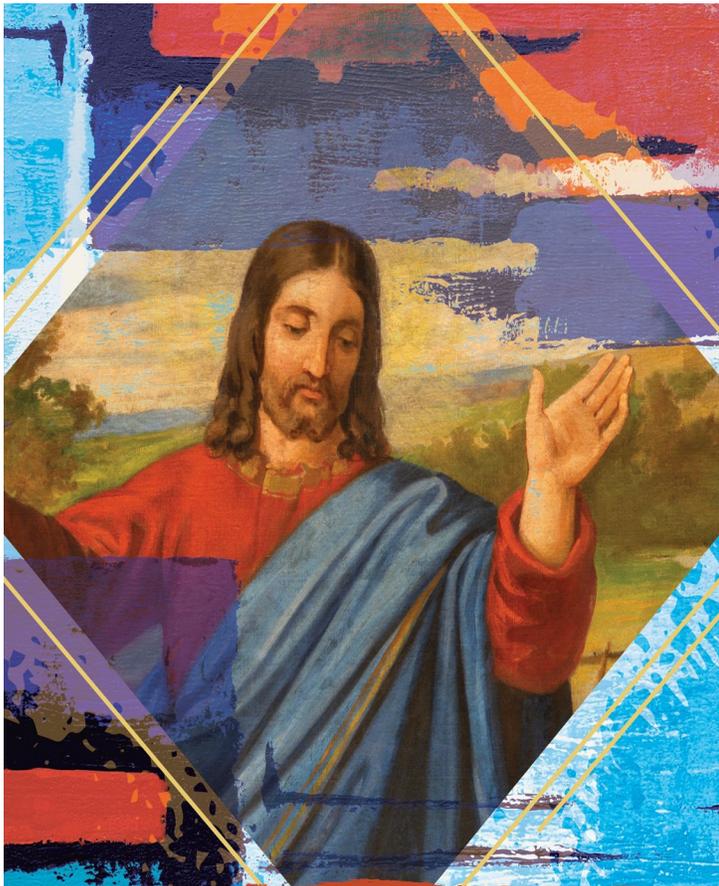


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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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

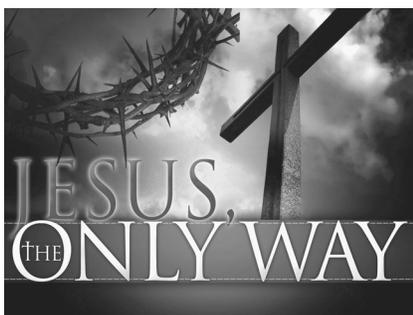
Trustees: Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

**MAKE THE SCRIPTURE CENTRAL IN YOUR LIFE**

Zebulun and Naphtali, as well as Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, were on the outskirts of Jewish Palestine, outside of Judea proper. Here Gentiles lived alongside Jews, bringing a strong Hellenistic influence to the region. People from Judea often looked down upon those who lived outside Judea, much as we may look down on those who come from outside our own community, society, or country. Isaiah's and Matthew's words declare that it is insiders' negative attitudes toward outsiders, not the outsiders themselves, that bring gloom and darkness to the land. The presence of outsiders can bring either diversity or division; the choice is up to the insiders. Let us not forget that Jesus himself is one of those outsiders.



The first disciples Jesus called - Simon and Andrew, James and John - were all fishermen, one of the most stable occupations of first-century Galilee. Yet they immediately left their way of life to follow Jesus into the great unknown. No longer could they be assured of putting food on their tables or income in their pockets. But as they traveled around Galilee, they were rewarded by seeing first hand the wonders that Jesus did.



Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, established just four years ago to remind us that scripture is central to our faith. Christ is the center of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, for, as John wrote, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (1:12). Through stories and myths, histories and testimonies, visions and parables, oracles and letters and songs, God is revealed to us through the Word.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*



**Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass. Pancakes and Sausages will be served. PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

**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.



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Sandra De Santis, MaryAnne Klobosits and Maria Rosa Fragoso.

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



**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.

**JESUS IS THE MAIN THING**

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as *the main thing*.



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\*\*\*\*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR FEBRUARY** on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday February 5<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, January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we *had* to be. There would be nothing we *had* to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. *Freedom!*

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom.

— 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](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>

Sunday collection:	\$3,419.00
On Line giving:	\$1,205.80
Total:	\$4,624.80

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](mailto: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, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

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.

January 22, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, January 21 (Anticipated Mass)**

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

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**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 +

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**Monday, January 23**  
**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn  
Children**

7:00 AM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +  
9:00 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +

**Tuesday, January 24**  
**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Emil & Victoria Kurak +

**Wednesday, January 25**  
**The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**

7:00 AM Dr. Edward Casey +  
9:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

**Thursday, January 26**  
**Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops**

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Ferreira Family  
(Living)  
9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

**Friday, January 27**  
**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Saturday, January 28**  
**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Paul Capuano (Living)

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**Saturday, January 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

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**Sunday, January 29, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Tim**

9:30 AM Daniel P. DeRosa +  
Marie Caloia +  
Leonore Erb & Elizabeth Laredo +  
11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
5:00 PM Geraldine Tummolo +

January 22, 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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