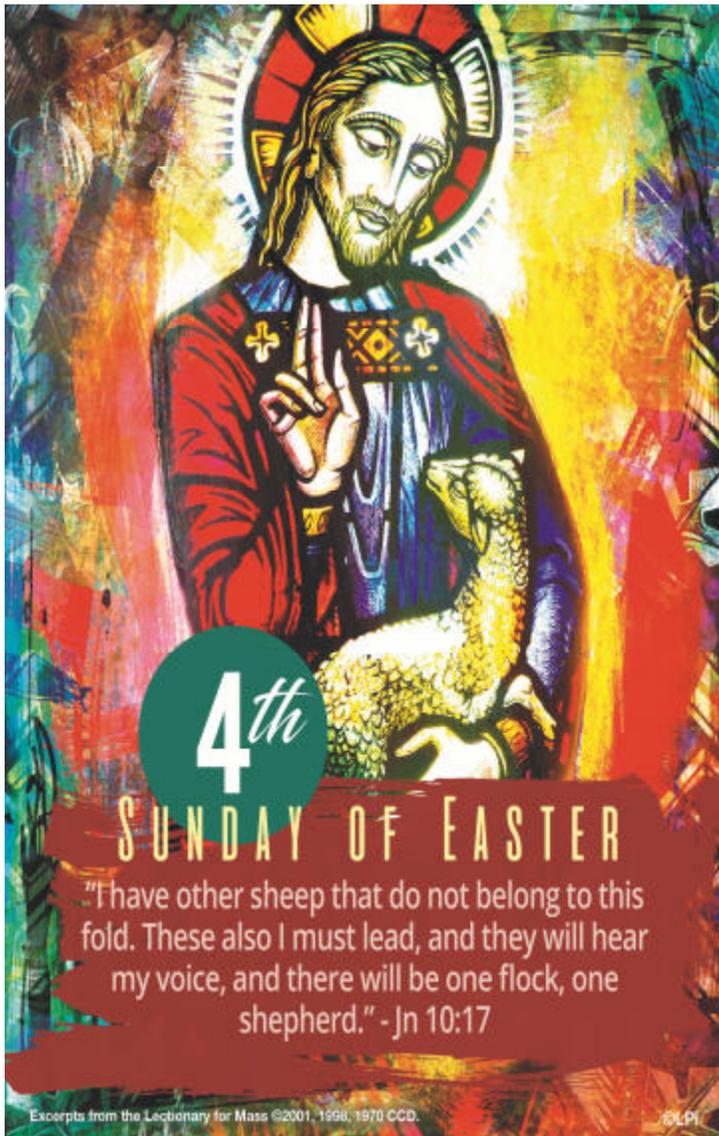


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

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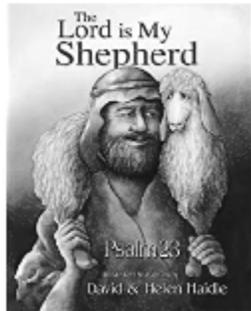
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HOW IS THE LORD CALLING ME TO GUIDE OTHERS?

Today's first reading takes place one day after Peter healed a man in the temple area who had been paralyzed from birth. He has been called before the Sanhedrin, who were upset that he was preaching that Jesus was raised from the dead. It wasn't that long before that Peter had denied having anything to do with Jesus. But this time Peter does not back down. Not only does he passionately testify that the man was healed in Jesus' name, he accuses them of crucifying the Messiah, the Christ. What gave Peter the boldness he so sorely lacked on Good Friday? Perhaps the first line gives us a clue. He was filled with the Holy Spirit, that source of fortitude, who strengthened him then and us now in proclaiming our faith, even when it is not easy to do so.



Today's readings refer to us as children and as a flock of sheep, suggesting to some that we are subservient or infantile. But this is not the intent. John call us children of God, and God loves and nurtures us as parents love and nurture their children. Jesus calls us a flock of sheep in the sense of being guided and cared for by the one who watches over us. We are still free to stray, but we know that ultimately the Good Shepherd laid down His life for us.



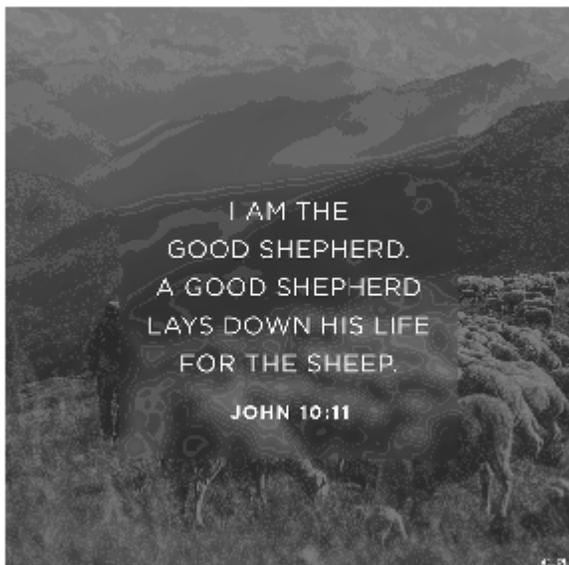
Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that men and women listen for the Lord's call and respond generously and courageously. Jesus gives us the model of service in his identification as the Good Shepherd, leading, guiding, and protecting His flock. Let us pray for many good shepherds who will care for the flock of the one true Shepherd.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How is the Lord calling me to guide, nurture, and care of others?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



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.



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, APRIL 18th AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

*Ann Marie Selvaraj +
 James & Margaret Manning +
 Betty & John Sapko +*

We pray for the following intentions of:

Carole Romanowski (Living)

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected next Saturday, May 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday May 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th.



The 2022 Mass Book is open. 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 birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. You may call the Parish Office to arrange a Mass or come to the Parish office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are also some Masses still available for 2021.



World Day of Prayer is observed on Sunday, April 25, 2021 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institute* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*. 2021 marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.





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******

Saturday May 1st, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

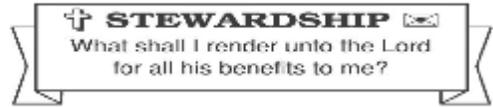
Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi



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, 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, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Norah Murphy, 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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lillian Nowak.

Also pray for the repose of the soul of Marie Hoffman who passed last year on April 19th. Her Memorial Mass was celebrated with her family Saturday, April 24th at St. Bartholomew's.

April 25, 2021

*Mass for the
Intentions Week*

Saturday, April 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +
James & Margaret Manning +
Carole Romanowski (Living)
Betty & John Sapko +

Monday, April 26

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marie Porcello (Living)

Tuesday, April 27

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Wednesday, April 28

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM For The Deceased Members of the De Pole
& Faranda Families

Thursday, April 29

**Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the
Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Richard Moncrief Nickel +

Friday, April 30

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Elizabeth Liga +

9:00 AM Alfred Jenkins, Sr. +

Saturday, May 1

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM William Gorman +

Saturday, May 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Margaret & Joseph Krzanowski +
Louis Loscalzo +
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Carmel Farina ++

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

April 25, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL 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

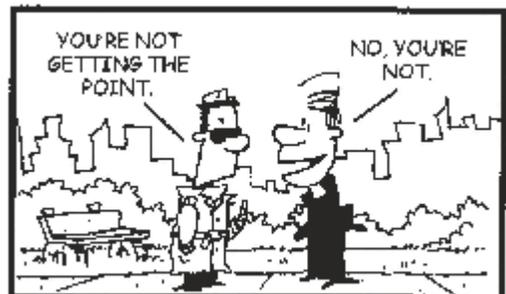
O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
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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