

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."  
- Lk 12:20-21

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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  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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

**HANDLE MATERIAL WEALTH WISELY**

Today's parable about storing large amounts of grain for the future recalls the story of Joseph and the pharaoh in ancient Egypt (Genesis 41). Where Joseph is praised for his wisdom to store up grain for the seven lean years to come, today's rich man is criticized for what sounds like the same thing. How come? The fundamental difference is in the purpose of these people's actions. Joseph, interpreting Pharaoh's dream, advised the entire country to store grain during years of plenty so that people all over the country, and indeed the wider region, from the wealthy to the penniless, would not starve during the years of famine. The greedy rich man, however, only stored his harvest so that he himself could live off of it for years, so he could do nothing but eat, drink, and be merry!" (Luke 12:19). Joseph saved hundreds of thousands of people with the stored grain across the country. The rich fool only wanted to save himself. And he failed.

We try to control our life in every way. We take care of our bodies to ensure our good health. We take care of our possessions to enjoy our success. We take care of our assets so that we can afford a house, or our children's education, or our retirement. We tend to labor under the illusion that we can control our future. Financial success reinforces that illusion. What we hoard can be lost in a heartbeat. What we give away will go on.

In a consumer-oriented society such as ours, the lesson from today's readings is countercultural. We are challenged to reject the idea that money brings happiness or at least makes it easier to achieve. We are encouraged to build wealth instead in what matters to God. As Paul says, "seek what is above." (Colossians 3:1).

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Where do I find my wealth? How do I regard and handle my material wealth?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

**SOMETHING TO PONDER Gospel Differences**

**Question:** Why do the Gospels differ in their details? Not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn't this take away from their credibility?

**Answer:** Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church's experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message.



**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 BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Daniel Pezzola by the Pezzola Family.

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 this week 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. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.



*Religious Education*

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**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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR AUGUST on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **THIS Saturday and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.**



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This **Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



The prayer for the month of August, is the Immaculate Heart Prayer in honor of the month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Immaculate Heart Prayer:



*O heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart. Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation. Amen.*



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\*\*\*\*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**What We Store in the Barn**

I once knew a godly woman who had truly tasted the bitterness of this earthly life. This woman knew pain. She knew sacrifice. She knew hard labor and loss, including the death of a cherished child. She worked each day at a low-paying job, waiting patiently for her 65th birthday, when she could retire and devote herself full-time to her grandchildren. She crossed off the dwindling days on her calendar like a first grader waiting for Christmas.

Ninety-eight days before she was set to retire, she died suddenly. Her name was erased from the schedule at work and penciled over with that of her replacement hire.

All things are vanity.

I think we all know someone like this, don't we? If the details aren't exactly the same, the outline of the story is: someone labors "with wisdom and knowledge and skill," in the words of Ecclesiastes. And what profit comes to him? Sorrow and grief all his days. The proverbial barn filled with harvest and left to rot.

But I'll let you in on a secret: this isn't a sad story. I've only told you part of it.

This woman heard, daily, the voice of God, and against it she never hardened her heart, whatever news it brought her. This woman loved as hard as she worked. Every action was a form of evangelization. To talk to her was to feel the embrace of Christ.

As much as she waited for that retirement that never came, it was never the harvest in her barn.

This is what it means to be a true steward: to seek what is above.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers  
Communion Breakfast**

On **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**, Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Communion Breakfast. We will be attending the 11:30am Mass at Christ the King Church, 740 North Broadway, Yonkers at 11:30am. Luncheon immediately following the Mass at San Martino Ristorante, 12 Young Ave, Yonkers. Cost: \$27 cash, payable at the luncheon, reservations required - call 914-968-0614 or 914-965-6278. Bring a friend. Guests are welcome.



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**  
July 17<sup>th</sup>

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| <i>Sunday collection:</i> | <b>\$2,949.00</b> |
| <i>On Line giving:</i>    | <b>\$2,020.00</b> |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>\$4,969.00</b> |

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING  
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

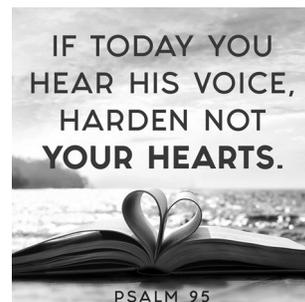
You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring 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).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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, and Richard Gritta.

**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.**



July 31, 2022

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, July 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

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**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Louis Loscalzo +

11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

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**Monday, August 1**

**St. Alphonsus, Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Johanna Sokol +

**Tuesday, August 2**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Wednesday, August 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Olive Sutherland +

9:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

**Thursday, August 4**

**Saint John Vianney, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Dolack +

**Friday, August 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Richard Flynn +

9:00 AM All The Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00 AM Richard J. Rinaldi +

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**Saturday, August 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Lorenzo & Giulia Marchionno +

Mary & Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

*July 31, 2022*

**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**

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

