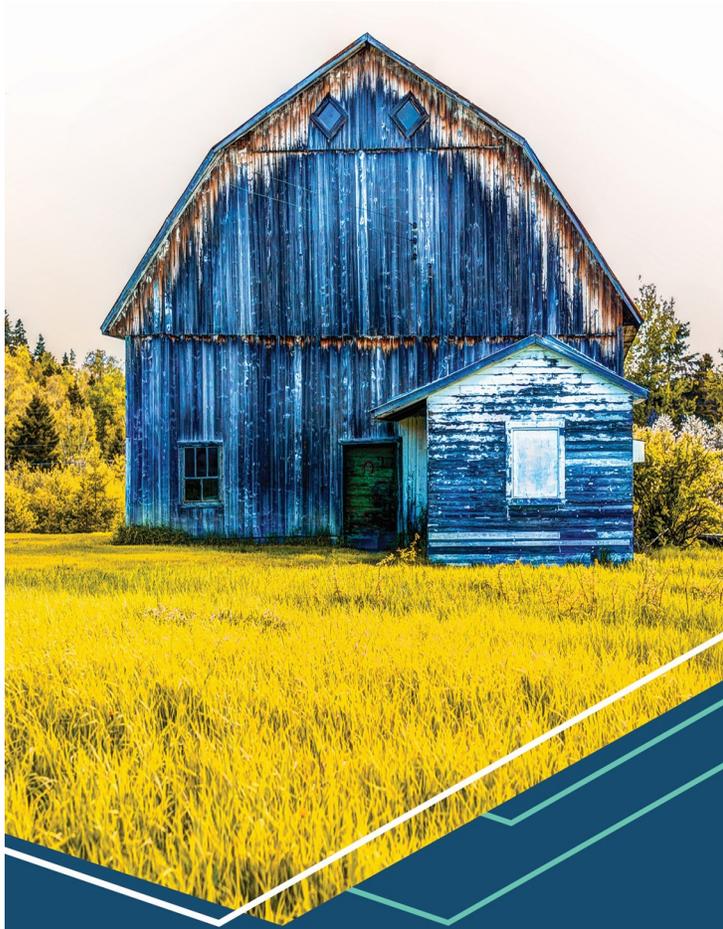


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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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
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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

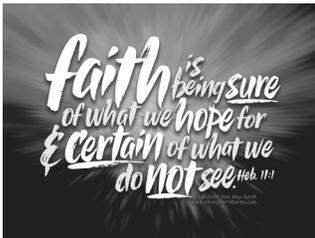
Trustees: Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

BUILD A WORLD OF TREASURE

Imagine a world where everyone cared for even the least of their brothers and sisters, a world without want because everyone would be willing to provide for anyone in need, a world without hate because people would disagree without being disagreeable, a world of peace because no one would ever resort to violence, a world where everyone loves God and loves neighbor with all their heart. wouldn't it be an incredible treasure? This is what Jesus is getting at in today's Gospel. This is the kingdom of God. It is like a buried treasure or a priceless pearl in that it is worth all that a person has. Given the choice between everything they own and this one object, each person in the Gospel chooses the treasure.

The joy that these people feel upon finding their treasure is akin to the joy one has when falling in love. When you fall in love with someone and you realize that they have fallen in love with you too, the sense of bliss is so overwhelming that nothing else in life matters. Every day, as soon as you wake up, you are counting the hours or minutes until you can be with them again. This is how we feel when we truly realize how much Jesus loves us, how much He wants to give us the kingdom of heaven, and how incredibly wonderful the kingdom is. For all this, we willingly and joyfully give everything - our entire lives - over to Him.

In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that all of us who have received the gift of faith are called to be conformed to the image of Jesus. When we give our lives to Him, we are being like Him, for we are doing as He has done. When we do so, we help to build the kingdom that He came to us to establish. When we love God and love our neighbor, we give ourselves over to His mission, helping to bring about the kingdom. Indeed, Paul promises that "all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I help build a world worth treasuring? Who do I need to forgive or ask forgiveness of so that we can be reconciled, even if we both still disagree?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

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.



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, tuna, dried beans, canned beans and juices. **May God bless you all for your generosity.**

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



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 AUGUST on NEXT Saturday, AUGUST 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on NEXT Sunday AUGUST 6th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **THIS Saturday and Sunday, July 29th and 30th.**



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, August 4th, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 5th, 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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Eileen Mistal, Theresa Chappory and Gino Dippolito.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS

CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

7 AM AND 9 AM

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,

12:30 PM (SPANISH)

& 5 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What Is God Asking of You?

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 lpi

A Special Invitation

Mass in Honor of Blessed Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap.

Monday, July 31st, 7:30 PM

Please join us as we give thanks to God for Blessed Solanus Casey, O.F.M., Cap. and ask God to bless us with his canonization. His feast day is normally celebrated on July 30th, which is a Sunday this year. As in all cases, the Sunday liturgy (a celebration of Jesus' Resurrection) takes precedence. Blessed Solanus celebrated his First Mass on July 31, 1904 and died on July 31, 1957.

As we know, Blessed Solanus ministered in the Archdiocese of New York for 20 years, 14 of which were spent here at Sacred Heart (1904-1918).

Many people across the globe are praying for his canonization. Let us join our voices to theirs – especially those of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. All of us can learn from his example to love all God's People. Join us in celebration of his life, to listen to God's Word, to receive the Holy Eucharist and to venerate his relic. In a special way, we will seek his intercession for an increase in vocations. All parishioners, and all our friends in neighboring parishes are invited!

Join the Capuchin Franciscans and area youth for the world premiere of the musical, "**Solanus: The Brother Behind The Beard**". Featuring local youth actors, set makers, and dancers, with a live orchestra! 2 shows only, **August 5, show times 1 pm & 7:30 pm** at the air-conditioned St. Martin School auditorium, 122 Cedar Valley Rd, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Advance tickets, \$10 adult; \$5 student: bit.ly/Solanustickets

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

July 16th

Sunday collection: \$3,417.00

On Line giving: \$1,120.00

Total: \$4,537.00

**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.



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

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, 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 Richard Romanowski and Eileen Mistal.

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.

July 30, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, July 29 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Margaret & Michael Hickey +
Brittany Pezzola (Living)

**Sunday, July 30
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Walter Moore +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM Edgar Cortes-Caballero +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priests

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John, Peter & Joseph Ngo +

Tuesday, August 1

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

7:00 AM Joseph, Teresa & Maria Nguyen +

Wednesday, August 2

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Anthony, Teresa & Maria Hoang +

Thursday, August 3

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

Friday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +

Saturday, August 5

Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, August 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

**Sunday, August 6
The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:30 AM Joseph & Mary Prior +
Lorenzo & Giulia Marchionno +
11:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +
12:30 PM Ercilia Moreno Luna, Luis Artemio Luna,
Felix Verde Soto & Xavier Cedeno Luna +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

July 30, 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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

