

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Like an angel in the Gospels, whose first words are invariably, "do not be afraid," Isaiah begins this passage with the simple words "Fear not!" to all whose hearts are frightened? (Isaiah 35:4). These are not just idle words. Though this chapter of Isaiah may have been written later than the passages around it, it was placed here in the midst of Israel's fall and Judah's capitulation to Assyria. The people of Judah sorely needed words of hope. Often so do we. Amidst the tumult of current events, it is comforting to hear that the Lord's first message is, "Be strong, fear not!" How much sweeter the words of God's saving power sound once we've been brought back from the edge.



It is human nature to make judgments about others, though we normally call it keen perception or common sense. It can happen in many ways, a person with "gold rings and fine clothes" (James 2:2) could just as easily be labeled as haughty or selfish. Whether, it's the rich, well-dressed stranger or the poor, shabby one, we may shun both, preferring to keep to our own kind. But once we start down the road of discriminating between acceptable and unacceptable people, it's a short distance to judging people by their background, class, ethnicity, or just their perceived distance from "people like us." Jesus accepted all people and set a model for His disciples, then and now.



It is noteworthy that the first words the man in the Gospel hears, presumably in his entire life, were the words of Jesus. His ears have been opened to hear God's word and his tongue has been loosened to proclaim God's grace. The Ephphetha rite in the sacrament of baptism recalls this event. By virtue of our baptism we are all this man, touched by God's grace, made ready to speak God's word to the world.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Am I open to hearing God's word, even from unexpected sources? How do I live out my baptismal call to proclaim God's word?

**Blessings**

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost. We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania, 20 years ago. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We commit their souls to your eternal care and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity. We come remembering and we come in

hope, not in ourselves, but in You. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give You thanks for Your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship You in spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. **Amen.**



**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.



**REMINDER:** Karen will be on vacation from Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and will return to the office on Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. During that time, the Parish Office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 pm. for any phone calls or urgent matters.

This Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day. The Parish Office will be closed. There will be only one Mass that day at 9 a.m.



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS & ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**THE ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of Frances Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**



**DECEASED:**

Angelina Brusco +  
Oscar Starckenberg +  
Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

**Register now for next year's Religious Education program.** Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



**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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected THIS**

**WEEKEND on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**





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\*\*\*\*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Flora Ezediaro. Rest in Peace

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Choosing Deafness

If you're a parent, you know that hearing evaluations are usually done at a child's annual physical exam starting around age four. The little person gets hoisted up onto the exam table, fitted with a pair of special headphones, and then they need raise their hand when they hear a sound.

I bet all of us parents who have sat through one of these tests with a preschooler — especially a particularly strong-willed one — have experienced a moment where we ask ourselves: I wonder if there's something wrong with his/her hearing. Is that why he/she doesn't listen to me? 'Come here, put on your shoes, pick up your toys, finish your carrots, don't touch that' — he/she isn't being naughty, he/she just can't hear it!

And then that moment, for those of us whose kids passed the hearing test with flying colors, comes crashing down into a realization that, yep, they can hear just fine. They're just choosing deafness.

But how can we really get mad when we remember that we do the same thing to God day in and day out? I often wonder if God, sitting in His Heaven, tires of calling to us in the same way young parents tire of calling out unheeded directions to their small children. Help that person. Hear My voice. Open your heart. Give of yourself here. Talk to Me.

What is the call He wishes you to hear today? Can you hear it? Are you listening? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

OUTSIDE NEWS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers Bereavement Group is holding their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 19th, 2021 Mass at St. Anthony's Church, 10 Squire Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 10 a.m. followed by breakfast at Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, One Waslenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$30. Bring a friend. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION

The August 29th tithing will be updated in next week's bulletin. 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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, 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, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, and Emil Kurak.

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.

The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary– September 8th

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

September 5, 2021

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the*  
*Week*

**Saturday, September 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 5, 2021**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Angelina Brusco +  
Oscar Starkenberg +  
Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, September 6**

**Weekday—Labor Day**

9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

**Tuesday, September 7**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM June T. Rutigliano +

9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Wednesday, September 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

**Thursday, September 9**

**Saint Peter Claver, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph & Linda Fox (Living)

**Friday, September 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III & Lucille &  
Samuel Garafola +

**Saturday, September 11**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia +

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**Saturday, September 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Fallen NYPD Members +  
Deceased Members of Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Rafael Vazquez +  
Luis Mercado +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

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AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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.

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**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

23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

