

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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  
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);  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 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

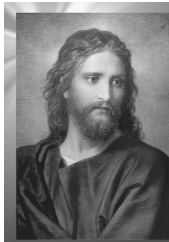
**Trustees:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## LISTEN TO JESUS

In the Gospel, Jesus is transfigured. His face shines like the sun. His clothes become white as light. He is joined by His closest friends, as well as Moses and Elijah. They hear God's voice from the cloud: "this is my beloved Son" (Matthew 17:5). In just a few weeks Jesus will be disfigured. He will be struck, scourged, spat upon, and mocked with a crown of thorns. Spikes will pierce His hands and feet as He is nailed to a cross. His friends will have abandoned Him. There will be no voice from a cloud; Jesus will believe Himself forsaken by His Father. Bystanders will think He is calling for Elijah. We are called to accept both visions of his identity: the disfigured Victim, the transfigured Lord. Transfigured today, Jesus becomes disfigured for our sins, to be transfigured in glory in the end.

## Pastor's COLUMN

God's blessings are not showered down on us as a reward for anything we have done. Abram had done nothing of significance before the passage we hear today, in which God promises to bless Him in five ways (founder of a great nation, blessed personally, bless His name, bless those who bless Him, curse those who curse Him). Paul reminds Timothy that God saved us "not according to our works but according to God's own design" (2 Timothy 1:9). God's ultimate blessing, of course, is Jesus Himself. We did nothing to merit His incarnation, let alone His ultimate sacrifice.



**This is my son the beloved. Listen to him.**

Jesus' final line of today's Gospel reads like the spoiler alert: "Do not tell this vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). It is as if Peter, James, and John had seen an advance trailer that could ruin the ending for everyone else. No worries. In the next chapter of Matthew, the disciples argue over who is the greatest. It appears that they have missed the point once again.. They are still struggling with God's command: "Listen to Him"(17:5).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I listen to Jesus over the next week? What is He telling me?

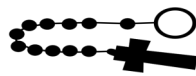
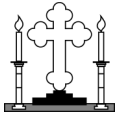
*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

# PARISH NEWS



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Edith D'Aquila, by Frank D'Aquila.



The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in McManus Parish Center.

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.



**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

## SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).



*Religious Education*

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year we will donate to their South Sudan Mission.

The Missionaries of St. Paul took under their care 22 street children. The cost to feed and educate these children is \$412 per child per year.

**So, please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box for your family to save their donation and returning the box during holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.**



THE **FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following items: tuna, canned fruit, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.

## BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy.

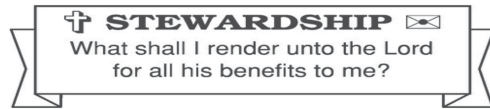
**PARISH EVENTS**

**MARCH**



**Pasta Party:**  
Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> after  
the 5 p.m. Mass

In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi  
Sign up with the Holy Name  
representatives at the rear of the church this  
weekend.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**  
Sunday Collection Update

March 1, 2020- Tithing

Envelopes	\$6,221.45
Online	\$ 690.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,911.45</b>

The collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$998.35.

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

**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!!!! Go to: [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent, at 7 p.m., there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



**BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY**



Passion Play dates are Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 2 p.m. and Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> during  
the 7 P.M. Service.

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come  
and show us your talents and be a part of this  
great Parish event. Please contact the parish office if you are  
interested.

The 2021 Mass book is now open and the 2020 Mass Book also still has some dates available.

Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason and Dan Panik.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**ST. ANN'S CHURCH**, 854 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY offers a bereavement support group to assist those in need after losing a loved one. The eight week session runs every Wednesday, beginning March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group is moderated by one of the parishioners, Rosetta Sicilia, who has been trained as a Bereavement Facilitator by the Archdiocese of New York. Please call the Rectory at 914 965-1555 for more information or to register.

**SAINT BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL** is holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Card Party on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at St. Barnabas High School, 425 East 240th Street, Bronx, NY. Tickets sold only in advance. \$30 per ticket. Purchase your tickets at [StBarnabashigh.com](http://StBarnabashigh.com) or contact [JMola@StBarnabashigh.com](mailto:JMola@StBarnabashigh.com).



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Rose Laconte.

March 8, 2020

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, March 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Sunday, March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
& Rosary Altar Society  
10:00 AM Juanita Wood +  
11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +  
5:00 PM Jovita Romero, Julio Blanco &  
Sofia Vazquez +  
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**Monday, March 9**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Michael Califano +

**Tuesday, March 10**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Patricia & Gerard Hickey +

**Thursday, March 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Ida Caporale +  
9:00 AM Anthony Di Paolo +

**Friday, March 13**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Ralph Esposito +  
9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

**Saturday, March 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +  
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**Saturday, March 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vincent J. Campisi +  
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**Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Leonore Lidell-Erb +  
10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +  
11:30 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)  
5:00 PM Gino & Ann Louise Coniglio +

*March 8, 2020*

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Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you!

Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the complete Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Rectory. Thank you!

Name:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the Catholic New York.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.