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24th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." - Lk 15:7b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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
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);
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, 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

Who would leave ninety-nine sheep in the middle of the desert to search for a stray, Jesus asks. Pretty much only someone who wanted to get fired from any shepherding job, that's who!! Sheep were a valued commodity, they could provide food, drink, and clothing. Leaving ninety-nine sheep vulnerable in the desert where they could be stolen or wander off, while taking the risk of getting lost yourself with no assurance of ever finding the wayward lamb would be exercising very poor judgment. Yet Jesus holds this behavior up as praiseworthy.



Perhaps the key to this lesson is patience. The sheep who is lost is more important than the ninety-nine, for it is most in need. If another sheep wanders off while the first is being rescued, it would become the most important. Maybe two or three others wander off. Then they become the most important. And so on. But this is all right, because this shepherd has infinite time and infinite patience. The Good Shepherd welcomes back each sheep with no less joy that the last. Jesus' lesson is not a how-to manual for shepherders. It is a lesson in God's infinite care and compassion.



No person is truly lost in the sight of God. Anyone can be found worthy of reconciliation. The Chosen People turned their backs on the Lord and worshiped a golden calf, but God stuck with them. Saint Paul persecuted the early church, but God called him to be apostle of the Gentiles. The prodigal son turned his back on his father and dissipated his inheritance, but his father welcomed him back with a grand feast.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I imitate the father in Jesus' parable? Whom can I welcome back?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

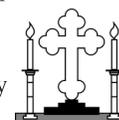
PARISH NEWS



Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm in the rectory basement. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of William E. Tobias by Joanne Pragana and Victor Serricchio.



The ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Andrea and Peter Objay by Laurie Bartolini.

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. **Religious Education classes began on Tuesday, September 10th. It is not too late to register your child.**



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. **See more details on the back flap of the bulletin.**



COME JOIN ST. BARTS' MUSICAL MINISTRY



St. Bart's Parish is blessed with several different musical ensembles for all ages at the various Masses including children, adult and Sunday Modern Contemporary choirs. Please call the parish office for more information.

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy.



SAVE THE DATE
ST. BART'S OKTOBERFEST
Saturday, October 5th, after the 5 p.m. Mass
See the flyer in today's bulletin.

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.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is next Sunday, September 22nd.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

LOCAL NEWS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 1 p.m. in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. A guest speaker from the Yonkers Office for the Aging will inform the group of the benefits available to senior citizens of Yonkers. Members and guests are invited to this meeting. For more information and reservations, please call 914 423-5331.

The group is also holding their annual Mass at St. Ann's Church, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY on September 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. followed by Communion Breakfast immediately after the Mass at the Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$23, payable at the breakfast. All members and guests are welcome. Reservations are preferred. Please call 914 423-5331 for more information.

The next meeting of the St. Augustine Monthly Divorce/Separated Support Group is Tuesday, September 17th. The group will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Back Stage Room of Kenny Hall, St. Augustine Church, 111 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538. All who are divorced or separated are invited and welcome to come. The topics discussed are various topics and all discussions remain strictly confidential. Meetings are scheduled the third Tuesday of every month. Please call 914 834-1220 or e mail abetkowski@staugustineny.org with any questions.

The City of Yonkers will be honoring couples married fifty years or more on Tuesday, September 24th at 4:30 p.m. at Yonkers City Hall, City Hall Unity Foundation, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY. Refreshments will be served following the Special Presentation Ceremony. To register or for further information, please call 914 377-6058 or e mail lucia.trovato@yonkersny.gov.

Regis High School, an all-scholarship Jesuit Secondary School for Catholic Boys announces its Open House for students and their parents on Thursday, October 10th, from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. For additional information, please write, e-mail or call: Erick Di Michele, Director of Admissions at Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, New York 10028, 212 288-1100, Extension 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

September 8, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,330.95
Online	\$ 760.00
Total	\$5,090.95

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Carol Stola, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra and Ellen Chimenti.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

2019 & 2020 MASS BOOK



The 2019 Mass book still has a few Masses available and the 2020 Book is also open with some 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.

September 15, 2019

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, September 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pragana Family

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Capuano Grandchildren (Living)
10:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Rafael Vazquez & Luis Mercado +

Monday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Steve Levandoski (Living)

Tuesday, September 17

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Domenick Sinopoli +

Wednesday, September 18

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ann Angelovich +

Thursday, September 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Jessie Kowaluk +
9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo +

Friday, September 20

**Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and Paul Chong Ha-sang
and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Concetta Darretta +

Saturday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 AM Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +

Saturday, September 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM William Edward Tobias +

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +
10:00 AM Lawrence Tiplady +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Rosario G. Barbieri +

September 15, 2019

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

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

_____ **I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.**

_____ **I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.**

_____ **I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.**

_____ **I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.**

_____ **I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.**

_____ **I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.**

_____ **My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



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 use the Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed/corrected form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you!