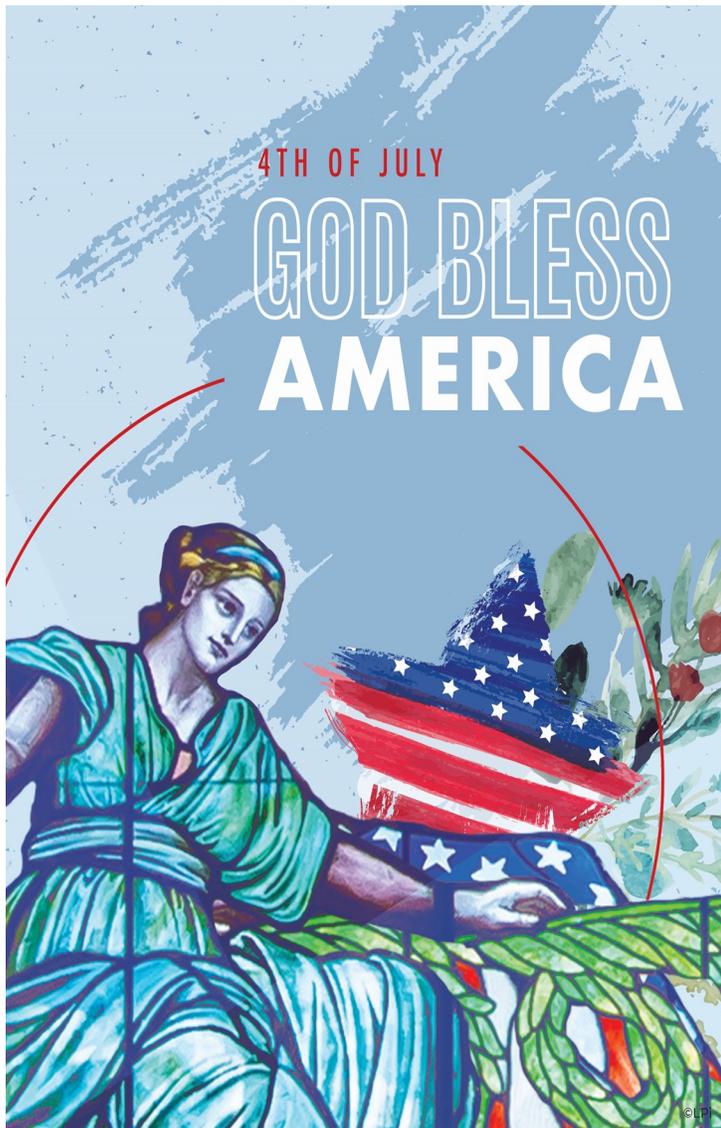


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish 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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

TAKE UP A CROSS FOR CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY

What is eternal life in the kingdom of heaven if not a sign of God's hospitality to us? Because Jesus redeemed us on the cross, we are now welcomed into God's home to live forever. Like the woman of Shunem, who made a special place in her home for the prophet Elisha, God has made a special place in heaven for us. Let us follow Elisha's example and ask ourselves what we can do to express our gratitude for God's hospitality.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, whether we are conscious of it or not, we are offering thanks to God for all the God-given blessings we have received, especially the gift of Jesus, through whom we have received redemption. Because the Greek word eucharistia means "thanksgiving", in offering the Eucharist we are giving thanks. Indeed, before Jesus offered the bread as His body to the disciples, He gave thanks to God. He gave thanks once again before He offered the cup of wine as His blood. For all that God has done for us, we give thanks for the invitation to share Christ's Body and Blood.

To return to Elisha's question, "Can something be done for her?" (2 Kings 4:1), let us look to Jesus in today's Gospel. He calls us to take up our crosses. In taking up our crosses and following Jesus' example, we are doing something for God. Specifically, we are surrendering ourselves to God's will, as Jesus did when He faced persecution. Additionally, Jesus promises a reward even to those who give "only a cup of cold water" (Matthew 10:42) to a disciple. This is akin to us helping someone else carry their cross, even if only for a short time, even if only expending a small effort. We are surrendering our own will to God's.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How is God asking me to sacrifice my will today? Whom can I help carry their cross in an act of Christian solidarity?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. BART'S

St Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **105th Blood Drive on THIS FRIDAY, July 7th** from 12 noon to 6 pm, at St. Bartholomew's Gym. It is preferable to make appointments by using: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910. NY Blood Center prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only if capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914

423-3592 for an appointment. Covid policy and precautions will meet current FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be optional.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Tell your family and friends too.

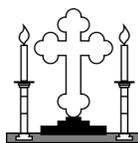


PARISH NEWS

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 SANCTUARY LAMP IS LIT FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION.



Wishing you a happy, safe Fourth of July and a summer filled with good times, good friends, and good health of mind, body and spirit. **There will only be one Mass on Tuesday at 9 a.m. For this week, the Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday and Tuesday and will be OPEN on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.**



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. **May God bless you all for your generosity.**

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR JULY THIS Saturday, July 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and THIS Sunday July 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



Thank You A special thank you to the 24 parishioners who each month cook the ziti and rice and beans for Immaculate Conception.



For the first six months of this year, 200 trays of rice and beans/ziti have been made. Thank you again for your generosity and time and keep cooking!!!

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



Religious Education



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.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:



MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM (SPANISH)
& 5 PM

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

Loving God, We greet this Fourth of July with grateful hearts as we call to mind the vision of freedom and justice for all upon which our country was built. We give thanks for those who imagined this vision. We are grateful to those who continue advocating for and pursuing a land of peace, liberty and equity for all.



For most of us, the 4th of July will be a day of food, fireworks and maybe a parade or concert. But it should also include thanksgiving and prayer:
Give thanks for your freedom and favor.
Pray for those who protect our freedom.
Pray for our nation's leaders.
Pray for the safety of those who gather to celebrate the holiday.
Remember those in oppressive or disadvantaged circumstances.
Find new freedom in forgiveness.

BOB HOSTETLER

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 18th
Sunday collection: \$3,012.00
On Line giving: \$1,285.00
Total: \$4,297.00

**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 **(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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, 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, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.
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.



This **Friday, July 7th** is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

July 2, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, July 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Paul Capuano (Living)

Sunday, July 2

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30 AM George & Marie Hoffman +
Mary & Thomas Barrett +

11:00 AM Belkis B. Rodriguez +

12:30 PM Juan Touriz, Luz Minerva Rodriguez,
Anna Luisa Luna & Silvia Beatriz Luna +

5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

Monday, July 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, July 4

Weekday INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00 AM Evangeline Yaskovic +

Wednesday, July 5

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Special Intention

Thursday, July 6

Weekday

7:00 AM John Duffy +

9:00 AM Joseph "Rock" Osika +

Friday, July 7

Weekday

7:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

9:00 AM Charles Porecello +

Saturday, July 8

Weekday

9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.

Saturday, July 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

Sunday, July 9

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

11:00 AM Theresa Pisacreta +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Dr. Henry Frey +

July 2, 2023

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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

