

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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**29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

# LAWFUL

**"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"**  
**Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?" - Mt 22:17b-18**

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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  
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**EVERYTHING IS A GIFT OF GOD**

"The enemy of my enemy is my friend," goes the well-known saying. The Jewish people would certainly agree in the case of Cyrus the Great. When the Babylonians conquered Judah, Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple and drove the Jewish people into exile. When the Persian army defeated the Babylonian army in 539 BC, Cyrus was seen as a savior. Cyrus was able to build an empire because he respected the traditions and customs of the defeated peoples, including their religious practices. Therefore, he allowed the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem and worship freely. The freedom Cyrus allowed his subjects became a model for leaders and governments for millennia. The Jewish people at that time did not have the power to defeat their oppressors, so they needed the strength of their enemy's enemy. Believing God to be behind all things, they concluded that Cyril's power—and benevolence—must come from God.



Scripture scholars tell us that Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians was probably written earlier than any other book of the New Testament, just twenty years after Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we hear its initial verses. In the very first verse Paul refers to that community as a church. It is a forerunner of what has become the Church, a Christian community of thousands of dioceses, hundreds of thousands of parishes, and over a billion people.

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," was a wise response by Jesus to the Pharisees who sought to entrap him (Matthew 22:21). It also provides a wise perspective to us today. What belongs to our Caesars? For that matter, what belongs to us? We are all just temporary caretakers of all that we have. In the entire history of humankind, we occupy a relatively infinitesimal amount of time and space. All that we own, all that we earn, all that we have, is just rented to us. We surrender it all when we die. So what belongs to God? All comes from God and all goes to God, so ultimately all things belong to God.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

When I am reminded that everything is a gift from God, how do I respond? Do I fudge on what belongs to God as many fudge on what they owe to Caesar?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

After the 9:30 am Mass this Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, there will be a virtual blessing of the animals. Also, at 10:30 am, in the parking lot, for those that want to bring their animals in person, there will be a second "live" blessing. On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to receive Holy Communion in the parking lot at 12:30 pm (this is a test and is geared mostly for our seniors).



**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, October 18<sup>th</sup>, AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

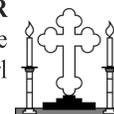
Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia + Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +  
Ralph Verderosa + Julio Rios +  
**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**

**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 ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Elizabeth & Carl Laredo by Joan Laredo Liddell.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

We are still accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote. **Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.** Hopefully by now everyone has picked up their access code and book for the year and have followed the instructions given for logging in the first time into google classroom. All assignments will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and must be completed and submitted by Sunday evening at 10 p.m.. Payment for the classes can be made by going to our parish website, [saintbartsparish.org](http://saintbartsparish.org), and clicking on the We Share online giving link then scrolling down to 2020-2021 Religious Education registration fees. Hit submit payment, twice and it will bring you to payment screen. Make your payment and fill out the appropriate information.



**Please note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. Thank you!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following children who made their First Holy Communion last weekend and we welcome them to the Table of our Lord:

- Olivia Steptoe      Angelina Franco
- Jayden Segarra      Adam Larkin
- Emma Larkin      Sean Larkin

**COMMUNION PRAYER**



Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts. The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift? At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world. As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community, and with my friends. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

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.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*



ALL SOULS DAY

NOVENA MASSES FOR ALL SOULS DAY

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, is All Souls Day. We will have a 9 day Novena of Masses for all our departed loved ones beginning on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered at these Masses, kindly fill out the "All Souls" envelope found in your envelope packet or on the tables at the rear of the Church, include your stipend, and drop it in the Collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office during the week, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



ALSO PLEASE NOTE that every year, St Bartholomew's Parish remembers deceased parishioners or a deceased family member in a memorial placed in the church from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>. This year, everyone is invited to participate in this memorial to include non-parishioners. Please send a framed picture with the deceased's full name, date of birth and date of death on or before October 25<sup>th</sup>. You can drop the picture at the Parish Office and leave it with Karen, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you cannot or do not wish to leave a photo, you can also supply us with the information only (name, etc. of deceased). If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

**The Ursuline School**, a Catholic, private, independent, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12 located in New Rochelle, NY, cordially invites prospective students and their families to attend our upcoming Virtual Open House on Sunday, November 1 at 1 p.m. or 2:30 p.m.; or Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. Virtually explore our campus including our dynamic new spaces; engage with our dedicated faculty and administration and learn how our students develop the critical skills for continued success after high school. Please visit the Admissions page of our website for information and to register: [www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions](http://www.ursulinenewrochelle.org/admissions) or call the Admissions Office at 914-500-6227.

You are invited to learn more about Regina Caeli Academy! Join our Livestream info event on October 12 at 8 pm EDT by [clicking here](#). For more information about Regina Caeli Academy, please visit our website at [www.rcahybrid.org](http://www.rcahybrid.org).



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](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, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, 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, Dominick Francis Marra and Walter Duda.

**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.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, 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.



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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, October 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, October 18, 2020**

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +  
Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +  
Ralph Verderosa +  
Julio Rios+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, October 19**

**Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

**Tuesday, October 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM President Donald J. Trump (Living)

**Wednesday, October 21**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

9:00 AM No Intention

**Thursday, October 22**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Faranda & DePole Families

9:00 AM Vincenzo & Marietta De Sanctis +

**Friday, October 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Brittany Pezzola (Living)

**Saturday, October 24**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Audrey and Alfred Falcone +

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**Saturday, October 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, October 25, 2020**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Fiore Brusco & Gloria Brusco Flanagan +  
Carl Laredo +  
Patrick V. Fox +  
Angelica Perez+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**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 of New York, 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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