

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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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
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

SERVING GOD AND MY NEIGHBOR

During today's Liturgy of the Word we moved from despair to hope. We begin with Job, who not unjustifiably despairs of his lot. He has lost his health, his livelihood, his family. He has hit rock bottom, lamenting, "I shall not see happiness again" (Job 7:7). He has lost hope. In the Gospel, we hear of tons of people who are suffering. From Simon's mother-in-law to the ill and possessed of Capernaum, eventually the entire town was looking to Jesus for help. Jesus brought them promise, healing, and hope. Eventually, Mark reports, He healed people throughout Galilee. A people in despair have been lifted up in hope. Let us find hope in Jesus even in our despair.

A subtle shift occurs between the second and third paragraphs of the Gospel. Notice that at first Jesus stays in one place and the whole town comes to Him. But a few verses later, He sets out for the other villages of Galilee, saying that "for this purpose I have come" (Mark 1:38). His mission is not to sit and wait, but to go and do. Tellingly, before leaving Capernaum He goes to a deserted place to pray. It appears that His Father has reminded Him of His mission. His mission is to spread the good news. He cannot stay in one place. He must go forth. So must we.



It is startling to hear that Simon's mother-in-law, healed of her fever, immediately began to wait on her son-in-law and her guests. Significantly, though, the word Mark uses, diakoneo, is the same word that Jesus uses about His ministry ["the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45)], the same word we use even now regarding ministry. In the presence of the Lord, Simon's mother-in-law assumes the role of a minister, serving God and serving her neighbor. Saint Paul does as well, making himself a slave for the sake of the gospel.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I serve God and serve my neighbor? Will I commit to doing all I can?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, JANUARY 31st AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:
 Albert Pragana +
 Robert Liddell +
 Ralph Verderosa +
 Angela Yanet Cuevas +
 Walter Zigabarra +

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 SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa Family.

THE ALTAR BREAD & WIND AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra by Lorraine Zigabarra.

The **2021 Mass Book** is open with dates 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 birthday's, 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. You may call the Parish Office to arrange a Mass or come to the Parish office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

OPENING OF 2022 MASS BOOK

Due to the pandemic, WE WILL NOT be booking Masses in person this year. Those wishing to book Masses for 2022 should call the Parish Office beginning **Monday, February 8th**. You will be able to book your Masses of choice over the phone. You can either mail in your payment (a receipt will be mailed to you) or drop your payment off at the Parish office (a receipt will be given to you) **when the Parish office is open (Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**



If you prefer, you can also mail in your Mass choices. Upon receipt of your request(s), you will be contacted.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use canned fruit, juice, paper towels, paper napkins, mayonnaise, and ketchup.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards for needy families. **May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

Please Note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. These are needed for a mission project for the religious education students. Thank you!!!



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Kevin Fredeman and William Ackerman.

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:
MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND**



9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

******CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM******

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Audacity of Holiness**

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



LENTEN INFORMATION

We will have more information on ash distribution for Ash Wednesday in the bulletin next weekend and also announcements will be made by Father Raphael in church. Information will also be published on our parish website and on our face book page.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. **IT'S EASY!** (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

**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, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, and James Burns.

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.

February 7, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, February 6(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Albert Pragana +
Robert Liddell +
Ralph Verderosa +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
Walter Zigabarra +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Emmett Greaney (Living)
9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Tuesday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Faranda &
DePole Families
9:00 AM Francis & Teresa +

Wednesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM Armando Velez (Living)
9:00 AM Angela Yanet Cuevas +

Thursday, February 11

Weekday

7:00 AM Armando Velez (Living)
9:00 AM Daniel De Chent +

Friday, February 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Vito Traversa +

Saturday, February 13

Weekday

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, February 13(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
and Rosary Altar Society
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Patrick Vincent Fox +
Felix Vazquez +
Jose Romero +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

February 7, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

HOLY
COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

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