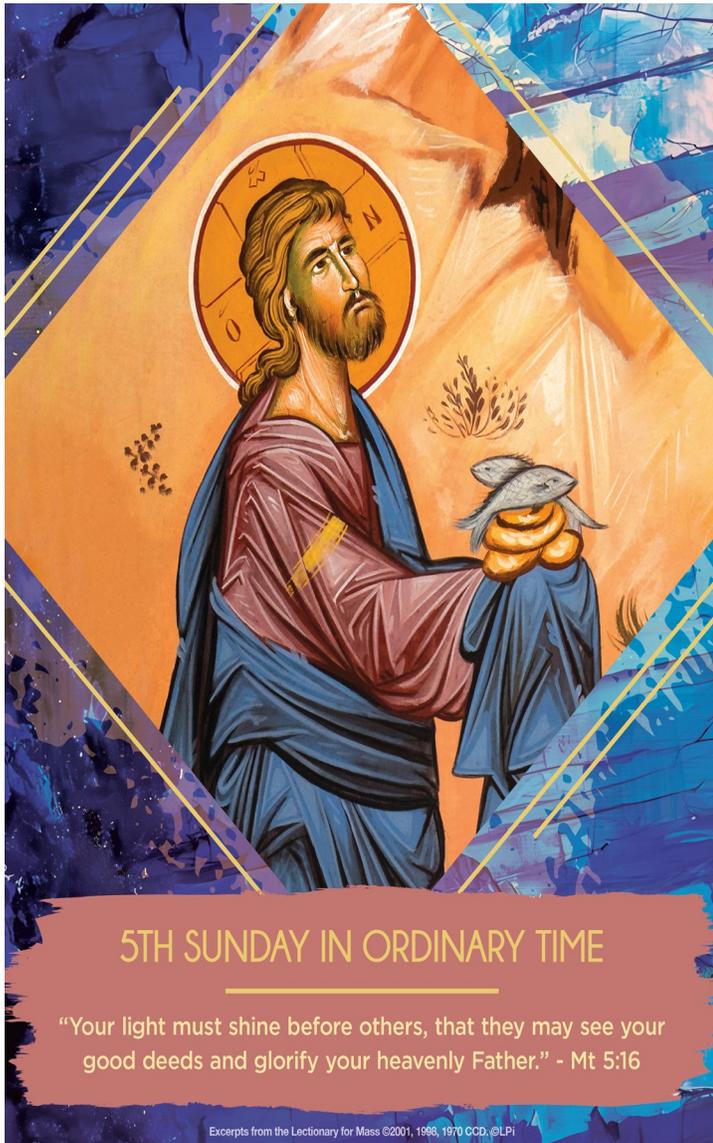


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

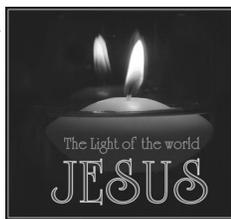
Trustees: Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

TRY TO REFLECT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOUR DAYS

Over and over again, Saint Paul insisted in his letters that it was the message and not the messenger that inspired Christian communities all around the Mediterranean. He himself could not stay in one place forever; nor could he be everywhere at once. Indeed, that is why he kept writing all those lengthy letters! But both his message and the Holy Spirit could remain in one place forever and could be everywhere at once. Once inspired, Christian communities became lights to shine the power, the love, and the mercy of Christ for others all around the world to see. May our Christian community do the same.

Last week we heard Jesus teach the Beatitudes, declaring whom God has blessed. Uniting that passage with today's adds another dimension to what we are called to do. We can enlighten others with the lessons of the Beatitudes like a light on a lampstand. Choosing to make peace rather than seek conflict inspires others to do so as well. Witnessing to our faith in eternal life with a merciful God comforts others who mourn. Working for justice and righteousness inspires solidarity with others who hunger for those ideals as well. Let us live out the Beatitudes openly, so that others may see their value and follow suit.

If we are the light of the world, as Jesus tells His disciples, it is because we are reflecting the light of Christ, who also told them that He was the light of the world and all who followed Him would have the light of life. When we were baptized we were given a candle, lit from the Easter candle, and told to always walk in the light of Christ. Throughout our lives, we should be conscious of that flame burning in our hearts, which we reflect to the world when we shine that light into the shadows of sin and injustice, shadows of poverty and evil, shadows that Christ's light can dispel.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specific concrete action can I take this week to reflect the light of Christ in the world?

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

IF ... It's a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, we could buy a new car if we had a dollar for every time we used the word "if" to explain away our own flaws. "If we weren't so tired. If we had more money. If we had more talent. If life wasn't so hard."

If, if, if...we don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than we want to give, more than we want to do, more than we want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying our neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word. "If" can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If we bring it all to God. If we stop relying on our own abilities. If we prayed more than we talked. If we make our heart firm. If our faith does not rest on human wisdom. If not us, who? If not now, when?

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Matthew 5:14 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman, LPI

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 SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra by Lorraine Zigabarra.

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.



Volunteers are needed Saturday February 18th at 10 am to go door to door hanging doorknob adverts on doors in our parish community to advertise Ash Wednesday. Snow/rain date is Presidents Day, Monday February 20th also at 10am. We are generally done in well less than two hours. The more help we have the quicker we will be done. We go as a group, and it does not involve speaking to residents. Please consider joining us and add your information to the sign up sheets that are on the rear table in the back of the church. This small window of time can really help introduce our parish to the community.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR FEBRUARY** this Saturday, February 4th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and this Sunday February 5th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



A Special Thank You

From Immaculate Conception Church in The Bronx

Dear Saint Bartholomew's Church,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your generous donation to our Helping Hands. Because of your efforts, the lives of those in need will be much brighter. Please accept our sincerest gratitude for all the kindness you have shown.



With our humble appreciation,

Father Juan Esteban



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****

Seniors: Movie Thursday: February 16th, 10 am
Mother Theresa

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's the Buzz?

When a new store or restaurant opens in the area, there can be quite a buzz. People want to see what the place is like. If the establishment is lucky, a positive word of mouth can spread all over the area. The challenge then becomes keeping that buzz alive. If people start to think that the new place is not as good as advertised or they had hoped, the crowds will dwindle and soon the new place will simply become an old place. Even worse, it could become a closed place.

If you were a store owner, what would you do to attract people? Would you always put your best foot forward? How hard would you work to show everybody that your place is worth repeated visits and patronage?

You may not be an entrepreneur with your own business, but you do have your parish community. This is your community and what you do and how you act in the world around you will either add to a buzz or a lack of interest. How you use the gifts you and your community have been given will do a lot to attract people and cause them to talk. You will be like a city on top of a mountain that no one can miss. Can your light shine so bright that it can be seen from miles around? You may be only one person, but you are a part of something greater than yourself. Your stewardship can easily become contagious. At a time when too many are choosing to disregard the Church, it is time to create a positive buzz.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
 SUNDAY COLLECTION

JANUARY 22nd

Sunday collection: \$3,565.00
 On Line giving: \$1,380.00
 Total: \$4,945.00

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.



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, 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, 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.

February 5, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, February 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Robert Liddell +
Walter Zigabarra +
11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki & companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Josephine & Michael Califano +
9:00 AM Vivian Perlaza +

Tuesday, February 7

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

Wednesday, February 8

Weekday

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +
9:00 AM Susan K. Wong +

Thursday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Geraldine A. Tummolo +

Friday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the Ferreira Family
(Living)

Saturday, February 11

Weekday

9:00 AM James Wickham +

Saturday, February 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
Elizabeth Feroletto +
11:30 AM Vito Traversa +
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

February 5, 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

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

