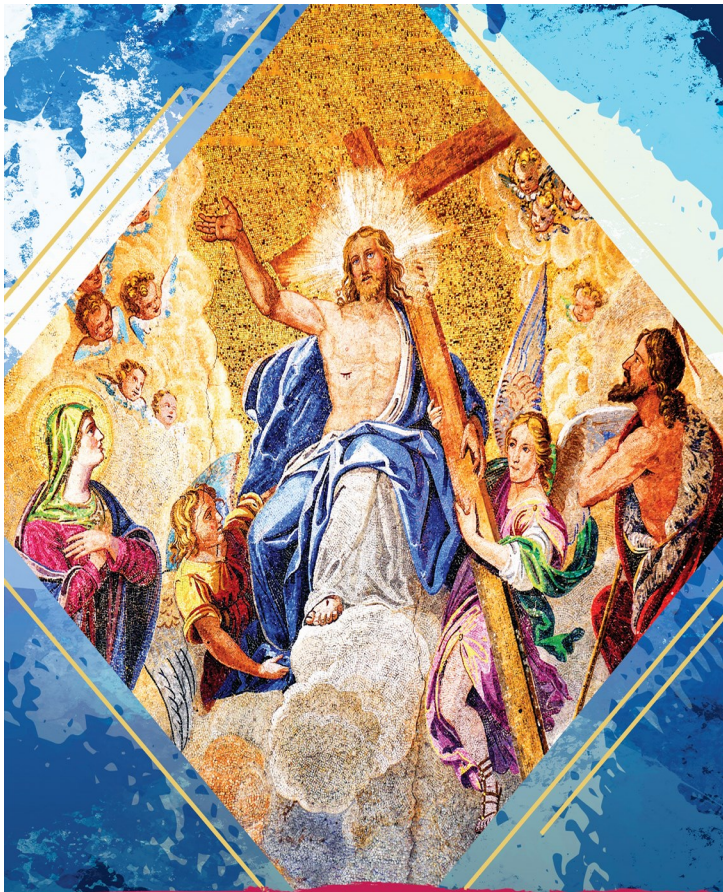


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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

“And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:32

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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 Ezech, 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

CLEAR OUT A SPACE FOR LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

Jeremiah makes a bold statement when he says that the centuries-old covenant that God made with Abraham would be superseded by a new covenant. The main difference that he foresaw between the old and the new is that the new covenant would be internal. We will not have to look up the answer or feel disconnected from God's will. With the law written in our hearts, it becomes part of us.



As we approach Holy Week and our Lord's passion, we hear Jesus talk about death and eternal life. He realized that He Himself was approaching that time, but He also wanted those who He loved to know what He expected of them. Therefore, He said that anyone who is willing to sacrifice their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. It all comes down to love. Remember, when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He said that the entire law – the law that Jeremiah said would be written upon our hearts – could be summed up in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. So now when Jesus says, "Whoever loves his (or her) life loses it," He contrasts them with one who "hates his (or her) life in this world" (John 12:25). But He could also contrast one's true loves: one's own life or God and neighbor. Our challenges is to love God and love neighbor more than our own life.

Witness a grain of wheat, or truly a seed of any kind. If kept in a jar and prevented from germinating, it will lose its power to generate new life and eventually rot. But planted in soil, it will break open and grow into a plant that dwarfs its original size. This is what Jesus envisions for us. If we are willing to sacrifice our own self-interest, we can act out of love for others, producing much fruit in the garden of the kingdom.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?

Blessings

Father Raphael

2024 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. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Join us for our Parish Mission on THIS Monday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 20th at 7 pm in the Church.

The theme of our Parish Mission is "Victorious in Christ"

My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.



Help me to be inspired by His love and guided by His example. Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey. Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish. Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by You into Easter joy.

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.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Adoration at 6 p.m. And Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Please Note: On Good Friday, Stations of the Cross will be at 2 p.m.

Our Social Ministry Group will 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 the 5 pm Mass on NEXT

Saturday, March 23rd and before the 9:30 and 11 am Masses NEXT Sunday on March 24th. The baskets will be distributed the week of March 25th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 25th

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

◆ Adoration Until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th

◆ 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.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th

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

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st

Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

And 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass).

There is no 5 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday



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

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

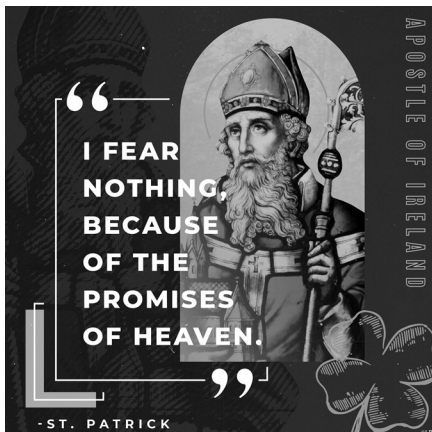
Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 3rd
Sunday collection: \$3,291.00
On Line giving: \$1,595.00
Total: \$4,886.00

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 stbartschurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies) & Rosaria Mercandetti.

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.

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will meet on Thursday, Mar 21st, St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, 12:30pm. Return visit from a speaker to give more lessons and information about the working of smart and flip phones. Contact 914 423-5331 with any questions. New members are always welcome.

March 17, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, March 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gloria De Luccy +

**Sunday, March 17
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

Patrick V. Fox +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Tuesday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Edwin Vega +

Weekday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Emilio Onofrio +

Friday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +

**Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:30 AM Ann Gaynor +

Luigi & Marie Martucci +

11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

March 17, 2024

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 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 Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- 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.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

