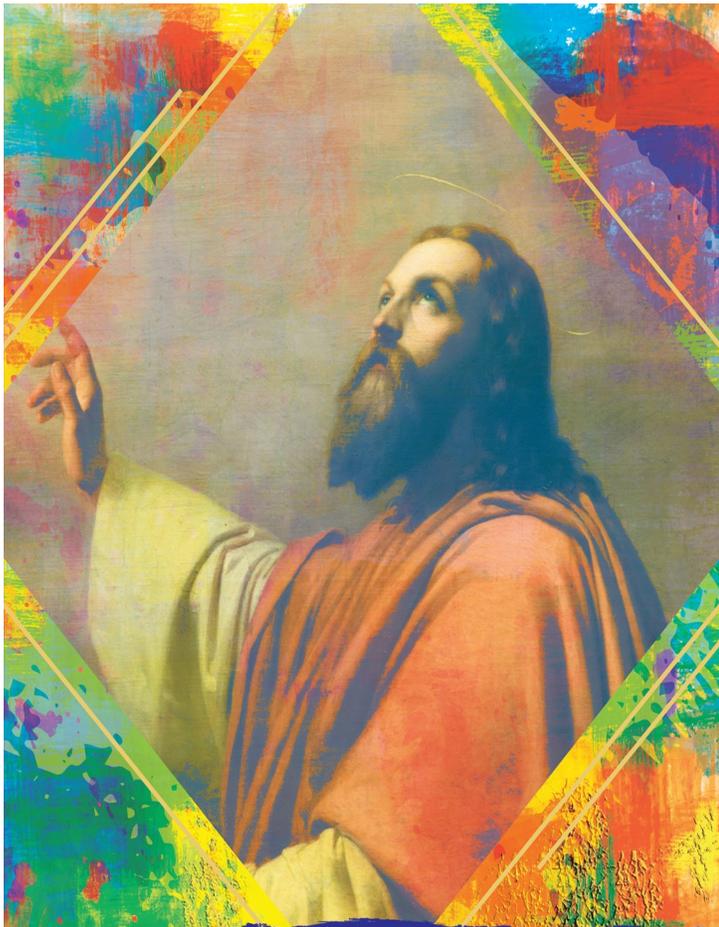


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## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:14

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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  
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Karen Maccia McKenna, 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

**RECOGNIZE YOUR DEPENDENCE ON GOD**

Last week we heard Jesus speak of a widow who persisted in her quest to obtain justice from a dishonest judge. Sirach mentions a widow with a complaint today, but ironically, the next verse is not included in this reading: "Do not the tears that stream down her cheek cry out against him that causes them to fall?" (Sirach 35:15). She could be faced with a dilemma similar to the widow in Jesus' parable. God hears the cry of the victims of injustice. God sees their tears. God understands their pleas for deliverance from those who are making them suffer. As the psalmist says, God rescues the just when they are in distress. The cry of the poor is the cry of those in need. Because they are needy, they are persistent. Because they are in need, they ask humbly.



Both the Pharisee and the tax collector are sinners, as are we all. But only one presents himself before God honestly. The Pharisee, who "spoke this prayer to himself" (Luke 18:11) and about himself, trumpets his fasting and almsgiving without addressing his self-pride and his scorn for others. Ironically, he is probably right about the dishonesty of the tax collector. But before God, the tax collector is brutally honest, and repentant as well. The Pharisee, acting as though he is good as is and needs nothing from God, gets nothing. The tax collector, admitting his need for God's mercy, is heard.

**In GOD'S EYES,  
love is never absent.  
In GOD'S HEART,  
forgiveness is never  
impossible. In GOD'S  
EMBRACE, no one is  
ever alone. GOD is  
always with us.**

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, but it is not only those in material poverty whose cries are heard. The tax collector was probably well off, as he was likely earning income from both the government and from the people he cheated. However, he was poor in spirit, in need of God's munificent mercy. Jesus for our sake also became poor, but in another sense. God chose to become poor to share in our humanity, to suffer with us, to accompany us as we carry our own crosses. God heard all these cries, because all of them came to God in humility, acutely aware of their dependence upon God.\

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I see myself dependent upon God? Do I pray humbly, recognizing my dependence on God?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

**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 AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Dr. Edward Casey by Tina, Franco & Matteo Falcone.

Classes for religious education students are in session. If you know of a child from 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school who has not made their First Communion or Confirmation, please have them call the Religious Education Office to register their child. The number is on the front of the bulletin.



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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 November on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday November 6<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 next Saturday and Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends beginning on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.



Bags will be placed at the rear of the church beginning next weekend. **Please take a bag and place Thanksgiving appropriate, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc.** Return the bags to church no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>. We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the Masses, the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!

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

**More Than a Buzzword**

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

**OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

*The Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully.*

*It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions."*



We know it to be one of the most recited and celebrated Catholic prayers — used to implore our Mother Mary for her intercession and blessings. Saint John Paul II expanded on the rosary's power in his 2002 apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, when he announced the Year of the Rosary

and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries:

*"With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer."*

As we enter the final days of October, let us renew our devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary — reflecting on its origins saving nations and individuals in times of conflict and despair.

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

October 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday collection: \$2618.00

On Line giving: \$1,065.00

Total: \$3,683.00

**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 and Faust Venturino.

**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.**

**SOMETIMES GOD  
WILL GIVE YOU EXACTLY  
WHAT YOU WANTED  
JUST TO SHOW YOU  
IT'S NOT AT ALL  
WHAT YOU NEEDED.**

October 23, 2022

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, October 23, 2022**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Carl & Elizabeth Laredo +

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, October 24**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM James Michael Cummings +

9:00 AM Daniel J. De Rosa +

**Tuesday, October 25**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Dr. Edward Casey +

9:00 AM Christopher Hackett +

**Wednesday, October 26**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Faust Venturino (Living)

9:00 AM Tiffany Nguyen (Living)

**Thursday, October 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Anna (Phan) Nguyen +

9:00 AM Phan & Song Nguyen +

**Friday, October 28**

**Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles**

7:00 AM Kevin Waziko +

9:00 AM Matteo Passero +

**Saturday, October 29**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael Pugni +

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**Saturday, October 29 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Roseann Lepore-Corujo +

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**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

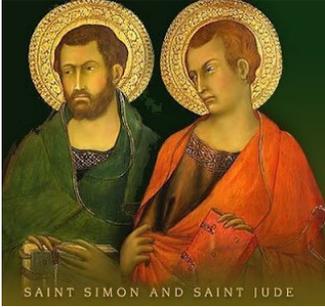
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## Saints Simon and Jude's Story

Feast Day October 28<sup>th</sup>

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars hold that he is not the author of the *Letter of Jude*. Actually, Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.



As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.

### WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

