

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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St. Bartholomew's Yonkers



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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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

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

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.

## RECEIVING JESUS STRENGTHENS US

In the first reading, we hear how God provided food to Elijah as his darkest moment, when he prayed for death. He had fled to the desert because the king's wife, Jezebel, had called for his execution. The kingdom had just suffered through drought and famine and Elijah was starving and despairing. Nourished by the food God sent, Elijah completed his journey to the mountain of God. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals Himself as the bread of life come down from heaven, sent to sustain us on our journey to God.

Elijah got up at once to eat and drink the food the angel brought, but then he immediately lay down again under the tree. The angel had to return and order him to eat enough to finish his journey. He needed a second nudge in order to go from just having his hunger satisfied to being nourished enough to sustain a lengthy journey. Our journey through life is winding and difficult. The mission we have been given is demanding. We too may need a second nudge to do more than just enable our journey, but to make it into a mission that will lead us to God.

Our journeys are rarely smooth and easy. The hardships we encounter can be difficult to overcome, especially when we face them with anger and bitterness. We would be wise to heed Paul's advice to the Ephesians, being kind, compassionate, and forgiving of those who make our lives difficult. "Live in love," as Paul wrote, so that we can see the good in everyone we encounter (Ephesians 5:2).



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How does receiving Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen me on my journey? When have I needed a second nudge to go on?

*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.



The ALTAR FLOWERS were donated in loving memory of William Willis by Vincent Garafalo.



**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, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

Carmella Del Bene +  
Lorenzo & Giulia Marchionno +  
Joseph & Mary Prior +  
Joseph L. Fox +  
William Willis +

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES:**

Register now for next year's Religious Education program. Children in public school who will be entering First Grade through High School in September are eligible for these classes. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



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

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR AUGUST** on **THIS Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** *May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.*

**Breathe of Summer**

*Creator God, who breathed this world into being, who is discernible within the harmony of nature, the perfection of a butterfly's wing, the grandeur of a mountain range, the soaring eagle and humming bird, thank You for this world which You have created. Thank You for the summer sun, which reminds us that Your creative breath is still alive and active. Thank You for the warmth of Your love, sustaining this world, 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.**

\*\*\*\*CONFESIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### What's Your Hearth Cake?

"Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you. " I've been to a lot of meetings in my years of work in the Church, and you can take my word for it: the ones with snacks just seem to go better.

I don't know what it is exactly. Maybe it's just that people are in a more agreeable mood if you show up with donuts. Or maybe it's about the very real sense of community and camaraderie that is created at a table where people are engaging in that most human of tasks — eating — beside one another. I think a big part of it comes down to the simple fact that we're all just nicer people when we're fed.

This rings true spiritually, too. We simply must remain fed if we, in turn, are to feed others. Think of a time when you have neglected your relationship with God — when you haven't fed yourself with whatever it is that you need to remain committed to the journey of a Christian life. Is it Mass attendance? Is it prayer or Scripture reading? Is it time with your small group, or conversation with a trusted friend who knows your soul? What sustains your ability to be a good disciple, a good steward? What inspires you to give more freely, to love more abundantly?

Whatever it is, that's your hearth cake. That's your jug of water. Don't neglect it. The Angel of the Lord is nudging you in your sleep: "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you."

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS,

LPI

### OUTSIDE NEWS DOMINICAN COLLEGE

A Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Tuesday, August, 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

This event will provide an opportunity to learn about the college's programs and to meet the faculty and admissions counselors. Information about financial aid will also be available. Join on campus or on zoom.

Campus address is Prusmack Center, 2 Campus Drive, Orangeburg, NY 10962

Register: Visit adult.dc.edu or call 877 427-7452

### STEWARDSHIP

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

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATED

**July 25, 2021– Tithing**

<i>Envelope</i>	\$1,999
<i>Online</i>	\$1,085
<i>Total</i>	\$3,084

### 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](http://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 [stbarschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbarschurch@aol.com).



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, and Emil Kurak.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbarschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbarschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

**August 8, 2021**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Sunday, August 8, 2021  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Carmella Del Bene +  
Lorenzo & Giulia Marchionno +  
Joseph & Mary Prior +  
Joseph L. Fox+  
William Willis +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, August 9**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph W. Peters +  
9:00 AM Maria Reda +

**Tuesday, August 10**

**Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +

**Wednesday, August 11**

**Saint Clare, Virgin**

7:00 AM Edwin Vega +  
9:00 AM Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP (Living)

**Thursday, August 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Walter Duda +

**Friday, August 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Saturday, August 14**

**Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr**

9:00 AM Leslie De Brocky & Margaret Mc Guirk +

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**Saturday, August 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, August 15, 2021**

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:30 AM Capuano Grandchildren (Living)  
Dolores Paul +  
Jerry Esposito +  
Henry Joseph+

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

**August 8, 2021**

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**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.

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**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.



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**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

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