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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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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 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

BE A BETTER WITNESS TO THE TRUTH WITH YOUR FAITH GUIDING YOU

Both Isaiah and John the Baptist were blessed with the eyes of faith, the wisdom to understand what they were seeing, and the will to proclaim it. Despite years in exile in Babylon, Isaiah saw the day when God's salvation would come to the whole world. John saw something like a dove descend upon Jesus and realized that this was the Holy Spirit. Baptized with the same Holy Spirit, we too are able to see with the eyes of faith: to recognize the Lord in the word of God just proclaimed, in the Eucharist we are about to share, and in each other and in our world. Do we recognize the Lord as Isaiah and John did?



"If you see something, say something" tells us to report something out of place or suspicious. John the Baptist followed this directive in a different way, however, when he saw Jesus coming toward him. He said something all right, but he said it to publicly testify that this was the Son of God, who came to take away our sins. With our eyes of faith we have seen the Lord as well - in the Eucharist, in this community gathered together in his name, and in the stranger in need. We are also called to testify to the presence of Christ where we see him.

Faith
is not hoping
God can
it is knowing
He **Will**

Seven times in the first chapter of his Gospel, John uses a form of the world testify to describe what John the Baptist has come to do. The word suggests a witness in a courtroom. Much later, when Jesus is called before Pilate to testify, he tells Pilate that he has come into the world "to testify to the truth" (John 18:37). John's Gospel itself is his testimony of the Lamb of God, willingly led to slaughter to take away the sin of the world. To be a Christian is to be called to testify to the truth we know is the Lord.

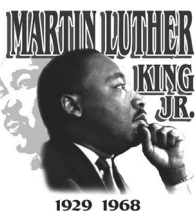
QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I be a better witness to the truth, to what I see with eyes of faith?

Blessings

Father Raphael

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY : This Monday, January 16th is a legal holiday. **The Parish Office will be closed;** and there will be one Mass at 9 a.m. on that day. For the week of January 16th the parish office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.



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 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.



Pope Benedict XVI (born **Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger**; April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022) was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from April 19, 2005 until his resignation on February 28, 2013. Benedict's election as pope occurred in the 2005 papal conclave that followed the death of Pope John Paul II. Benedict chose to be known as "Pope emeritus" upon his resignation, and he retained this title until his death.

Ordained as a priest in 1951 in his native Bavaria, Ratzinger embarked on an academic career and established himself as a highly regarded theologian by the late 1950s. Paul II's closest confidants.



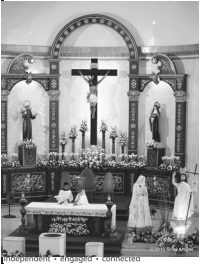
Benedict's writings were prolific and generally defended traditional Catholic doctrine, values, and liturgy.¹ He was originally a liberal theologian but adopted conservative views after 1968. During his papacy, Benedict XVI advocated a return to fundamental Christian values to counter the increased secularization of many Western countries. He viewed relativism's denial of objective truth, and the denial of moral truths in particular, as the central problem of

the 21st century. He taught the importance of both the Catholic Church and an understanding of God's redemptive love. Benedict also revived several traditions, including elevating the Tridentine Mass. He strengthened the relationship between the Catholic Church and art, promoted the use of Latin, and reintroduced traditional papal vestments, for which reason he was called "the pope of aesthetics" He was described as "the main intellectual force in the Church" since the mid-1980s.

On February 11, 2013, Benedict announced his resignation, citing a "lack of strength of mind and body" due to his advanced age. His resignation was the first by a pope since Gregory XII in 1415, and the first on a pope's initiative since Celestine V in 1294. He was succeeded by Pope Francis on March 13, 2013 and moved into the newly renovated Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in Vatican City for his retirement. In addition to his native German language, Benedict had some level of proficiency in French, Italian, English, and Spanish. He also knew Portuguese, Latin, Biblical Hebrew, and Biblical Greek.

MAY POPE BENEDICT XVI, EMERITUS REST IN PEACE

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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****

Seniors Gathering:

Movie THIS Thursday: January 19th, 10 am
The Chosen, Season 2

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Play That One Again

How many times have you sung the church song, "Here I Am, Lord"? If you grew up Catholic and are around my age (still 50!), the answer is more than you can count. The song that quotes various verses of Scripture is sung using guitar, piano, or organ, by cantors and choirs, in traditional and modern churches. It is truly a Catholic greatest hit of the modern Church. The question is how many times when singing the refrain have you really taken to heart what you were singing.

"Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night." Like the biblical figure Samuel, we are responding to the call of God by asking for clarification that we are indeed the one being called. We then follow up the question with a profound statement: "I will go if You lead me." It is profound because we are pledging to our God that we are willing to go wherever He wants. We are accepting the challenge put forth in the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," to become mature disciples who respond to the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We have sung this pledge repeatedly for many years.

We never have any idea what God will call us to do and where to go. Sometimes the request can ask us for quite a lot. Hopefully, we respond like a mature disciple. If not, maybe we should reflect more the next time this song is played. The melody will not allow for the words, "I will see if I am busy and then decide to go if you lead me." Then again, I don't want to sing that to God, the source of all life anyway. Do you?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 1ST

Sunday collection: \$2,692.00
On Line giving: \$1,180.00
Total: \$3,872.00

Christmas Collection will be reported in a later bulletin

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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 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 and Patricia Nieman.

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.

January 15, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, January 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Harold "Red" Thela +

Sunday, January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Tim

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family
Annetrude Cordes +
11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, January 16

Weekday

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Tuesday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John McArdle+

Wednesday, January 18

Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +
9:00 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +

Thursday, January 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Maria Rosa Ferreira's Intentions (Living)
9:00 AM Denis LaValle +

Friday, January 20

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM Mary Ann Uduebo (Living)

Saturday, January 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +
Ines Areizaga +

Sunday, January 22, 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Tim

9:30 AM Arlene Tiplady +
Rosalie Heit +
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +
5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

January 15, 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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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

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