

# St. Bartholomew's

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## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." *Lk 12:39-40*

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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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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, Anthony Martelli

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

## IN THE STORMS OF LIFE

Whether we see the disciples' boat as symbolizing the Church or our own lives, we can relate to Matthew's image: a tiny boat, big waves, roaring wind, disciples left alone throughout the night. We can't see Jesus or the shore we've left or the port we seek. When Jesus finally does appear, it's in the night's deepest, darkest hours, and He seems unreal, "a ghost" (Matthew 14:26). Seeking proof, we echo Peter's challenge: "Lord, if it is You, if You're really with us, do this, or that, or both" (cf. 14:28).

## Pastor's COLUMN

As always in Ordinary Time, the Old Testament reading illumines the Gospel. Elijah's account with God begins with a catalogue of the "special effects" associated with divine epiphanies: wind, earthquake, fire. But God's actual self-revelation is not in anything that dramatic, and Jesus' question to Peter and us is not quietly simple: "Why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:31). Why, after centuries of winds and waves, do we fail to see the countless forms Jesus' outstretched hand takes? Too easily impressed with life's "special effects," we, much like Elijah, can hardly hear the "tiny whispering sound" (1 King 19:12).

Yet the sound is there, or rather, here. So is Jesus. "It is I," literally, I AM, the Divine Name (Matthew 14:27). "I AM with you always," Jesus promises, "until the end" (28:20). However



perilous the waves or chaotic the wind, Jesus, right here, whispers in night's silence, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (14:27). We have only to stay right here, in the storm-tossed but infinitely precious boat, the Church, the community Jesus never abandons.

When was the last time I experienced God as really absent from my life? Really present? To whom am I called to be Jesus' outstretched hand of strength and support?

*(Pastoral Patterns, Summer 2017).*

*Blessings and Peace to you.*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech*

# PARISH NEWS



Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows: Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:00 PM. **The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:** Religious Education classes will begin again in September. Please spread the word that registrations are now being accepted. 

**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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.



Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

## FORMED

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. This Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. See the Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 8: *Mother Crowned in Glory* or Lesson 11: *The Assumption*. Watch the movie: *Mary of Nazareth* or listen to audios, *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord*, or *Mary: The Indispensable Mother of God*. (For further information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676).

## JOIN US ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7 PM

St. Bartholomew's Parish will host a Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage, conducted by Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers, on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. The Virtual Pilgrimage is a guided spiritual journey offering the experience of Lourdes in a local interactive "pilgrimage event" without leaving home. Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock, experience the precious water from the Grotto spring, and receive a Eucharistic Blessing as in Lourdes. Pope Francis grants a plenary indulgence to all who experience Lourdes through a virtual pilgrimage with the North American Volunteers. This is a very special opportunity afforded our parish so we ask that you mark this date on your calendar **now** so that you may attend. For more information, please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.



**PARISH BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

**Saturday, August 26, 6-10 p.m.**



We need volunteers, please see the sign up sheets at the back of the church. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please take an envelope marked Block Party Donation at the rear of the church and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket next Sunday.

*Please join us for a fun filled evening.*

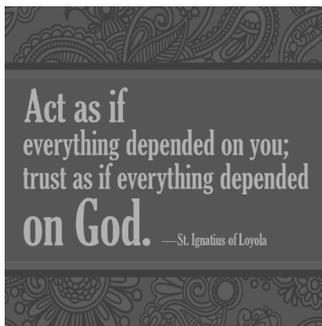
**PARISH CALENDAR**

We will be publishing the Parish Calendar as an insert in mid September for September/October parish events.

Below are the Parish's September events.

Sun., Sept. 3	Rosary Altar Society Mass	8:30 AM
Wed., Sept. 6	Rosary Altar Society Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 7	Seniors Mass and Gathering	9:00 AM
Sat., Sept. 9	Youth Car Wash	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
Sun., Sept. 10	Holy Name Society Mass	8:30 AM
Sun., Sept. 10	Family Mass and Breakfast	10:00 AM
Mon., Sept. 11	Holy Name Society Meeting	7:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 15	Children's Ministry Gathering	5:30-8:30 PM
Sat., Sept. 16	Rosary Altar Society Tea Party	9:30 AM-2:00 PM
Mon., Sept. 18	Pastoral Parish Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Thurs., Sept. 21	Senior Movie Thursday	9:30 AM-12:30 PM
Fri., Sept. 22	Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage	7:00-10:00 PM

**NOTE: EVENTS, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY EVENT THAT IS CHANGED WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT ALL MASSES.**



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,361.45
Balance	- \$ 638.55
*(Envelopes \$4,726.45, Online \$1,635.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of August	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 6,361.45

**The Second Collection in support of our Building and Grounds totaled \$1,205.90**

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!"



*As you plan and enjoy your summer and vacations, please do not forget your financial obligations to our Parish. God bless and keep you all!*



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski and Richard (Dick) Novak.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting will be next Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.  
**Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts-Youth.**

August 13, 2017

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday, August 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

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**Sunday, August 13**

8:30 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Ilona Franklin +

5:00 PM Catherine Draghi +

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**Monday, August 14**

Saint Maxiimilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

7:00 AM Dennis Stevenson (Living)

9:00 AM Leslie De Brocky & Margaret McGuirk +

7:30 PM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Tuesday, August 15**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Joseph Nguyen +

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, III +

12 Noon Dec. Members. of the Vitullo/Romagnoli families

7:00 PM David Zevon (Living)

**Wednesday, August 16**

Weekday

7:00 AM Unborn Children

9:00 AM Joseph V. Potanovic, Sr. +

**Thursday, August 17**

Weekday

7:00 AM Peter Tran +

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Friday, August 18**

Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +

9:00 AM Al DioDati +

**Saturday, August 19**

Weekday

9:00 AM Rose & Myles Ryan +

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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saturday, August 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gennaro "Jerry" Scarpeti +

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**Sunday, August 20**

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM Anne Morrissey +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

