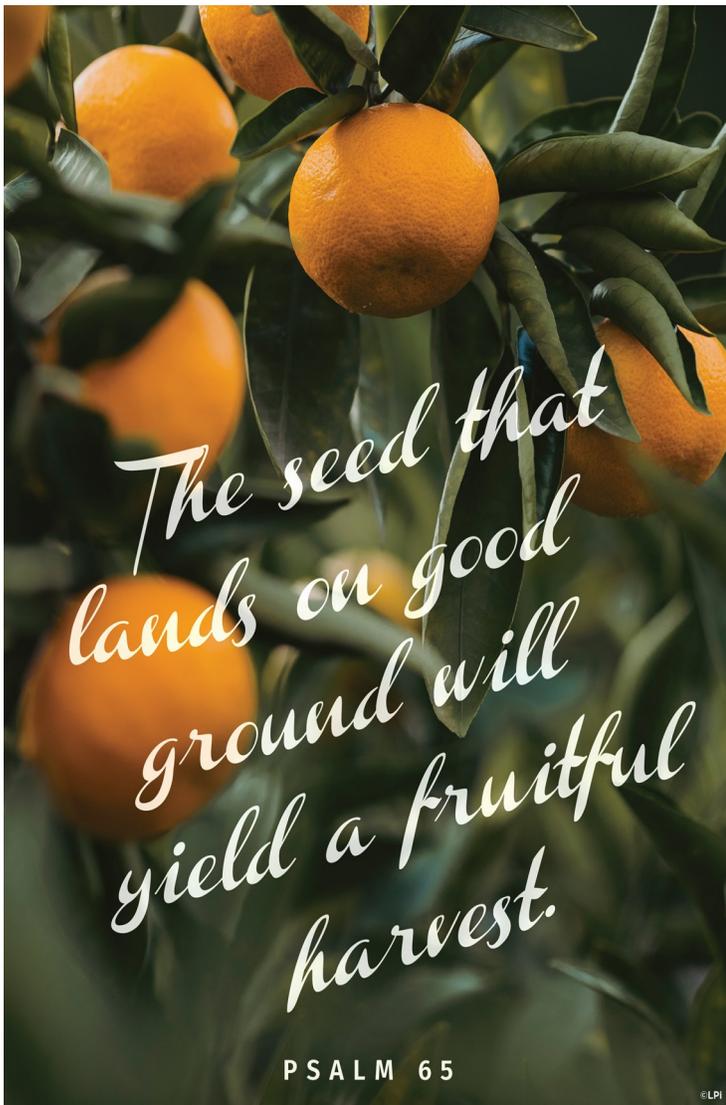


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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, 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

DO "FRUITFUL" WORK

Inside a mountain on the remote island of Svalbard, hundreds of miles north of the Arctic circle, sits the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. Its mission is to preserve seeds of every living species of plant, fruit, and vegetable. It now contains over one million different seeds, a priceless repository whose value will be realized when species become extinct. Though God's word is sown so that it may bear fruit, not kept dormant in a vault, it is still important that God's word be preserved so that it may flower again and again for generations.

The Bible, for instance, is a storehouse of God's word that continues to educate and inspire. When we put God's word into action, we often build long-terms institutions or practices that make our faith and the faith of subsequent generations bloom. But the greatest repository of God's word is God's own Son, who indeed is the Word made flesh. Insofar as He is with us always, we carry this treasury of God's word within ourselves. The seeds God has sown are in us now.

Will the seeds within us bloom and bear fruit? That depends on whether we nurture them well or not. Sometimes we let them dry out and die. Maybe we just don't pay attention to God's word and miss our opportunity. Or we fail to understand it. Or we decide it doesn't relate to our own lives. Or we don't allow it to penetrate deep into our hearts. Or we reject it because it's too challenging. Like the seed in today's parable, there are many obstacles to God's seed bearing fruit. Let us pray in the hope that God's word in us can eventually bear abundant fruit.

*If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.*



It may be just a coincidence that this passage from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans is read today, but his line that "all creation is groaning in labor pains...we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan" (8:22-23) is definitely appropriate. Bringing forth good fruit is painful. It involves sacrifice. It can be exhausting. May the courage we receive from the Holy spirit impel us to accept that challenge of bringing God's word to fruition.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What kind of fruitful work am I able to do? How can I change my behavior or attitude so that I may bear fruit?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**



**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.

Take Note

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



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ZITI AND RICE AND BEANS COOKS. WE COLLECTED 30 TRAYS FOR DONATION TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.**

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.

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 65 donors who came down to the 105<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive on 7/7/23 to donate 67 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7848 units of blood. Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.



NYBC collected 49 regular and 9 ALYX (double red cell) donations. 7 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 12 new donors and 12 walk-ins. 21 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 21 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by going to the web site: <https://nybc.org> or calling NYBC at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are tentatively scheduling our next drive for the day after Thanksgiving, November 24.

Once again, thanks to all!

Tony Sciacca

**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

**Focus on the Good**

When I was a child, my mother had a set of sculptures resembling three human heads. One head had hands over the ears, one had hands over the eyes, and one had hands over the mouth. Of course, they depicted the phrase, "Hear no evil; see no evil; speak no evil." I have seen these images repeated many times since then, usually as the monkey heads from a Japanese proverb, which would have probably seemed a little less creepy to me when I was a small child. Apparently, there is no consensus about the full meaning or certain origin of these three images nor the phrase. At the very least, it causes us to reflect on the need to avoid evil and look for the good in things.

As I have lived my life, I have come to believe there are more people who lives their lives in a contrary manner to these images. It is not that they seek evil, but it is as if they "see no good, hear no good, and speak no good." Gossiping is the way they pass the time, and they always seem to find the negative in people and situations. Being a good steward certainly means that we do not seek evil, but more than that, it means that we see the abundance of good things all around us. These gifts of God are big and little, profound and ordinary. By seeing the world in this way, we begin to change our personalities and our overall disposition. We always need to follow a new proverb: see all the good, hear all the good, and speak about the good. Amen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

**Message of the Parable of the Sower**

*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.*

**✠ STEWARDSHIP ✉**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

July 2<sup>ND</sup>

Sunday collection:	\$3,297.00
On Line giving:	\$2,080.00
Total:	\$5,377.00

**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](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).**



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

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, 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

*Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers at 1:00pm. The next meeting will be held July 20th. For more info, please call 914 423-5331. New members are always welcome.*

July 16, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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

5:00 PM Walter Moore +

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**Sunday, July 16  
Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Lucyanne Caruso, Dianne Milder &  
Louis Loscalzo +

11:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

12:30 PM Edgar Cortes-Caballero +  
Isabel Villar (Living)

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, July 17**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Pisacreta +

**Tuesday, July 18**

**Saint Benedict, Abbot**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday, July 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Thursday, July 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Friday, July 21**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Saturday, July 22**

**Saint Mary Magdalene**

9:00 AM No Intention

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

5:00 PM Marie Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, July 23  
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Suor Maria Cira +

11:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

July 16, 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**

