

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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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  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**WHO CAN HELP ME RECOGNIZE THE LORD'S VOICE?**

Hearing the story of Samuel's call, perhaps you're marveling that he could keep getting back to sleep after being awakened multiple times during the night. That's the true miracle! But it may be good to think of "sleep" as a metaphor for days lived routinely, without thinking. Every day we wake up, brush our teeth and comb our hair, go to work or school, come home, watch TV, go to bed. Day after day after day. Perhaps once in a while during our drowsiness we receive a gentle nudge: Is there more to my life? Shouldn't I be doing something more? The Lord's call may not occur during the night, but we may still be sleeping when it happens. Will it wake us up?



We each received a call in baptism to serve one another. We also received the Holy Spirit to assist us in this mission. Paul told the Corinthians that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you" (1 Corinthians 6:19). We have within ourselves the necessary means to live out Christ's mission. Our hands and arms and voices are empowered with the Holy Spirit to serve one another, building up the Kingdom and glorifying God.



Each person who receives a call in today's reading needs an intermediary. Without Eli, Samuel would not have realized who was calling. Andrew only followed Jesus because John the Baptist identified Him as the Lamb of God. Then Simon was brought to Jesus by Andrew. After their encounters, each one's life is transformed, for each stays with the Lord and the Lord stays with each one.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I discern the Lord's call among the many voices in my life? Is there an intermediary I can trust to recognize the Lord's voice?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**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, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR**

**THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

- DECEASED:**  
 Andrea Pisacreta +  
 Annetude Cordes  
 Arlene Tiplady +  
 Edith D'Aquila +  
 John Nieman +  
 Angela Yanet Cuevas +

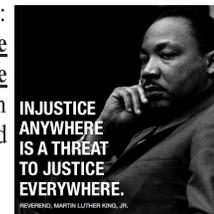


**PARISH NEWS**

Take Note

**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.

**MARTIN LUTHER KINGS JR'S BIRTHDAY :** This Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> is a legal holiday. **The Parish Office will be closed; and there will be one Mass at 9 a.m. on that day.** The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of this week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP & ALTAR CANDLES** are donated in loving memory of Edith D'Aquila by Frank D'Aquila.



**Rest in Peace**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially John Hanrahan and Joseph Caloia.*

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is open. We can use cereal and juice.

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



**PRAYER FOR PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN CHILD**



*God, our Fortress, we ask you to protect and keep safe all unborn children, and their mothers. Let Your hand of grace be upon these children as they come into the world. Lord, send Your angels to go before them always. May their parents shield their children from any manner of danger. Amen*

**"The time is always right to do what is right."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**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.**

**WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Christ Is Anything but Ordinary**

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, lpi*

*We especially pray this week that, Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, is a new beginning for our country, one of peace, brotherly love and health in mind, in body and in spirit. May God bless each and every one of us and may God bless the United States of America and unite us once again.*



**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).



**THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD IS IN SUPPORT OF OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS.**



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, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, and Lucia Sevivas.

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.

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Saturday, January 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Andrea Pisacreta +  
Annetrude Cordes +  
Arlene Tiplady +  
Edith D'Aquila +  
John Nieman +  
Angela Yanet Cuevas +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, January 18– Dr. Martin Luther King  
Weekday**

9:00 AM Daniel P. De Rosa +

**Tuesday, January 19**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jennifer Keiling (Living)

9:00 AM Denis LaValle +

**Wednesday, January 20**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM For Unity in Our Country

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Thursday, January 21**

**Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph, Maria, & Theresa Nguyen +

**Friday, January 22**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn  
Children**

7:00 AM Angela Yanet Cuevas +

9:00 AM Isadore & Rosalie Heit +

**Saturday, January 23**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Reverend Patrick J. Mee +

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**Saturday, January 23(Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Jack Gronowski & William Bruder +  
Leonore Erb +  
Margaret Verderosa +  
Vincent J. Campisi +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

HOLY  
COMMUNION



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 of New York, 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

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

