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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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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

WE ARE CALLED TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS

Pastor's COLUMN

Last week we heard that all of Capernaum was gathered at the door, asking Jesus to heal their ill and possessed. Nevertheless, we cannot imagine a leper being in that crush of people. A person covered with the sores of leprosy would not be allowed around even one other person. Any who approached would have been driven away immediately, as indicated in the first reading. But this leper found the courage to approach Jesus, not with the words "Unclean, unclean!" but with "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Leviticus 13:45, Mark 1:40). Already excluded from society, he risked being excluded from this miracle worker.

But he was not. Jesus, moved with pity (splagchna, a physical, visceral manifestation of sympathy), not only did not drive him away, He reached out and touched him. Even before the leprosy left him, just that touch changed him. Jesus broke physical, religious, and social boundaries, consciously and deliberately. He restored him to the community, making both him and the community whole once again. If we are to be Christ for each other, this is the challenge we are given— not to initiate contact with someone highly contagious (leprosy in scripture could refer to any of many varieties of skin diseases, many not particularly contagious or life-threatening), but to break down ordinary barriers that keep us from each other. We can reach out in love to our sisters and brothers who have been excluded. We have the power to heal the strained bonds that bind humanity.



By his words and by his actions, Saint Paul did whatever he could to heal humanity's bonds. He counseled the Corinthians to act as he did, to resist offending others and to do what they could for the benefit of all. In doing so, we can all imitate Christ.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What strained bond can I help heal this week? What barrier can I break down?

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, FEBRUARY 14TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:

*Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies
Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio+
Patrick Vincent Fox +
Felix Vazquez +
Jose Romero +*

Happy Valentine's Day to All!!

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart and bless your soul, with the precious gift of love. I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay. Just like the generous love You give to those You touch each day. I prayed for love from family. And from every cherished friend. Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.



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.

PRESIDENT'S DAY: This Monday, February 15th is President's Day, a legal holiday. THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9 A.M. FOR THIS WEEK, THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project

Imagine your child at the age of 10 being orphaned because of 20 years of war in your country. He is now scavenging



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through scraps that people throw away to find food and living in the streets. Homelessness among children is a particularly acute problem in South Sudan, with many children living in the streets, cemeteries, markets, etc. They are

often subject to violence and exploitation.

Why am I telling you this? For the past 15 or so years, each Lent we sponsor a Lenten almsgiving project that benefits various missions run by the Missionary Society of St Paul, commonly known as MSP, which is the order in which the priests of our parish belong. During Lent the money we save from what we give up is meant to be used to help the poor. This year we plan to help children in war torn South Sudan at an MSP mission.

In a small way, the MSP Fathers try to help these street children at their South Sudan Mission. They presently have rescued 25 young boys between the ages of 10 and 15 from the streets. The 25 boys rescued from the streets will receive an education at the MSP Fathers school program which is considered the best school in the state. They will have food to eat, a shelter where they can lay their heads at night and health care in a country where children die from diseases easily cured. Last year through our Lenten almsgiving we were able to provide the MSP Fathers will donations to care for five children for the year. It presently cost approximately \$450 per year for each child.

I am asking every family in our parish to consider joining us this year by either picking up an almsgiving container in the back of the church on Ash Wednesday or making your own at home from an empty can, plastic container, or zip lock bag. Each day place the change you saved by what you and your family give up for Lent in the container. At the end of Lent, right after Easter, return the container to us. If we each do our small part, collectively we can make the world a better place one child at a time.

Thank you.

Cheryl Duda

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.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

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

Ash Wednesday is **THIS Wednesday, February 17th**. Our Masses and Services are as follows:

7 a.m. Mass with Ashes

9 a.m. Mass with Ashes

4 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

7 p.m. Mass with Ashes



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



From Catholic Online

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, beginning this Friday, February 19th at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church. Stations of the Cross will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING



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 Lutomski, 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, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, and James Burns.

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.

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Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Sunday, February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
and Rosary Altar Society
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Patrick Vincent Fox +
Felix Vazquez +
Jose Romero +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 15
Weekday—President's Day

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Tuesday, February 16
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &
Capuano Families
4:00 PM Service With Ashes
7:00 PM Rosalie & Isadore Heit +

Thursday, February 18
Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +

Friday, February 19
Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Mary Esposito +

Saturday, February 20
Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

Saturday, February 20(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 21, 2021
The First Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Charles Sullivan +
Elizabeth Feroletto +
Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +
Rafael Padilla +
Hermino Negron +
Domenico Ruggiero +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).



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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