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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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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

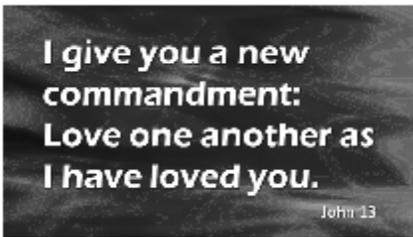
SACRIFICE YOUR OWN PRIORITIES TO HELP OTHERS

The ordinariness of the first three worlds of today's first reading—"When Peter entered!" (acts 10:25) - belie the import of the action they describe. An observant Jew of the time would not normally enter the house of a Gentile, which would have been considered unclean. Not only was Cornelius a Gentile, he was a Roman centurion, serving the government who ruled over the Jewish people. Yet the Holy Spirit led Peter to see in this upright person a genuine interest in Jesus Christ. By the end of this passage we see the Holy Spirit come down upon Cornelius and his household. The cultural and religious barrier was broken by both the Holy Spirit and Peter.



Often cultural and religious barriers are maintained by hate and violence instead of being bridged by love and tolerance. This is not a recent phenomenon; we can see in scripture that this goes back thousands of years. But scripture holds the answer as well. The Holy Spirit knows no barriers. It is up to courageous people like Peter to stand up to those who would refuse an open hand, to those who fear the other side, and convert the hearts of those who are satisfied with the world the way it is.

Today's Gospel holds the formula to finding complete joy. Jesus states it forthrightly to His disciples.: "love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). He says this so that the pure joy He feels may also be in them. And now in us. Joy comes from a selfless attitude, from selfless action. It comes from loving others as we are loved. It is no accident that the word love appears in today's second reading and Gospel a total of eighteen times. Self-sacrificing love, in imitation of Jesus, brings unparalleled joy.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How am I being called to sacrifice my own priorities in order to serve others?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



Thursday, May 13th is Ascension Thursday. Masses for the Holy Day are as follows: Thursday, 7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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.



May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all our Mothers. We also pray for our deceased Mothers, that they may rest in peace.



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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, MAY 9TH AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

**Lucille & Victor Serricchio+
Margaret T. Maccia +
Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +
All Our Living and Deceased Mothers**



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, You wrap your arms around Your people, and show Your everlasting love in the same way a Mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love You have taught us through the Mothers in our lives: Our own Mothers who brought us into this world, the Mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our Grandmothers who took time for us, and the Mothers who have helped us, even though we were not their children. Bless all Mothers of this world today, may they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every single day of their lives. And grant our deceased Mothers eternal rest in Your Kingdom. Amen.





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 our children who will make their First Holy Communion next Saturday, May 15th and Sunday May 16th at special 1 p.m. Masses. May God bless them and their families!!



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

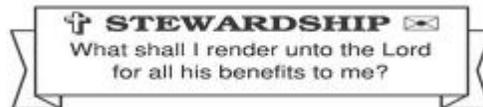
I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— 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, 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.



A special thank you to all who donated trays of food for Immaculate Conception soup kitchen in the Bronx. We collected 25 trays. Thanks for your time and generosity.

May 9, 2021



Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day

9:30 AM Lucille & Victor Serricchio+
Margaret T. Maccia +
Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +
Novena for Our Living & Deceased
Mothers

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, May 10
Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

Tuesday, May 11
Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Rosa Perrino +

Wednesday, May 12
Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Gilda Ianotti +

Thursday, May 13
Easter Weekday (Ascension of the Lord)

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +
7:00 PM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &
Capuano Families

Friday, May 14
Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

Saturday, May 15
Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

Saturday, May 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)
John Nieman +
Elizabeth Laredo +
Jean Sullivan Goresen +
Novena for Our Living & Deceased
Mothers

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

May 9, 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

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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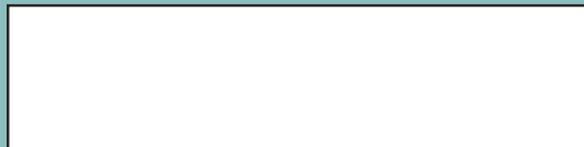
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