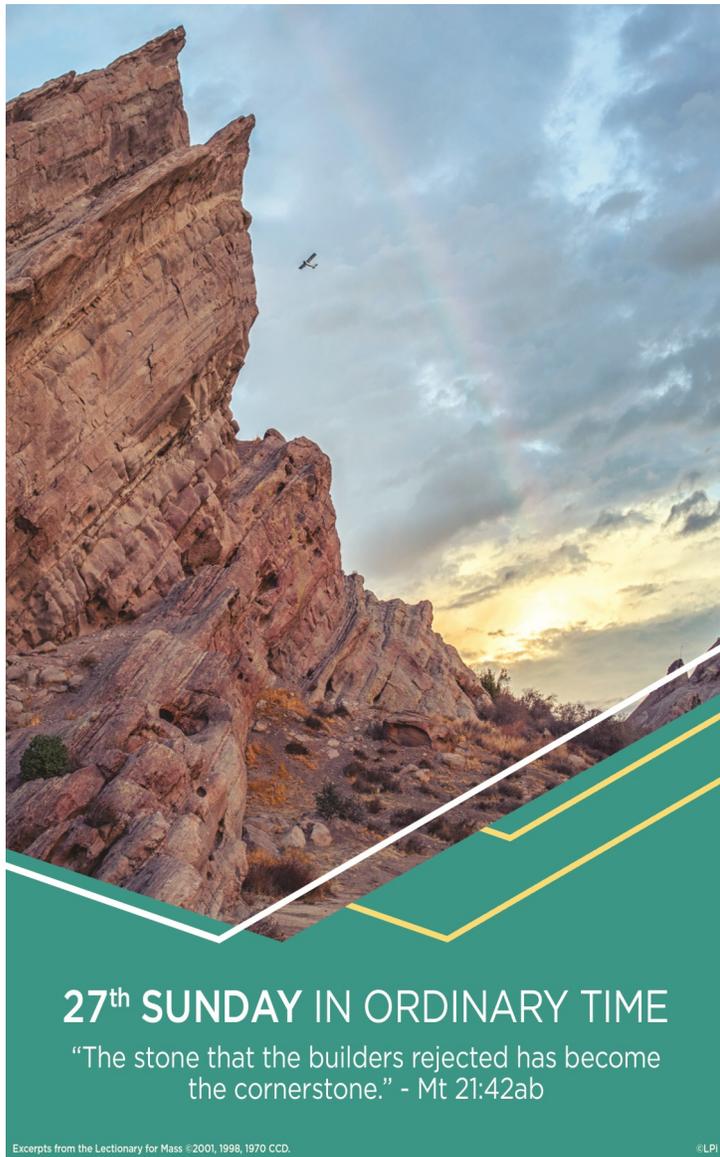


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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

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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. 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

HOW DOES OUR FAITH BEAR FRUIT?

In the first parable we hear today from Isaiah, we hear a condensed history of the Chosen People. Like Eden, this vineyard is tended lovingly by God ("my friend"), its choicest vines fertile, full of life. But like Eden, what it yielded was from outside the goodness of creation. God's wrath flares up with the yield of wild (Hebrew beushim, meaning "stinking" or "rotten") grapes. Isaiah proclaims that the Lord will take away its protection, its life-giving rain, its tender care. Though we know that God has forgiven the Chosen People again and again. Isaiah's role as prophet demands he focus the people attention on their sinfulness.

The second parable, told by Jesus to the chief priests, uses the same setting, so no doubt the chief priests recalled the passage from Isaiah as Jesus told the new story. They are quick to judge the greedy, envious tenants, and rightly so, but they fail to make the connection of their role in the parable. So too may we. When do we persist on putting our own self-interest before the landowner's/my friend's/God's? As in the parable immediately preceding this one, the one we heard last Sunday, God entrusts the vineyard, the kingdom, to those who do the work and produce good fruit.

Now that we know what we are called to do, we must ask how we do it. How does our faith bear fruit? Saint Paul tells us. Pursue what is true, honorable, just, pure, and all things worthy of God's praise. This is how our faith is brought to fruition. "Then the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9).



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?

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, October 4th, AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Peter & Andrea Objay +
 Giulia Marchionno +
 Albert Gregorio +
 Paul, Maddalena, & Ralph Coniglio +
MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Each year the **Religious Education group** picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year they chose a project to donate to their South Sudan Mission.



The Missionaries of St. Paul took under their care 22 street children. The cost to feed and educate these children is \$412 per child per year.

We are happy to say that \$2,327.00 was collected which took care of 5 children. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

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 **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** (for October 2nd) were donated by the **Confirmation Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.



Congratulations to those who were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Bartholomew's Church by Bishop Gerald T. Walsh last Friday, October 2nd. We thank God for them and ask all our parishioners to pray that the graces they have received from the Sacrament of Confirmation be used for their salvation. **Their names will be listed in next week's bulletin.**

CONFIRMATION PRAYER

Loving God, You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings. We thank and praise you. Thank you for the gift of our children. Help us to set boundaries for them, and yet encourage them to explore.
 Give us the strength and courage to treat each day as a fresh start.
 May our children come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.
 May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
 May their ears hear your voice.
 May their eyes see your presence in all things.
 May their lips proclaim your word. May their hearts be your dwelling place.
 May their hands do works of charity.
 May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

We are still accepting registrations for our September Religious Education program NOW. All classes in this program will be remote. **Please call Cheryl Duda immediately at 914 476-6676 if you want to register your child for this program.**

Hopefully by now everyone has picked up their access code and book for the year and have followed the instructions given for logging in the first time into google classroom. All assignments will be posted on Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and must be completed and submitted by Sunday evening at 10 p.m.. Payment for the classes can be made by going to our parish website, saintbartsparish.org, and clicking on the We Share online giving link then scrolling down to 2020-2021 Religious Education registration fees. Hit submit payment, twice and it will bring you to payment screen. Make your payment and fill out the appropriate information.



Please note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. Thank you!!



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. (PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING). PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIGN UP SHEETS THAT ARE PROVIDED AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

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.

Everyday Stewardship, recognize God in your ordinary moments Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, LPI



and Marion & Alexander Sikora.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Carl Thomas Aserio



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, Dominick Francis Marra and Walter Duda.

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.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is now open. We can use corn, string beans, 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.



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

October 4, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, October 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Peter & Andrea Objay +
Giulia Marchionno +
Albert Gregorio +
Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, October 5

Weekday

7:00 AM Ken Hall (Living)

9:00 AM Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)

Tuesday, October 6

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Fr. James Altman (Living)

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ted Aquino +

Thursday, October 8

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Friday, October 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM George & Josephine Campbell +

Saturday, October 10

Weekday

9:00 AM George Klobosits +

Saturday, October 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM William & Anna Groth +
Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
and Rosary Altar Society
Jonathan Zevon (Living)
Patrick Castaldo+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

October 4, 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.

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

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