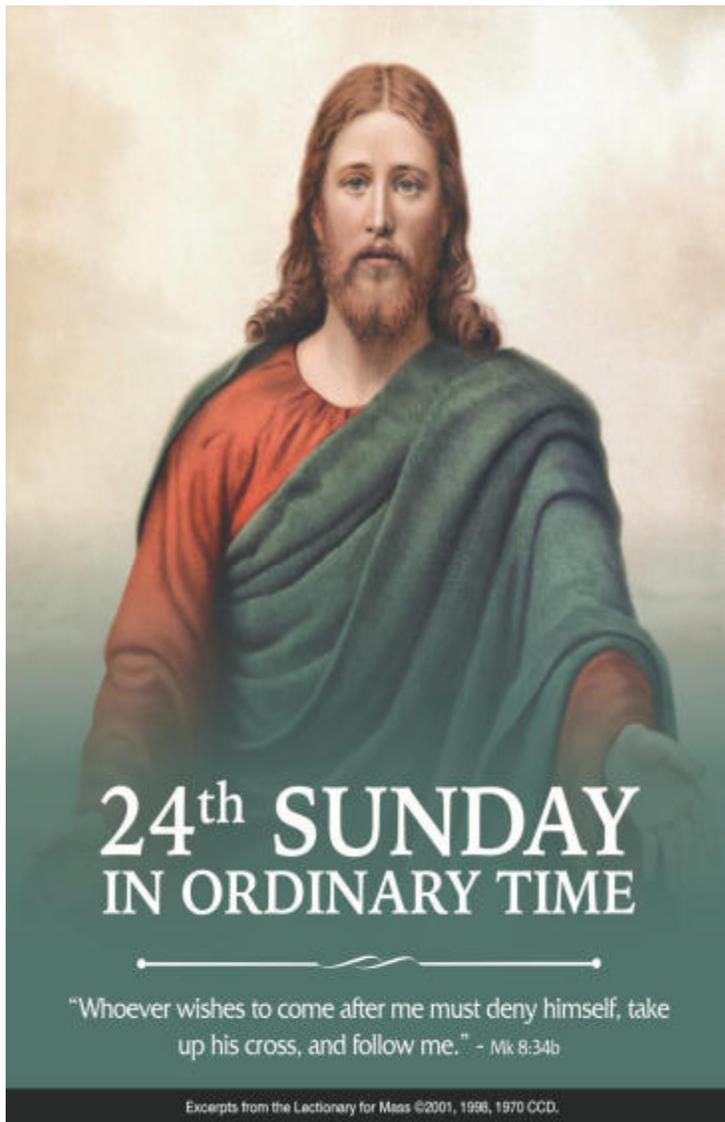


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

Throughout Old Testament history, God's name was often invoked to smite the enemy or call for deliverance. But Isaiah does not call upon God to hurt those who beat him or deliver him from his suffering. No, Isaiah calls upon God in solidarity, sure that he is doing the right thing despite the abuse he's received, confident that he is carrying out God's will. He does not feel the need to call upon God for help because he knows that God is already on his side, or to put it another way, that he is on God's side.

Hearing God can be a double-edged sword. The deaf man whom we heard Jesus heal last week immediately got to hear the praise and wonder of his neighbors. Isaiah, however, who attests that "the Lord God opens my ears that I may hear" (50:4), is beaten and spat at by those who do not want to hear his criticism. Peter hears Jesus say he would suffer greatly and be killed, then immediately gets an earful when he rejects Jesus' shocking prediction. We are blessed to be able to hear the word of God and recognize what God is calling us to do, but there is no guarantee that what we hear will be welcome or easy. After all, Jesus follows His tongue-lashing of Peter with a warning to everyone: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Openness to God's voice requires an openness to God's will.

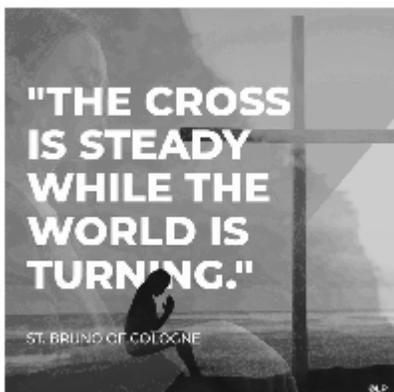
But once we accept Jesus' command, we truly live out our faith. Living out our faith, say James in his letter means doing something concrete to show it. If we truly believe that all people are made in the image of God and that God's Son came to save the multitudes, then that faith should drive us to care for our neighbor, especially those in need of material assistance.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I put my faith into action? When do I resist putting my faith into action?

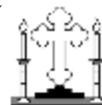
*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*



**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 CANDLES & ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of Andrea & Peter Objay by Laurie Bartolini.



**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, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**



**DECEASED:**  
 Fallen NYPD  
 Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society and Rosary Altar Society  
 Rafael Vazquez +  
 Luis Mercado +

**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.

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross came to be when St. Helena (mother of the Christian Roman Emperor Constantine) went to Jerusalem to find the holy places of Jesus Christ's life. She had the Temple of Aphrodite torn down, which tradition said was built over Jesus' tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses and burial tombs. The cross on which Jesus died was identified when a dying woman was healed after touching the cross. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher was built above the place where Jesus' cross was found. The cross immediately became an object of veneration and to this day the Catholic, Eastern and Orthodox Churches all celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the anniversary of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher's dedication. Read more at <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/exaltation-holy-cross-novena>





**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  
Can You Walk the Walk?**

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

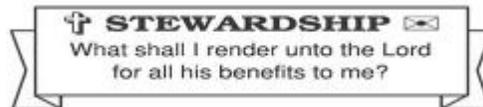
He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

**OUTSIDE NEWS**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers Bereavement Group is holding their annual Mass and Communion Breakfast on next Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Mass at St. Anthony's Church, 10 Squire Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 10 a.m. followed by breakfast at Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Course, One Waslenko Lane, Yonkers, NY. The cost is \$30. Bring a friend. For more information, please call 914 423-5331.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*Collection for August 22<sup>nd</sup>:*

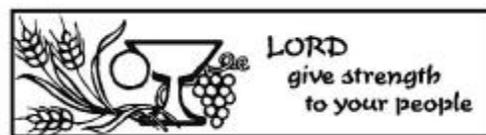
<i>Sunday collection:</i>	<b>\$1,795</b>
<i>On Line giving:</i>	<b>\$1,195</b>
<i>Total:</i>	<b>\$2,990</b>

**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 [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Frances Di Falco, Carolee Pezzino and Antoinette La Riviere.*

 **Rest in Peace**

September 12, 2021

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**Saturday, September 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Fallen NYPD Members +  
Deceased Members of Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Rafael Vazquez +  
Luis Mercardo +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, September 13**  
**Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

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

**Tuesday, September 14**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:00 AM Mary Ference +  
9:00 AM William Arsdén (Living)

**Wednesday, September 15**  
**Our Lady of Sorrows**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Antoinette & John Izzo+

**Thursday, September 16**  
**Saints Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Giuseppina Falcone +

**Friday, September 17**  
**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM John Donadio +

**Saturday, September 18**  
**Weekday**

9:00 AM Giuseppina Falcone +  
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**Saturday, September 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Pragma Family  
Theresa Venturino +  
Patrick Vincent Fox +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

September 12, 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.

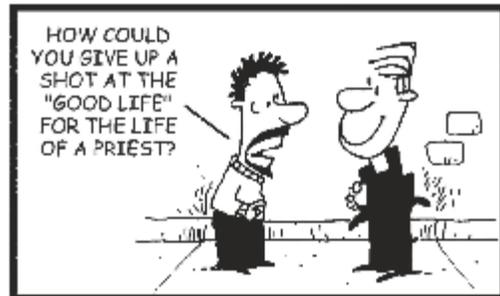


Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
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**

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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