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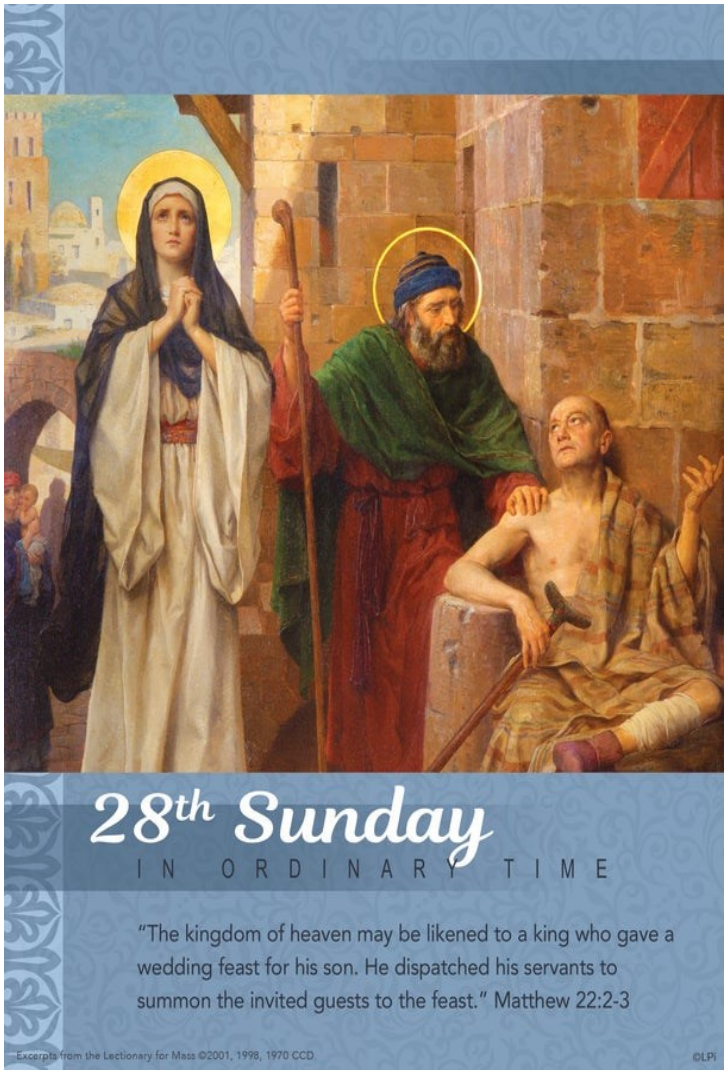


Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and the universal Church. We will strive to enrich our community spiritually, pastorally and socially, and to be a family of worship and prayer for all.

Reverend Emmanuel Kufre Okon, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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 **Wednesday** evening quarterly.

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.

REPENTANCE MERCY AND LOVE

The king in Jesus' parable is quite persistent. He sends his servants out to invite the same guests a second time to his son's wedding feast. In fact, it is possible that some of those who declined his invitations twice were invited a third time when the servants simply invited everyone they found in the streets. Indeed, they may have invited those who had earlier mistreated the servants, as "bad and good alike" were welcomed as guests (Matthew 22:10). God continues to invite to the Son's feast those who initially or repeatedly refuse, even those who respond inappropriately. We ourselves may have needed multiple invitations. We still may.

However, after the king throws out a guest who is not wearing a wedding garment, Jesus points out that "Many are invited, but few are chosen" (22:14). The wedding garment may be seen as the act of repentance, which enables the guest's heart to be ready and worthy of both the Eucharistic feast and the kingdom of heaven, which is what Jesus says the parable is all about. This wedding garment may be challenging to wear, but it is available to anyone and everyone. With our repentance and God's forgiveness, we can be welcomed to the heavenly banquet.

In the second reading, Paul tells the Philippians that God will supply anything they need. We may come to the feast unprepared and lacking a "wedding garment," but that does not mean that we are doomed to be thrown out into the darkness. No, God, "to whom we looked to save us" (Isaiah 25:9), will supply the wedding garment that will save us: mercy, forgiveness, redemption. Clothed in God's love, we will be properly prepared to enter the kingdom of heaven.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
What will I do this week to weave a wedding garment of repentance, mercy, and love for the Lord's feast? What do I need to repent of? Who needs my mercy? How can I show love?

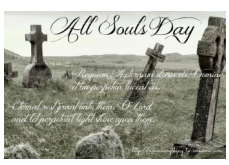
CATHOLIC TRIVIA

QUESTION FROM LAST WEEK: What words does a Eucharistic minister say before giving the Eucharist to a communicant?
ANSWER : The Body of Christ/The Blood of Christ

QUESTION FOR THIS WEEK: What is the name of the body-length white liturgical robe priests wear during Mass?

ANSWER IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

Monday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day.



If you would like your loved one(s) remembered in our nine day Novena Masses, please take an envelope from the table at the rear of the church and return it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office by Thursday, October 29th.

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY. **THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON MONDAY AT 9 A.M.** For this week the Parish office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or know someone who is? Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or a Catholic seeking the Sacrament of Communion & Confirmation, our Adult OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) program welcomes you! Join us for an open, non-judgmental space to explore your questions and deepen your spiritual journey. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 914-476-6676 for further information.

The 2026 and 2027 Mass books have Masses available

Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers ($100; or $150 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine ($30), Altar Candles ($10) or the Sanctuary Lamp ($10) for your intention.

WHY IT IS SO MORE IMPORTANT TO LOVE THAN TO JUST BE TOLERANT

Tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, He loved them. He made Himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM
CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Respond with Love

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

Amen. **Blessing for Our Common Home**

God, bless and protect this beautiful earth You have created, the place we call home.
Grow Your compassion in us, as we share our lives in this world, together.
Amen.

Remember that the month of October should be dedicated to the Holy Rosary

So let us remember the power of the Rosary and spend the time with family to pray to Mary!!

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sept. 27

Sunday Collection $4,303.00
Online giving September 28 to Oct. 5 $1,708.00
Total: $6,011.00

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.

IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A PARISIHIONER ON LINE AT WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH REGISTRATION.
FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT THE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi,, Lucia Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Don Foley, Robert Akey. Rolando Dumalag, Mary Ellen Esposito and Jerry Pisacreta.
Please call 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.

Don't forget to join us for Bingo this Sunday, October 11th. Bring a friend!!!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, October 10

5:00 PM Gloria & Benjamin De Luccy +

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Sunday, Ocrober 11
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Loretta Morini +
11:00 AM Catherine & Pat Priore+
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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Monday, October 12
Weekday—Columbus Day

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, October 13
Weekday
7:00 AM Roger Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Wednesday, October 14
Weekday
7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, October 15
Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
7:00 AM Grace Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Rosemarie Sullivan +

Friday, October 16
Weekday
7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano & Deceased Children +
9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, October 17
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
9:00 AM No Intention

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Saturday Vigil, October 17

5:00 PM Ann Baumeister +

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Sunday, October 18
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Maria Reina Quinones +
11:00 AM Margaret & Michael Hickey +
12:30 PM Ricardo Batista +
5:00 PM Michael Telesco +

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 SOME HUMOR