Living)

**Saturday, February 12**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Nancy Nguyen (Living)

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**Saturday, February 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vito Traversa +

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**Sunday, February 13, 2022  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Theresa Venturino +

11:30 AM Mary & Albert Gregorio +

5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

**February 6, 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**

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