

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44

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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

## SEARCHING FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

The well-known story of Solomon using his newfound wisdom to determine a baby's true mother by proposing to cut the baby in two occurs just a few verses after the passage we hear in today's reading. Note, however, that Solomon did not specifically ask God for wisdom. He asked God simply for an understanding heart. Also notice that he did not ask for an understanding mind, but an understanding heart, so that he could know in his heart what is right. God then gives him "a heart so wise and understanding" (1 Kings 3:12) that he gains the wisdom to distinguish right from wrong and make just judgments.

## Pastor's COLUMN

Again this week Jesus uses parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. The act of buying a field in which you've just reburied a treasure seems strange and a little deceptive, but in the uncertain political situation of Jesus' time, and especially at a time when the Gospels were written, hiding a treasure underground was not uncommon. The parable's point is that the finder gives everything he has to gain that treasure. So must we be willing to do to gain the treasure of heaven.

Not once in all the parables that we have heard over the last few Sundays has Jesus mentioned wisdom. Yet wisdom is essential to reach the proper conclusions. Wisdom teaches us to reach true treasure, which may be overlooked by most people, buried deep inside someone, hidden away from those who see superficially. It is wisdom that gives the finder an understanding heart to make the right judgment and value the treasure of its true worth.



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What or whom have I overlooked in searching for the kingdom of heaven? How can I develop an understanding heart?

## Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



**SPECIAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE !**  
**Friday, August 7, 2020 12 noon to 6:00 pm**  
**McManus Parish Center**  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, NO WALKINS!**

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# PARISH NEWS



**THE PARISH OFFICE HAS RE OPENED.** 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 FLOWERS, are donated this week in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Angela Brusco (that were originally donated the week of May 10<sup>th</sup>).

**WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES WILL NOW RESUME WITH INTENTIONS AS NORMAL.**



**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, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Gabriel Nanoia +  
 Ferdinand J. Colon +  
 Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +  
 Jose Angel Ocasio  
 Victor Guzman +

**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE**

## What Is God Asking of You?- Everyday Stewardship

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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



**YOU CAN SIGN UP EACH WEEK** FOR WEEKEND MASSES  
(SATURDAY, 5 PM, AND SUNDAY, 9:30 AND 11:30 AM). GO TO OUR  
PARISH WEB SITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE TO SIGN UP.  
**IF YOU DO NOT OR ARE UNABLE TO SIGN UP, YOU CAN STILL ATTEND  
MASS.** (THE ARCHDIOCESE HAS INCREASED ACCEPTABLE CAPACITY  
TO 50% PROVIDED FACE MASKS ARE WORN AND SOCIAL DISTANCING  
IS PRACTICED).

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH  
FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Calls if there are  
additional updates. Stay safe and God bless everyone.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account,  
please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first  
list will be for people who currently have the virus and  
need prayers. The second list will be for those working  
in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.



Please send your names to stbartsreled@aol.com and state whether the  
person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the  
hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to:  
stbartsreled@aol.com

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is now open. We can use jelly, rice,  
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.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE DONATED  
MONEY OR GIFT CARDS TO THE FOOD PANTRY. THUS FAR, WE  
HAVE GIVEN OUT OVER \$1800 IN GIFT CARDS TO NEEDY  
FAMILIES!!!**

**May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Feast Day, July 31<sup>st</sup>

**St. Ignatius of Loyola**, (born 1491, Loyola, Castile  
Spain—died July 31, 1556, Rome Italy, canonized March  
12, 1622; feast day July 31), Spanish theologian, one of  
the most influential figures in the Roman Catholic Counter  
Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and founder of the Society  
of Jesus (Jesuits) in Paris in 1534.



Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.



## 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, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

**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.**

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed  
especially Larry Vandak and Victor Guzman.



*Rest in Peace*

July 26, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, July 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, July 26, 2020**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Gabriel Nanoia +  
Ferdinand J. Colon +  
Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +  
Jose Angel Ocasio +  
Victor Guzman

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, July 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Julio Rios +

**Tuesday, July 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Daly +

**Wednesday, July 29**

**Saint Martha**

7:00 AM Jonathan Maldonado +

9:00 AM Gloria Silvers +

**Thursday, July 30**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +

**Friday, July 31**

**Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mary De Mattia +

**Saturday, August 1**

**Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Priest, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Dina, Frank, & Carmela Legio +

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**Saturday, August 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 2, 2020**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Gabriel Nanoia +  
Joseph & Mary Prior +  
Patrick V. Fox +  
Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

July 26, 2020

**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.

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**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, 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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