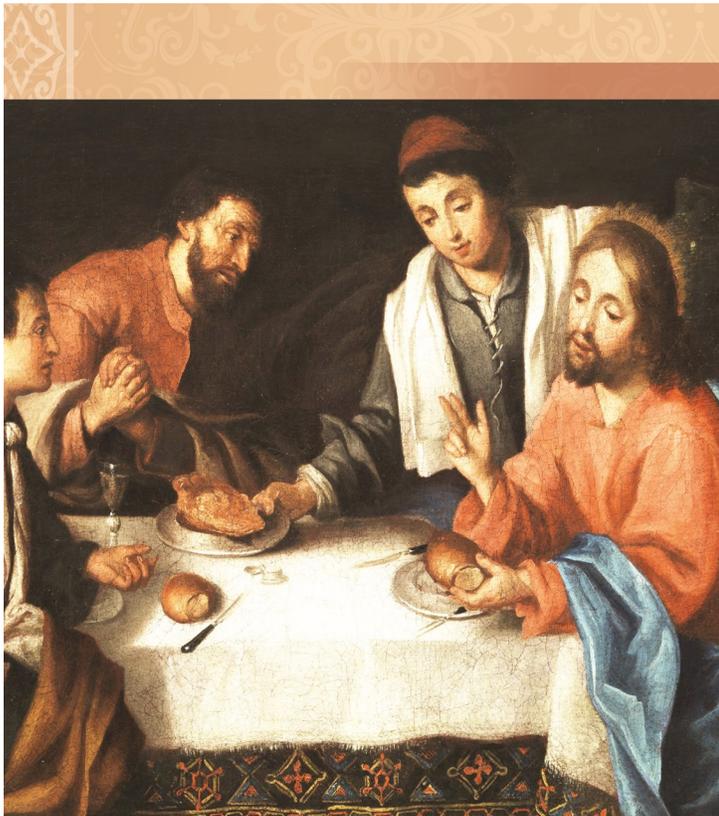


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19th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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, Anthony Martelli

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

Who are you more likely to believe: someone who tells you something quite plausible but who is often dishonest, or someone who is always honest but tells you something seemingly impossible? We know whom Abraham would believe. As Hebrews says, Abraham put his faith in God, not because what God said was sensible or likely, but because God was trustworthy. Abraham trusted God enough to leave his homeland, remain with his apparently infertile wife, and even be willing to sacrifice his son. His faith and trust enable him to learn that nothing—no matter how implausible—was impossible with God.



We hope to surround ourselves with people who are worthy of our trust. These are the people with whom we can feel comfortable, in whom we can confide. Those who break promises, who betray that trust, whether politicians, employers, family members, or friends, have a very difficult time ever reestablishing that trust.

The Gospel passage we hear today is similar to ones we generally hear at the end of the year, when we are reminded to prepare for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. Since the lesson Jesus is teaching His disciples is to be prepared always and because one cannot know when the hour is come, it is perfectly appropriate to read and reflect on this passage at any time of the year. The hour could come for us, any of us, at any time. We would do well to be ready to be of service at any time, like the servants who will be rewarded.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Considering that the end may come at any time, am I prepared? What can I do to prepare myself for my end time? **Blessings Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**A MESSAGE FROM
FATHER ANTHONY MBANEFO, MSP**

I want to sincerely thank Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP and all the Parishioners of St Bartholomew's Parish, Yonkers for your love and for everything that you did for me during my four and half years stay with you as your associate pastor. I also want to thank in a special way, those who contributed in one way or the other towards the send off party held for me by the Parish on the night of Saturday, August 3rd and all those who gave me gifts in cash and in kind. May the Good Lord who could not be outdone in generosity bless and reward all of you abundantly. I hope to keep on communicating with you and to visit you any time possible.



**For those who want to call me at anytime my number is:
409-960-4055.**

**For those who plan to visit me in the future, my address is:
St. Martin de Porres Parish
12606 Crosby Lynchburg Rd.
Barrett Station, Texas 77532-8628**

PARISH NEWS



Thursday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 PM (Vigil Mass) and Thursday, August 15th at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. **There will be no NOON Mass on the holiday. The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, August 15th.**

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mary De Mattia.  *Rest in Peace*

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:



Religious Education **Register now for next year's Religious Education program.** In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday bulletin.

The Story of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

PARISH EVENTS



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

August 4, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,126.80
Online	\$ 660.00
Total	\$ 4,786.80

The Collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$901.00

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane and Frank Marra.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

As you plan and enjoy your summer vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!!!

APPROPRIATE DRESS IN CHURCH:

The Church is the House of God. When we enter, we are setting our feet on Holy Ground. For this reason, the way we dress for Church should reflect the reverence we have for this sacred space where the Lord dwells. It is simply not proper to enter the Church with clothing that is not modest or appropriate. It is with this in mind that we acknowledge that some kinds of dress, while comfortable, may not be appropriate for Church.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH, BLOCK PARTY, CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST DAY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW. SEE THE FLYER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN AND THE SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SET UP, DURING THE PARTY AND CLEAN UP AFTER. YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE!!!



2019 and 2020 MASS BOOK

The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is next Sunday, August, 18th.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.



Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

The **Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, September August 15th.

The group is holding its annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Waslen Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

August 11, 2019

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Mary Bryce +

Sunday, August 11, 2019

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

5:00 PM Joseph & Linda Sarich and Alfred &

Florence Porach +

Monday, August 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Edwin Vega +

Tuesday, August 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Wednesday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Leslie DeBrocky & Margaret McGuirk +

7:00 PM Cesar Mejia Perez + (Vigil Mass)

Thursday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Douglas Abbott +

7:00 PM Shannon +

Friday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Peter Garafola +

Saturday, August 17

Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Coniglio Family

Saturday, August 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Kathleen Shvedowsky Jones +

Sunday, August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +

10:00 AM Alfred Falcone +

11:30 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

August 11, 2019

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER

Most holy Virgin Immaculate, my Mother Mary, to thee who art the Mother of my Lord, the queen of the universe, the advocate, the hope, the refuge of sinners, I who am the most miserable of all sinners, have recourse this day.

I venerate thee, great queen, and I thank thee for the many graces thou has bestowed upon me even unto this day; in particular for having delivered me from the hell which I have so often deserved by my sins. I love thee, most dear Lady; and for the love I bear thee, I promise to serve thee willingly forever and to do what I can to make thee loved by others also.



I place in thee all my hopes for salvation; accept me as thy servant and shelter me under thy mantle, thou who art the Mother of mercy. And since thou art so powerful with God, deliver me from all temptations, or at least obtain for me the strength to overcome them until death. From

thee I implore a true love for Jesus Christ. Through thee I hope to die a holy death. My dear Mother, by the love thou bearest to Almighty God, I pray thee to assist me always, but most of all at the last moment of my life. Forsake me not then, until thou shalt see me safe in heaven, there to bless thee and sing of thy mercies through all eternity. Such is my hope.

Amen. *by Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

_____ I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.

_____ I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.

_____ I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.



_____ I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.

_____ I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.

_____ I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.

_____ My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.