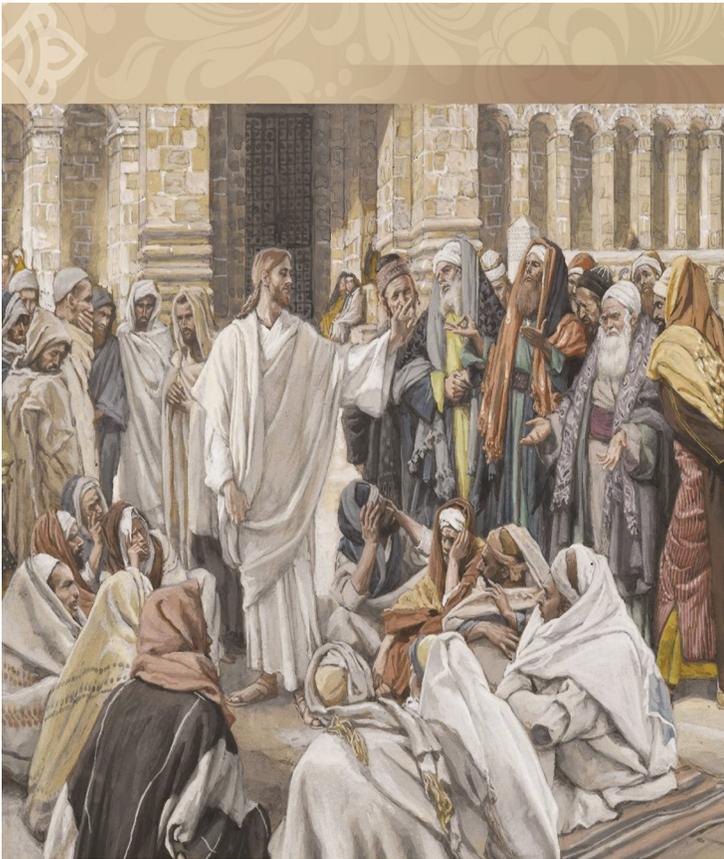


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

[Jesus] said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." - Lk 12:15

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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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
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, Anthony Martelli

**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

FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS TO GOD

Once again, Jesus refuses to take the side of a sibling who's upset. Two weeks ago, it was Martha, asking Jesus to tell her sister to help her.



Now this person in the crowd asks Jesus to tell his brother to share the inheritance. He figures Jesus will come down on his side.

It's only fair to share, right? But Jesus shifts the focus. Don't focus on possessions, which can inspire greed; focus on what matters to God.

Today's parable of the rich man and the bountiful harvest is similar to Jesus' comparison of the wealthy person and heaven to a camel and the eye of a needle. Both may teach the same lesson, but today's parable implies a second. Note that Jesus' warning in the last line regards "all who store up treasure for themselves" (Luke 12:21). Imagine how the ending would differ if the rich man, upon seeing he had more grain that storage space, decided to give the bounty to the poor and hungry. It is his selfishness that is completely opposed to what matters to God.

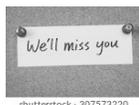
We naturally tend to accumulated possessions. We come into this world with nothing, but as young children we become very possessive of what is "mine." The appropriateness of sharing can be a difficult lesson. As we accumulate possessions, many people—children and adults—find it even more difficult to share. We feel we deserve what we have. Saint Paul would say that all these things are "what is on earth," as opposed to "what is above (Colossians 3:2). We are called to become a "new self," putting to death the "old self," which accumulates earthly possessions (Colossians 3:9-10).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Am I in control of my possessions or are they controlling me? What is the biggest obstacle that I need to overcome to become generous with all that I have?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*



*We wish Father Anthony many prayers and much love as he begins his new ministry in Houston. We will miss him and hope that he comes back to visit us often!!!*

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Register now for next year's Religious Education program.**



In order to register, children must be, at a minimum, entering first grade in September. Classes are held during the school year on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Religious Education Office. The phone number is located on the front of our Sunday bulletin.

**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

**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.



Do you recognize yourself in any of these statements?

- ◆ I have never been baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
- ◆ I was baptized in another Christian religion and now wish to become Catholic.
- ◆ I was baptized Catholic, but have not received any other Sacraments and little if any religious instruction.
- ◆ I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacraments.

Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of canned vegetables and canned fruit. Thank you for your support.

**2019 and 2020 MASS BOOK**

The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



**ADOPTION**



Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



August 4, 2019

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, August 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Dec. Mem. Of Venturino & Martucci Families  
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**Sunday, August 4, 2019**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
10:00 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +  
11:30 AM Carol Vicino +  
5:00 PM John Nieman +  
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**Monday, August 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Carmela Maria Guerney +  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Tuesday, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Pio Franquelli, Jr. +

**Wednesday, August 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

**Thursday, August 8**

**Saint Dominic, Priest**

7:00 AM Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP (Living)  
9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

**Friday, August 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joan Oliver +

**Saturday, August 10**

**Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

9:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +  
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**Saturday, August 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary Bryce +  
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**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +  
5:00 PM Joseph & Linda Sarich and Alfred &  
Florence Porach +

**August 4, 2019**

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

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 complete

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 Rectory. 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

**The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.



According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that His glory

and His suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.