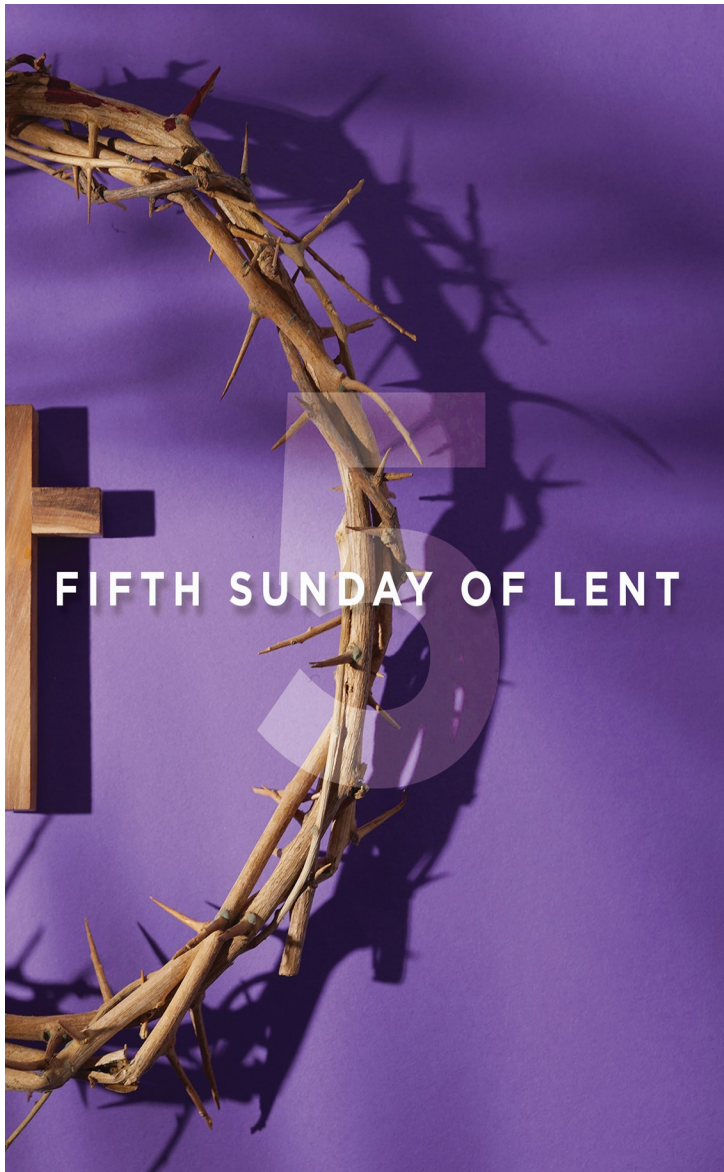


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** and 5 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 4:30 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: Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

COME OUT OF THE DARKNESS THAT SEPARATES US FROM GOD'S GRACE

The story of creation teaches us that God has the power over life. God created plant life and animal life, and most preciously, human life. The fall of the first humans brought death into the world, which appeared to give an absolute finality to life, but this is not so. Ezekiel prophesies that God would open the graves of the Chosen People and bring them back to the promised land. Jesus actually brings Lazarus forth from the tomb, though he had been dead for four days. But because Lazarus eventually would die once more, it is not until God raises Jesus from the dead that death is defeated, is rendered powerless, once and for all. Always, God has the power over life and death.



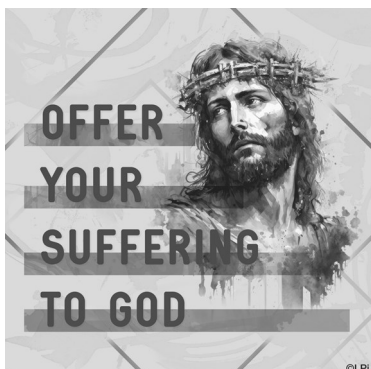
The people came to comfort Martha and Mary. Seeing Jesus, some wonder why this miracle worker hadn't prevented Lazarus's death. Others identify with his tears of grief. They all end up taking part in Jesus' work. Some roll away the stone, despite knowing there would be a stench. Some untie Lazarus's burial bands, though they may have recoiled from touching someone who had been dead for four days. All are able to hear Jesus address His Father as the one who sent Him and always hears Him. Jesus called Lazarus forth from the tomb, but He also called upon his friends and neighbors to allow Lazarus to live his new life.

The first voice Lazarus hears when his life is restored is his Savior's, calling to him to come out of the tomb, to come back to the land of the living. When we turn away from God, when we turn away from our neighbor in need (where Jesus may always be found), we find ourselves in a spiritual death, entering the tomb that separates us from God. Jesus is always calling us forth, out of those bonds that separate us from God and others, back to the land of the living. Let us listen, let us respond, and let the Spirit dwelling in us guide us to life in the Lord. If we have Jesus within us and Jesus is indeed the resurrection and the life, then we have the resurrection and the life within us.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What spiritual darkness is Jesus calling me to come out of today? What difficulties can I anticipate in shedding these burial bands that separate me from God's grace?



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 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.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross are at 2 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use cereal, beans, rice, and pasta. May God bless you all for your generosity.*



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR April next Saturday, April 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and next Sunday April 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **THIS Saturday and Sunday, March 25th and March 26th.**



Our Social Ministry Group will also be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh/canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts. Donations of hams would also be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the food pantry before this Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 1st or before this Sunday's 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on April 2nd. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 3rd.



2023 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one:

- Palms:** 5 bundles at \$60 per bundle
- Easter Paschal Candle:** \$400



Please contact the Parish office for more information.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:



MASSES
 MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 7 AM AND 9 AM
 SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
 SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM

****CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM****

ONLY A FEW WEEKS OF LENT LEFT SO PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT

Each year during Lent, Catholics are called to pray, fast, and give alms to the poor. At St. Bart's we usually pick a Mission in a poor country that the Missionaries of St. Paul staffs (the order of Frs. Raphael and Victor). This year we have chosen as our project a parish in the Central African Republic. In 2018, the Missionaries established a mission in this extremely poor country. There is no indoor Church here. Mass is said outside and there is no running water or electricity. This Republic is one of the toughest places in the world to be a child. Two thirds of the country's children do not attend school regularly or at all. Please consider joining us in helping the MSP priests that are there to minister to the many needs of their parishioners by taking an almsgiving box and returning it at Mass after Lent.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 12th

Sunday collection: \$2,858.00
On Line giving: \$1,085.00
Total: \$3,943.00

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 stbartchurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, 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, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Emil Kurak, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartchurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

The 2023 Mass book still has Masses available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our 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 birthdays, 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. BOOK YOUR 2024 MASSES AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

March 26, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Joan Masella +
Luis Santana +

**Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Randy Rivera +
11:00 AM Teresa & Joseph T. Pasqualoni, Sr. +
Albert Pietropola, Jr. +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)
5:00 PM Nicholas J. Marcello +

**Monday, March 27
Lenten Weekday**

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

**Tuesday, March 28
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Michael Ellsworth +

**Wednesday, March 29
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Francis & Lauretta Yaskovic +

**Thursday, March 30
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

**Friday, March 31
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph & Anna Chesmar +

**Saturday, April 1– First Saturday
Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Campion Family (Olga, Kathy, & Jim) +

Saturday, April 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

**Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:30 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +
Sr. Esther, Sr. Joan Mary & Sr. Ann Marie +
11:00 AM Joane Obergfell +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

March 26, 2023

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 3rd
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th
Mass of the Lord's Supper at
7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Adoration Until Midnight



GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (7 p.m. Celebration includes the Passion Play)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th

Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m.
There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

