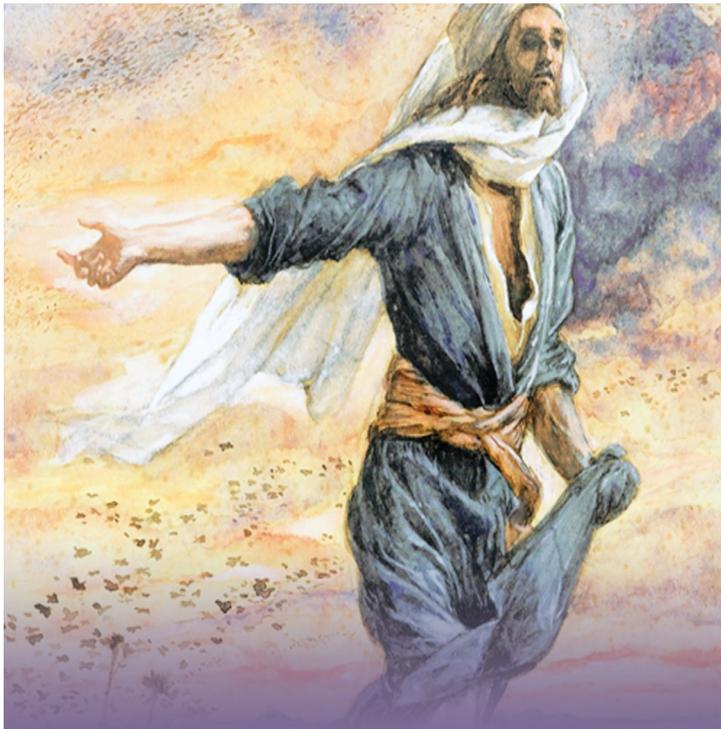


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15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
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, 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

BE RECEPTIVE TO GOD'S WORD

Isaiah couldn't have had the scientific understanding we have today of the water cycle, but he nailed it in the metaphor we read today. Water falls from the sky in the form of precipitation, provides hydration for plants and trees so they can bear fruit, collects in rivers and lakes to provide a necessary resource for human and animals, then returns to the heavens having nourished and sustained life here on earth. So too does God's word. When spoken from the heavens, it has a creative (think of the creation story in Genesis) and transformative (think of the Transfiguration story in the Gospels) effect. It does God's will here on earth (Jesus as the Word comes down from heaven). It nourishes us and sustains us even as it rises back to the heavens to continue the cycle of life.



At first glance, the sower seems to be doing a lousy job of sowing. Why throw seed onto a path or on rocky ground where it has little chance of germinating? Why not take the time to pull the thorns first so that they won't choke the plants later? Wouldn't it make the most sense to sow all the seed in rich soil? But God will not limit where the seed goes. Everyone gets a chance to receive God's grace, no matter what obstacles may be in the way. God's wild extravagance gives goodness a chance to bloom in unexpected and unlikely places, allowing it to bear fruit far beyond expectations.

It is natural to listen to the Gospel and try to determine which spot on the ground we are. Am I the rich soil or the rocky ground? If we're honest, perhaps we'll realize that we can be each of the options at different times. Sometimes God's word just doesn't take root or it is choked off by material concerns to which I give greater priority. Let us resolve to be fertile ground for God's living, transformative word as often as possible.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I be more receptive to God's word, like rich soil? What specific actions can I accomplish this week to bear fruit?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

— Mt 13:22-23

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PARISH NEWS



THE PARISH OFFICE HAS RE OPENED. 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 are donated this week in celebration of Opeoluwa Benedicta Obasa. (originally scheduled for Sunday, June 14th in celebration of Opeoluwa's birthday)..



WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES WILL NOW RESUME WITH INTENTIONS AS NORMAL.



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, JULY 12TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
 Marion De Muro +
 Dennis Madonia & Mary Gregorio +
 Patrick V. Fox +

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE

LIVING: for the intentions of:

Sonia Santos (Living)

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND STEWARDHIP

Over the years I have wasted a lot: a lot of money, a lot of time, and a lot of talent. Sometimes I didn't realize I was wasting these things but, after reflection, I realized I could have done more and accomplished much greater things. Of course, I think that is part of our imperfect humanity. It truly is easier for us to waste our gifts than grow them into something more.

The parable of the sower speaks about the word of God that gets planted in our hearts. If the soil of our heart is rich, than the word will grow and change us. If that soil is rocky or full of weeds, the word will lie there without any impact, bearing no fruit.

This parable can be applied to living a stewardship way of life as well. As sowers, we have been given the seeds of our time, talent, and treasure. We have a choice of where to plant these gifts. As good everyday stewards, we are called to plant them wisely and prudently. Oftentimes it is not enough to simply give away what we have. We need to discern the best places to sow these gifts so the maximum harvest can grow. This takes prayer, reflection, and study. Without a solid discernment process, we can find ourselves sowing seeds endlessly without much to show for it. But joyful is the person who has used one's gifts wisely, for the bounty of the harvest is great.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc.

FAITH FORWARD—TOGETHER AGAIN

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.



YOU MUST SIGN UP EACH WEEK FOR WEEKEND MASSES (SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP. PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THAT WEEKEND MASS.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Call updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.

Please send your names to stbartsreled@aol.com and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: stbartsreled@aol.com



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is now open. We can use jelly, rice, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

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 and have already given out some to a few families. *

May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus has begun the Annual Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) raffle drive and ask for your support while giving you chances to win:

- \$25,000 Grand Prize
- \$10,000 Second Prize
- \$5,000 Third Prize

\$1,000 Prizes (10 will be drawn)

Although tickets are usually sold outside the Church, this year they are providing various low-touch/no-touch methods for you to get your raffles, including an online purchase option. To find out more and purchase your tickets, please visit their website at <https://jrkofc3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995/c-b-raffles>

STEWARDSHIP

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

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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, 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, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Emma Pinto.

July 12, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, July 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 12, 2020
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Marion De Muro +
Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
Dennis Madonia & Mary Gregorio +
Sonia Santos (Living)

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 13

Weekday

7:00 AM John Paul Capuano (Living)

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth

Tuesday, July 14

Saint Kateria Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Wednesday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

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

Thursday, July 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of Faranda & De Pole
Families

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Friday, July 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM President Donald Trump (Living)

Saturday, July 18

weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia
Families

Saturday, July 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Christine Bellino +
Dianne Milder +
Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

July 12, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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, 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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