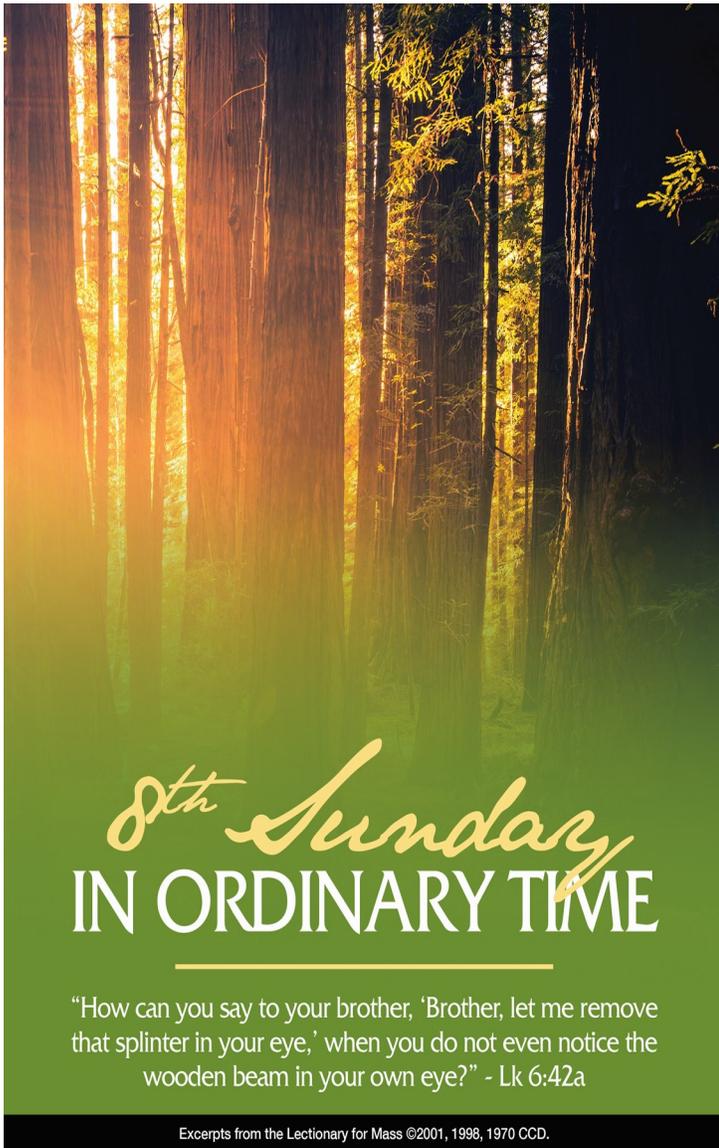


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

BEAR THE FRUIT THAT HELPS GROW THE KINGDOM



It's timely that today we hear Jesus use the word "hypocrite" when teaching His disciples, for we will hear Him say that word again and repeatedly in Ash Wednesday's Gospel. There is something very distasteful about pretending to be something that you're not, whether it's pretending to be a better person than you really are or refusing to see your own flaws. Further,

the hypocrite imagines that everyone else must be faking it just as they are, so rationalizes that they are doing just what everyone else does. In fact, they are happy to find bona fide splinters in others' eyes, for blinded by their own pride, they confirm their apparent superiority. Let us learn the lesson a few days early: Hypocrisy blinds us to both the goodness in others and the flaws in ourselves.

On the night before He died, Jesus told His disciples that He was the vine and they were the branches and that they would bear much fruit if they remained in Him and He in them. Jesus remains in us as well and if we remain in Him, if we remain committed disciples, we too can bear much fruit. Sirach tells us that fruit we bear shows the care we've had. Let us nurture the Lord's care and bear the kind of fruit that helps grow the kingdom and shows the goodness in our hearts.

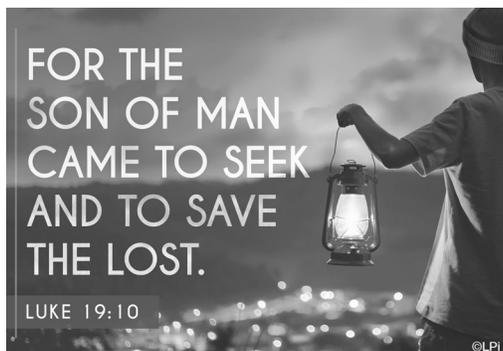
None of us want to bear rotten fruit but do we realize that avoiding doing so is not enough? How many of us are actually bearing no fruit at all? Have we produced something good and valuable over the last week that we have generously given to someone else? Let us do more than avoid bearing rotten fruit. May we produce fruit that causes our family, friends, coworkers, classmates, and strangers to appreciate what we generously provide.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What can I do this Lent to bear fruit more fully in the world?

Blessings

Father Raphael



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.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE is donated in loving memory of John Brusco by Angela Brusco.



THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of John Brusco by Angela Brusco.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR MARCH** on **Saturday, March 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday March 6th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, February 26th and 27th. PLEASE NOTE: The food pantry is in need of the following: **juice, cornflakes and jelly.** Thank you for your generosity.



The 2022 Mass book still has Masses available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2023 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2nd AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



Ashes will be distributed at each Mass and Word Service on Ash Wednesday, which is March 2nd. **Mass times are: 7 am and 9 am.** **There will be short Word Services at 4 pm and 7 pm** With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Services.

PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds Your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to Your presence, let Your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of Your love. Amen



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.
 — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.** Thank you!!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION
 February 13th

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	\$2,061.00
<i>On Line giving:</i>	\$1,035.00
Total:	\$3,096.00

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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, 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, Theresa Chappory, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

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.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Leo Sotto and Roseann Lepore-Corujo

February 27 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, February 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Elizabeth Hodges +

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, February 28

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, March 1

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Janet Marsden (Living)

9:00 AM Luigi & Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

4:00 PM Word Service with Ashes

7:00 PM Word Service with Ashes

Thursday, March 3

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John Brusco +

Friday, March 4

Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Saturday, March 5

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Saturday, March 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Hoffman & Casario
Families

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

February 27, 2022

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

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

