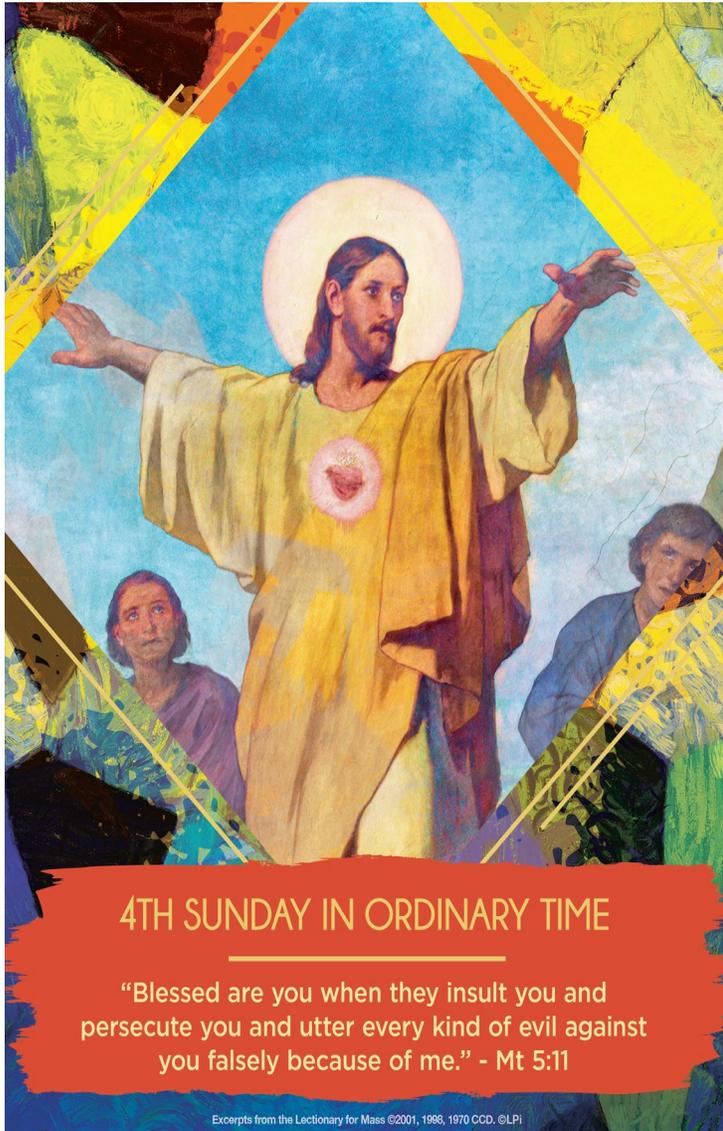


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

**STRENGTHEN MY EMPATHY TOWARDS THOSE WHO ARE MOST DIFFICULT**

Zephaniah lived during a difficult time for the Jewish nation. Israel had already fallen to the Assyrians and Judah had basically submitted to their control. In an effort to stave off conquest and destruction, the king, Manasseh, had pledged loyalty to pagan gods and abandoned God's covenant. Out of fear, much of the population did the same. At what scholars suspect was an important temple liturgy, Zephaniah courageously took a stand. He condemned those who had abandoned the faith, starting with the leaders, prophesying that one day the Lord would destroy what was left of their nation. But he assured them that a remnant of the people would remain - those who stayed faithful, who sought justice and humility before the Lord.



Time and time again, a people and their leaders fall away from the ideals of God's covenant with humanity. Selfishness or arrogance, fear or hate, sin or evil, lead people to turn toward self-preservation or self-aggrandizement. It happened in Zephaniah's day under Assyrian influence. It happened in Jesus' day under Roman influence. It can happen again in ours. The Beatitudes can turn us back to living right. Poverty of spirit and meekness, righteousness and mercy, peacemaking and purity of heart can do this by shifting the focus away from ourselves and onto others. Empathy teaches us to show mercy, to make peace, to work for justice, to be humble. The kingdom of heaven awaits those who are empathetic.

**Empathy.**  
**We must understand before we Judge**

This lesson had to be important. Jesus had just called his disciples and traveled with them around Galilee, healing the sick, and proclaiming the gospel, as we heard last Sunday. Soon he was drawing huge crowds, people eager to hear the words of the prophets come alive in their presence. But now, he elevates his message. Literally, for he ascends a mountain (not named, but apparently one of significance), symbolizing his authority and his closeness to God. He will go on to teach dozens of lessons - we will hear more over the next few Sunday's - but he begins by teaching the people how to live.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

For whom do I find it difficult to have empathy? How can I strengthen my empathy toward those who are not like me?

**Blessings**

**Father Raphael**

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:**



This **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, February 4<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

**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 Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Karen & John McKenna.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Theresa Pisacreta.



*Rest in Peace*



**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 FEBRUARY** next **Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and next 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 **THIS Saturday and Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.**



**ST. BLAISE | FEBRUARY 3**

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**THROATS WILL BE BLESSED HERE AT ST. BART'S ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> AT THE 7 AM AND 9 AM MASSES.**

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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\*\*\*\*

Seniors Gathering:

This Thursday, February 2nd at 12 p.m. Monthly gathering in the Gym with a light lunch.

Movie Thursday: February 16th, 10 am Mother Theresa



CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words Blessed are the peacemakers, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 15th

Sunday collection: \$2,523.00
On Line giving: \$1,165.00
Total: \$3,688.00

Christmas Collection was \$18,625.38

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 (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.



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 Lutowski, 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, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

January 29, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**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 +

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**Monday, January 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Ned & Breda O'Connor & Family (Living)

9:00 AM Giovanni Lucchetti & Family (Living)

**Tuesday, January 31**

**Saint John Bosco, Priest**

7:00 AM Joseph O'Connor +

9:00 AM William A. Gasperino +

**Wednesday, February 1**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Ferreira Family  
(Living)

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Thursday, February 2**

**The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 AM Marie Purcell +

9:00 AM Angela Di Rodio +

**First Friday, February 3**

**Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Linda & Gene Skelly +

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

**First Saturday, February 4**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Henry Ritell +

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**Saturday, February 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Tim**

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +  
Walter Zigabarra +

11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

January 29, 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**

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

