

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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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

BRING GOD'S BLESSING TO OTHERS

Amos "was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores" (Amos 7:14). Shepherds are few and far between these days, but they are certainly more common than dressers of sycamores. Dressing sycamore figs centuries ago meant climbing up to



reach the fruit and slitting open the top to hasten its ripening and make the fruit sweeter. It was a labor intensive process, but it greatly improved the fruit. Amos had two jobs, neither easy but both important and God called him away from both to speak out against the authorities in Bethel. These leaders grew indignant at prophets who came uninvited, for the court's own prophets were expected to preach prosperity for the king and doom for enemies. In his new role, however, Amos pierced the power of the rulers at the top so that the country could blossom and ripen. Then he—together with the kings—could shepherd the people as a faithful nation.

Today's Gospel ends far differently from last week's. Mark tells us today that "the Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" (Mark 6:13). Just last week, in Nazareth, Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying His hands on them" (6:5). First off, Mark emphasizes that faith enables the power of Jesus to be effective—"Daughter, your faith has saved you" (5:34)—and Nazareth held mostly skeptics. But it is instructive to note that six pairs of disciples journeying along six different routes were able to encounter many more people than one group of thirteen could. As Jesus' disciples in the twenty-first century, we can encounter, many, many more people. In Baptism, we became part of the body of Christ, called and empowered to carry on Jesus' mission, driving out evil and ministering to those in need.



Talk about traveling light: no change of clothes, no food, no bag, no money. But what they brought was much greater. They brought the authority to drive out evil and to heal the sick. By not being dependent on material things, they could place their dependence on God. God gave them the authority they needed to carry out their mission and obviously that was enough, for their mission was successful. Let us not concentrate on what we don't have, but on what we do have, which Paul beautifully details: adoption as a child of God, redemption by Christ's blood, a share in God's glory, forever.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Can I recall a time when I was provided what I needed to bring God's blessing to others? Can I trust in God whenever I feel inadequate to the task?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*



**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.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially  *Rest in Peace* Walter Duda.

**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**



- DECEASED:**  
 Christine Bellino +  
 Marion De Muro +  
 Oscar Starkenberg +  
 George & Eleanor Tiplady +  
 Giovanni De Feo +  
 Mary Gregorio & Dennis Madonia +  
 Antonio Perez +

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**



Register now for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

**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.

**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use cereal, tuna, and juices.*  
**May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**



**NOTE CHANGE FOR JULY FOR MEAL DONATIONS**

**SOUP KITCHEN**  
**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR JULY THIS Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on this Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



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

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Given the name **Tekakwitha**, baptized as **Catherine** and informally known as **Lily of the Mohawks** (1656 – April 17, 1680), is a Roman Catholic saint who was an Algonquin–Mohawk laywoman. Born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, on the south side of the Mohawk River, she contracted smallpox in an epidemic; her family died and her face was scarred. She converted to Roman Catholicism at age nineteen, when she was renamed Kateri, baptized in honor of Saint Catherine of Siena. Refusing to marry, she left her village and moved for the remaining 5 years of her life to the Jesuit mission village of Kahnawake, south of Montreal in New France, now Canada.



Tekakwitha took a devout vow of perpetual virginity. Upon her death at the age of 24, witnesses said that minutes later her scars vanished and her face appeared radiant and beautiful. Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, as well as being shunned by some of her tribe for her religious conversion to Catholicism, she is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Roman Catholic Church and the first to be canonized.

Under the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, she was beatified in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI at Saint Peter's Basilica on October 21, 2012. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession.

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

**What We Carry from Town to Town**

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATED**

*June 27, 2021– Tithing*

<i>Envelope</i>	<i>\$2,217</i>
<i>Online</i>	<i>\$1,300</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$3,517</i>

**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](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, Harold Sullivan, 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, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, and Emil Kurak.

**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.**

**PRAYER TO SAINT KATERIA TEKAKWITHA**

*Fill our hearts, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha with your same love for Jesus and pray that we may have the strength and courage to become one like you in Heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

July 11, 2021

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, July 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Christine Bellino +  
Marion De Muro +  
Oscar Starkenberg +  
George & Eleanor Tiplady +  
Giovanni De Feo +  
Dennis Madonia +  
Mary Gregorio +  
Antonio Perez +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, July 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Antonio Perez +

**Tuesday, July 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Wednesday, July 14**

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**

7:00 AM Antonio Perez +

9:00 AM Jule Yaskovic +

**Thursday, July 15**

**Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Quindio (Quincy) Venturino (Living)

**Friday, July 16**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Giuseppina Falcone +

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

**Saturday, July 17**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Norah Murphy +

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**Saturday, July 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, July 18, 2021**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Anna Giuriceo +  
Lucy Ficarrota +  
Ethel Castagnozzi +  
Jose Angel Ocasio +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

July 11, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

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**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

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

