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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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);
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

Mary was not the only person the angel Gabriel visited. Six months earlier he was sent to Zechariah, Elizabeth's husband to whom he announced that she would soon conceive a son as well. He chose not to believe the angel and as a consequence was rendered mute until God's promise to him and Elizabeth was fulfilled. Mary, however, chose to believe and consent to this unusual and troubling proposal. Though not as dramatic, every day we too make choices to accept or not accept God's will.



We do not know how Zechariah would have reacted to Mary's visit had he been able to speak, but we know what he said once his son was born and he was able to speak once again: "you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways" (Luke 1:76). It took nine months, but the Holy Spirit moved him as well and he gladly and freely consented to God's will. We all can appreciate second chances.

Christ has accomplished the victory over sin and death. By baptism, we have been promised a share in this victory, a victory beyond our own ability. This feast celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven, body and soul. Mary has shown us the way. She trusted in God from the start, willingly consented to God's will, became her Son's first disciple, mourned Him at the foot of the cross. May her heavenly reward be ours. In Mary's assumption we get a glimpse of the heavenly reward God has planned for all who hold Christ dear in their hearts.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What would I choose to include in my own Magnificat? For what great things would I praise God?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

THE STORY OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in His glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with Him body and soul in heaven.

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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 BREAD AND WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES** are donated in loving memory of Dolores Paul by Joanne Pragana.



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 15TH, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:

Dolores Paul +
Jerry Esposito +
Henry Joseph +

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

Capuano Grandchildren (Living)
Joseph L. Fox (Living)

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.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Father in heaven,
all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in heaven.



May we follow her example in reflecting Your holiness

and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



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****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present Him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give Him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer Him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

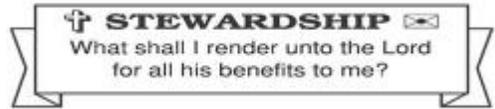
OUTSIDE NEWS

DOMINICAN COLLEGE: A Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Tuesday, August, 17th 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.

THE CATHOLIC WIDOWS & WIDOWERS of Yonkers is a social religious, and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its members. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY at 1 p.m. in the afternoon. Their next meeting is on Thursday, August 19th. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION UPDATED

August 1, 2021- Tithing

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Envelope: \$2,375; Online: \$1,055; Total: \$3,430

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, 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 stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lucy Vece. Rest in Peace

August 15, 2021



Sunday, August 15, 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, August 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Giuseppina Falcone +
9:00 AM Delia & John Tighe +

Tuesday, August 17

Weekday

7:00 AM John Donadio +
9:00 AM Christine Krolicki O'Malley +

Wednesday, August 18

Weekday

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

Thursday, August 19

Weekday

7:00 AM Vincent Ianuzzi +
9:00 AM John Storte +

Friday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Jody Pryor +
9:00 AM Giovanni Lucchetti (Living)

Saturday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

9:00 AM Nina Pompilio +

Saturday, August 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Vernon James Reeves +
Robert Liddell +
Dianne Milder +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

August 15, 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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