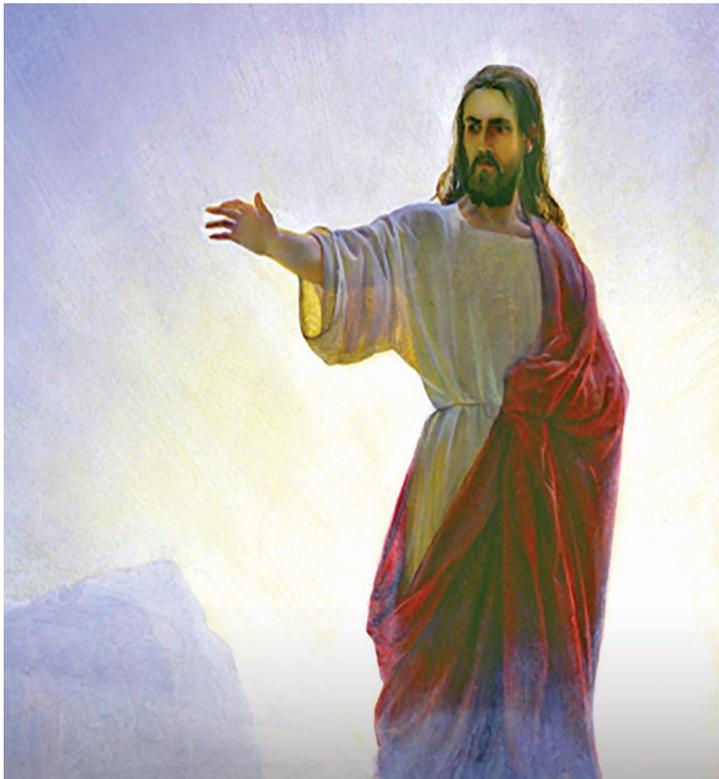


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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



"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" - Lk 18:7-8

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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, 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 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

THE POWER OF PRAYER

The first reading gives us the wonderful image of Moses, standing on the top of a hill holding his staff while Aaron and Hur, one on either side, support his arms and hands until the sun sets so that Moses does not have to lower his staff. On his own, Moses does not have the strength and endurance to sustain the necessary pose. Not only did Moses need to appeal to God for help, he needed the support of others, of his community. We may feel unable to sustain the persistence to continue to fight for justice, especially when we consider the number of people like the widow in the Gospel who do not appear to be in a position to fight effectively for it themselves, but we do not have to do it alone. The support from our community of faith can help sustain us.



Prayer, whether short or lengthy, whether rote or extemporaneous, is what keeps us connected to God. It is no accident that Jesus spends a lot of time praying to the Father. Not only did Jesus teach His disciples how to pray, He showed them that He prayed and prayed often. It connected Him to the Father, and if He needed to make that connection often, how much more important is it for us? Persistent prayer will see to it that justice is done for us and God's chosen ones. Persistent prayer helps us to understand and accept God's will. Persistent prayer ensures that there will still indeed be faith on earth when the Son of Man comes.



In this era of instant gratification, when we expect to get what we want immediately, whether it's ordering something online or getting likes on a tweet, patience is a difficult virtue to exercise. Jesus says that God will "see to it that justice is done for them speedily" (Luke 18:8). But "speedily" in what sense? In the very next sentence, Jesus talks about His second coming. The disciples expected that He would return before they died. But two thousand years later we still wait. So whose sense of "speed" is this? The answer is that God's time is not our time. If we judge by the expectations of our schedule, we will become impatient in a hurry. We must accept that God's time demands our patience, and consequently our persistence.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

For what do I feel I am praying in vain? Can I find the will to pray for it persistently? Meanwhile, how can I be part of God's answer to someone else's persistent prayer?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

THANK YOU!



Thanks to all who made our Oktoberfest a huge success! Great food and a great time was had by all who attended!!

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 FLOWERS AND ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.



**THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Fiore Brusco and Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.

Classes for religious education students are in session. If you know of a child from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school who has not made their First Communion or Confirmation, please have them call the Religious Education Office to register their child. The number is on the front of the bulletin.



Religious Education

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**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.

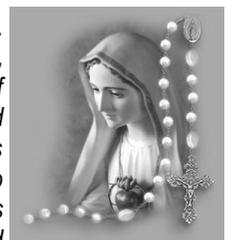


**Senior's Movie for October**  
**Movie Thursday, Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**  
**The Chosen—Season 2**

Contact Rich Califano if interested !!

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

When we pray the rosary in its ideal setting, doing a whole set of mysteries, the prayer can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws out the deepest desires in our souls, desires for God and God alone. The rhythm of the repetitious prayers can have a profound spiritual effect. As [John Paul II](#) explained, this loving repetition "embodies the desire for Christ to become the breath, soul and all of one's life" (RVM, 27). In the same way, the repeated prayers in the rosary help us get more in touch with the deepest desires in our souls for God.



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\*\*\*\*

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

As the seasons change, a lot of us like to clean out our homes and unload some of the junk we've acquired over the summer. One trendy approach to de-cluttering is the Marie Kondo method, named after the author who popularized it. Overly simplified, it's a process that compels you to go through your closets, your garage, your basement — all the places you collect the dreaded "stuff." As you do so, you hold up the items and ask yourself: "Does it spark joy?"

It's a question that is bold in its simplicity. In answering, you're supposed to go with your gut. If it's a quick "Yes, it sparks joy," the item should be kept. If the answer is no, it gets tossed.

There are people in life who will support our efforts to do God's will. There are those who will, as Paul says, "convince, reprimand, (and) encourage," unafraid of the reaction we give them. There are those who will shore up our defenses when the battle goes longer than we thought.

The same goes for hobbies and pastimes. There are those that will engage our minds and bring us closer to God. And there are also those that will drain our funds and our free time, with nothing to show for it.

During these autumn months, don't just de-clutter your basement in preparation for the hauling out of the Christmas ornaments. Take stock of the people and pursuits that make up your life. With each one, ask yourself: "Does it spark holiness?"

If the answer is yes, thank God that our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. If the answer is no, maybe it's time to de-clutter.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

October 2nd

Sunday collection: \$3,583.00

On Line giving: \$1,010.00

Total: \$4,593.00

**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 donation s, 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, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno. & Ana Herrera.

**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.**

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Meeting**

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. We meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 1:00pm. Our next meeting will be held **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. For more info, call 914-423-5331 or email [CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com). New members are welcome.

October 16, 2022

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Saturday, October 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, October 16, 2022**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Pasqua Capuano +

11:30 AM Luciano & Sal LaBruzzo +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, October 17**

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Vincent Anthony Borello +

**Tuesday, October 18**

**Saint Luke, Evangelist**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jean Solar (Living)

**Wednesday, October 19**

**Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM Patrick Anthony Tarphy +

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

**Thursday, October 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti (Living)  
& Family (Living)

**Friday, October 21**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Saturday, October 22**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

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**Saturday, October 22 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Carl & Elizabeth Laredo +

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish



## THE POWER OF PRAYER

### **1. Prayer helps you develop a relationship with God**

Just like your parents here on earth, your Heavenly Father wants to hear from you and talk to you. When you pray, He listens. Then He answers your prayers in the form of thoughts, spiritual feelings, scripture, or even the actions of other people.

### **2 Prayer helps you gain an understanding of God's loving nature**

The scriptures teach, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). You can feel that love as you speak daily with Him through prayer, seeking His guidance in your life.

### **3. Prayer provides answers**

Praying and listening to the answers God gives you can help you better understand your purpose in life. God will help you understand why you are here and what you can do to return to live with Him after this life.

### **4. Prayer helps you find direction in your life**

When you privately pray to God, you can work through serious decisions in your life. God always listens and often provides the specific answers and guidance we seek. Even when He chooses not to answer immediately or in the way we might have hoped, prayer itself is a way to find peace.

### **5. Prayer gives you strength to avoid temptation**

Jesus counseled His disciples, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation" (Matthew 26:41). Through prayer, we can overcome temptations to sin. Pray for God's help to keep you from making wrong choices. This will give you the strength to do what is right.

### **6. Prayer aligns your will with God's will**

The purpose of prayer is not necessarily to tell God how you want Him to do things. Rather, it's to better understand Him and His ways, bringing yourself into alignment with His will. As C.S. Lewis is often attributed as saying, prayer "doesn't change God. It changes *me*."

### **7. Prayer and regular fasting can help you accept God's will**

Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights before He began His ministry on the earth. As He did this, He communed with His Father in Heaven in prayer. Likewise, if you pray and fast, you can feel closer to God and better understand the things He wants you to do.

### **8. Prayer can work miracles**

Throughout the scriptures, we see many examples of the Lord working miracles as an answer to prayer. In Old Testament times, the prophet Daniel was thrown into a lions' den because he refused to stop praying. When he prayed to God in the lions' den, angels appeared and closed the mouths of the lions. Through daily prayer, you can also experience personal miracles such as healing, peace, and forgiveness for sins.

### **9. Prayer invites the Holy Spirit into your life**

As you pray daily, you invite the Holy Spirit to be with you and to comfort and direct you. The Holy Spirit can give you answers, help you feel God's love, and bring feelings of peace and joy into your heart.

### **10. Prayer helps you become more like Jesus**

Jesus set the perfect example of prayer. If you try to follow His example through prayer, you will become more like Him and develop a better relationship with Him and Heavenly Father.