

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them  
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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  
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. 9 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 4:45 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

## TURN TO GOD IN NEED

In a few months we will hear the passage from Matthew in which Jesus tells His disciples that those who gave food and drink to the hungry and thirsty will be welcomed into the kingdom. Today, He models that behavior for them. What's more, He involves them in the action so that they would be active participants in this miraculous event. They were the ones who walked through the crowd, handing out food, never running out. They were the ones seeing the delight in the eyes of the families, neighbors, and strangers. They were the ones directly receiving the gratitude of thousands of men, women, and children. They would never forget.



"Bring them here to me," Jesus says to His disciples when they tell Him they have five loaves and two fish (Matthew 14:18). The food was hardly enough for just the disciples, let alone a crowd of thousands. But in turning to the Lord the result is able to surpass all human expectation. God provided a miraculous abundance to the Chosen People in the desert, to Isaiah's listeners during the desperate years of the Exile, and to the thousands in this deserted place. Multiplied across time, God continues to provide nourishment in abundance through Jesus, even in places of want and times of despair.



"His heart was moved with pity for them" (14:14). The word Matthew uses, *esplagchnisthe*, is a neologism of sorts, and only found in the Gospels. It turns the Greek word for pity, *splagchna*, into a verb. The English translation is inadequate, for the Greek implies a physical, visceral emotion. Jesus felt intense compassion from deep in His gut for these poor people who followed Him into the wilderness. May we feel emotion to such intensity when we see our neighbor in need.

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When have I felt visceral emotion when seeing a family member, friend, or stranger in need? Do I turn to God in my need?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

## SPECIAL SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE !

**THIS Friday, August 7, 2020 12 noon to 6:00 pm**  
**McManus Parish Center**

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, NO WALKINS!**



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[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/280910](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910)

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# PARISH NEWS



Take Note

**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 Nanaia and Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco (that were originally donated for the week of May 17<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, August 2<sup>nd</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Gabriel Nanaia +  
 Joseph & Mary Prior +  
 Patrick V. Fox +  
 Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
 ORDINARY MOMENTS  
 THE POWER OF A SIMPLE ACTION

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI

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.

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.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Immaculate Conception in the Bronx is now open.

Donation of ziti for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on this Thursday August 6th. You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



THE TRANSFIGURATION—AUGUST 6TH

The Transfiguration of Christ is one of the central events recorded in the Gospels. Immediately after the Lord was recognized by His disciples as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, he told them that He must go up to Jerusalem and suffer many things and be killed and on the third day be raised. This announcement of Christ's approaching passion and death was met with indignation by the disciples. And then, after rebuking them, the Lord took Peter, James, and John up to a high mountain, Mount Tabor, and was transfigured before them.



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

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



August 2, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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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 Naoia +  
Joseph & Mary Prior +  
Patrick V. Fox +  
Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, August 3**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rose & Charles Boehm +

**Tuesday, August 4**

**Saint John Vianney, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP (Living)

**Wednesday, August 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

**Thursday, August 6**

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Califano +

**Friday, August 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

9:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

**Saturday, August 8**

**Saint Dominic, Priest**

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Terrusa Family

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**Saturday, August 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 9, 2020**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP (Living)  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name  
Society  
Joseph & Linda Sarich, Alfred & Florence  
Porach +  
Deceased Members of Brusco & Naoia  
Families

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

August 2, 2020

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, 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**

18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

