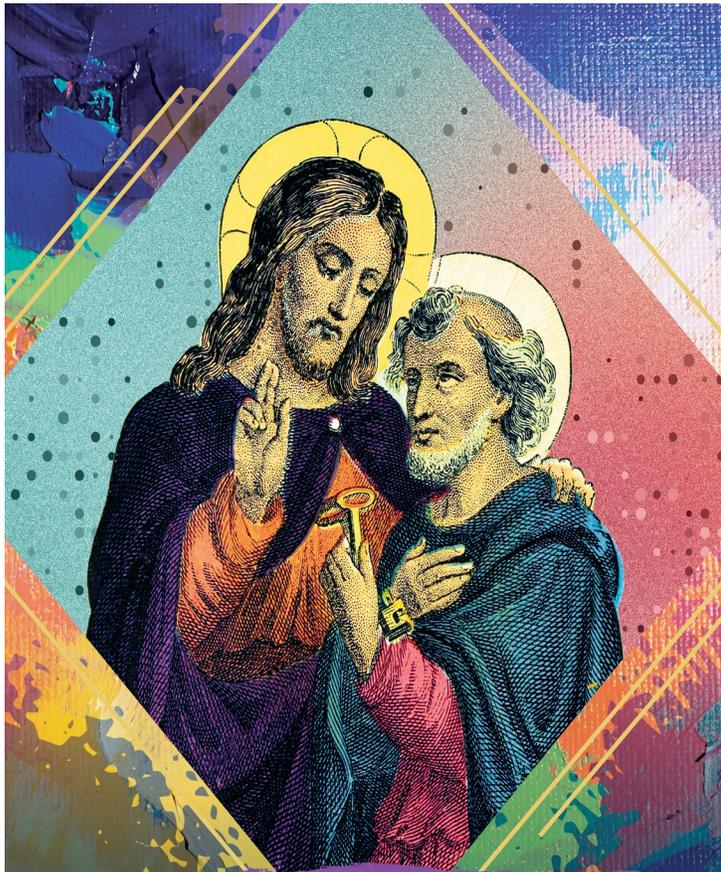


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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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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, **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

LEARN ABOUT GOD THROUGH PRAYER

Not much more is known about Eliakim that what we learn in his brief passage from Isaiah. But he serves an important role in the history of God's people, for as the holder of the key of the House of David, even if only for a short time, he provides a necessary link between David and Jesus. The line of those descended from David and chosen by God remained uninterrupted to the birth of the Messiah. Later, Peter becomes an even more pivotal link in the history of our religion: the link between Jesus and the church he founded. Between the key of the House of David and the keys to the kingdom, a line can be drawn from Pope Francis back to King David, all entrusted to lead the people of God.



The line Jesus uses to praise Peter on his affirmation of Jesus as the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah) is interesting: "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" (Matthew 16:17). Jesus is "flesh and blood," fully human and fully divine, and He is correct in saying that He himself has not revealed this to Peter nor to anyone. He did not wish anyone to think the Messiah came to overthrow the government and reestablish the earthly kingdom of Israel. But recall that Jesus Himself taught His disciples how to pray. He had already taught them the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. So when Jesus tells Peter that His heavenly Father has revealed to him that Jesus is the Christ, He may be suggesting that Peter has learned this through prayer. Then and now, the prayer can be an opportunity for better understanding God.

When Jesus restates His question to His disciples, changing "people say" to "you say," He is changing the question from one of opinion to one of faith (Matthew 16:13, 15). Faith gets to the truth, but a truth that we cannot prove. Faith can be difficult to maintain without conclusive evidence, especially in the face of evil in the world, of seemingly senseless tragedy. It is in that light that Paul's words today are comforting. God's wisdom is inscrutable. God's ways are unsearchable. God's will is ultimately unknowable. May our faith console us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What have I learned about God and God's will through prayer?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



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 Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**



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. **The Religious Education Office is currently closed. Mrs. Duda can be reached after September 1st.**



St. Bart's will be honoring and remembering grandparents and the elderly at all the Masses on Saturday, September 9th at the 5 pm and Sunday, September 10th at the 9:30 and 11 am, and 12:30 and 5:00 pm Masses. All grandparents, their children, grandchildren and the elderly are invited.

Also please note that on the weekend of August 26th and 27th, a book of remembrance will be available at the rear of the church for you to list the names of your deceased or living grandparents. The signed book will be presented as an offertory gift at all masses for grandparents and the elderly, as a visual reminder of our dear loved ones.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, September 1st, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 2nd, 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.



**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
The Choice of Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver LPI

Prayer for Students

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning! I want to grow closer to you in everything I do at school. In math and science, help me to see your beautiful plan in the world. Help me to discover new stories and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative. In sports, help me to treat my teammates and my opponents fairly. Help me to learn new skills in technology. Jesus, you are the perfect teacher. Help me to listen with open ears, an open heart, and an open mind to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates with care, kindness, and respect.*

*Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.*

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 13th
Sunday collection: \$4,072.00
On Line giving: \$1,095.00
Total: \$5,167.00

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, 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.

August 27, 2023

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, August 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Pauline Salamone +

Sunday, August 27

Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dina Legio +

Elizabeth Laredo +

11:00 AM Richard Di Venuto +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Marianne Monopoli +

9:00 AM Dominic & Joseph +

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Bruno Aloia +

Wednesday, August 30

Weekday

7:00 AM Sylvester Grillo +

9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

Thursday, August 31

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Tiffany, Angelina & Anthony Nguyen
(Living)

Friday, September 1

Weekday—First Friday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Leovigildo Sotto +

Saturday, September 2

Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, September 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Emily LaValle +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

August 27, 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

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