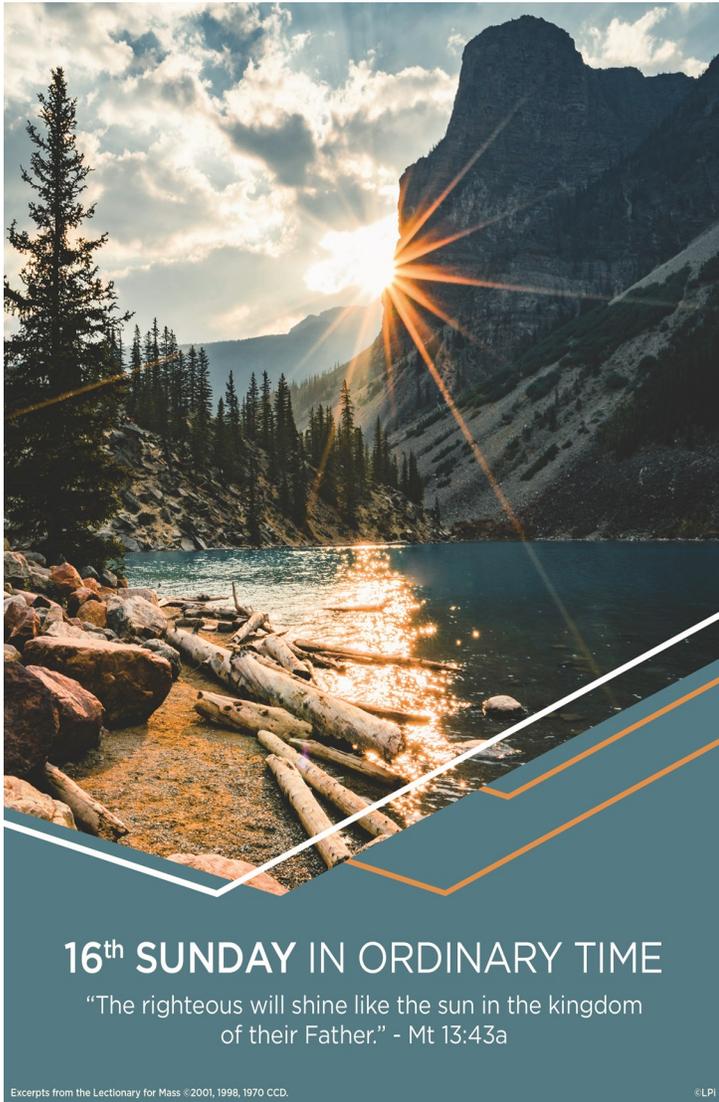


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

GOD'S PATIENCE WITH US SHOULD CHANGE THE WAY WE ACT.TOWARDS OTHERS

At first blush, leniency and mercy appear to be weaknesses. It is easy to take advantage of a person who is lenient and merciful.



But Wisdom turns this logic on its head, maintaining that only a mighty and powerful God can show lenience and mercy. We can find examples among people. People who are insecure in their power tend to act cruelly and vindictively. Afraid of their own weaknesses, they feel they must assert themselves forcefully because they have confidence in their ability to keep that stature.

It is not likely that a farmer or gardener would follow the householder's example in the Gospel. Left unchecked, weeds will compete with plants for water, sunlight, and nutrients. At best, the good plants will not bear as much fruit. At worst, they will wither and die. Good farmers keep their land as free of weeds as possible. Yes, pulling up weeds that are mixed in with plants may damage the crop, but allowing them to grow together just gives them more opportunity to damage the crop. However, as Jesus reveals to His disciples, parables are not meant to be taken literally. God, the wise and merciful judge, is patient with the weeds, allowing them to grow to completion. Growth implies change. Change effected by the Spirit, who comes to the aid of human weakness, is transformative.

Throughout the human growing season—our lifetimes— there remains hope for even the most wicked of weeds.

The image of a huge bush filled with birds flying in from every direction to nest together in its branches is a beautiful vision of the heavenly kingdom. May our examples draw others to flock to God's welcoming, loving infinite embrace.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How does God's patience with the weeds change the way I act toward others? To whom do I need to show clemency this week?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



PARISH NEWS



THE PARISH OFFICE HAS RE OPENED. 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 ALTAR FLOWERS, BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated this week in loving memory of Gabriel Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES WILL NOW RESUME WITH INTENTIONS AS NORMAL.



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, JULY 19TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

*Christine Bellino
Dianne Milder
Ethel Castignozzi
Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo*

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.



We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

LPI— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH FORWARD—TOGETHER AGAIN

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 MUST 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. PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN 10 PM ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE THAT WEEKEND MASS.

Updates will be posted on our SAINTBARTHOLOMEW PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE as well as Father will send out Robo Call 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.

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.



Please send your names to stbartsreled@aol.com and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: stbartsreled@aol.com

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is now open. We can use jelly, rice, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus has begun the Annual Charitable and Benevolent (C&B) raffle drive and ask for your support while giving you chances to win:

- \$25,000 Grand Prize
 - \$10,000 Second Prize
 - \$5,000 Third Prize
- \$1,000 Prizes (10 will be drawn)

Although tickets are usually sold outside the Church, this year they are providing various low-touch/no-touch methods for you to get your raffles, including an online purchase option. To find out more and purchase your tickets, please visit their website at <https://jrkofc3995.wixsite.com/kofc3995/c-b-raffles>

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

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, Larry Vandak, 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, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

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.

July 19, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, July 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Christine Bellino +
Dianne Milder +
Ethel Castignozzi +
Luciano & Sal La Bruzzo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, July 20

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, July 21

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, July 23

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Friday, July 24

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Suor Maria Cira +

Saturday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

9:00 AM Stephen Hickey +

Saturday, July 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Gabriel Naoia +
Ferdinand J. Colon +
Paul, Maddalena & Ralph Coniglio +
Jose Angel Ocasio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

July 19, 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, 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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

