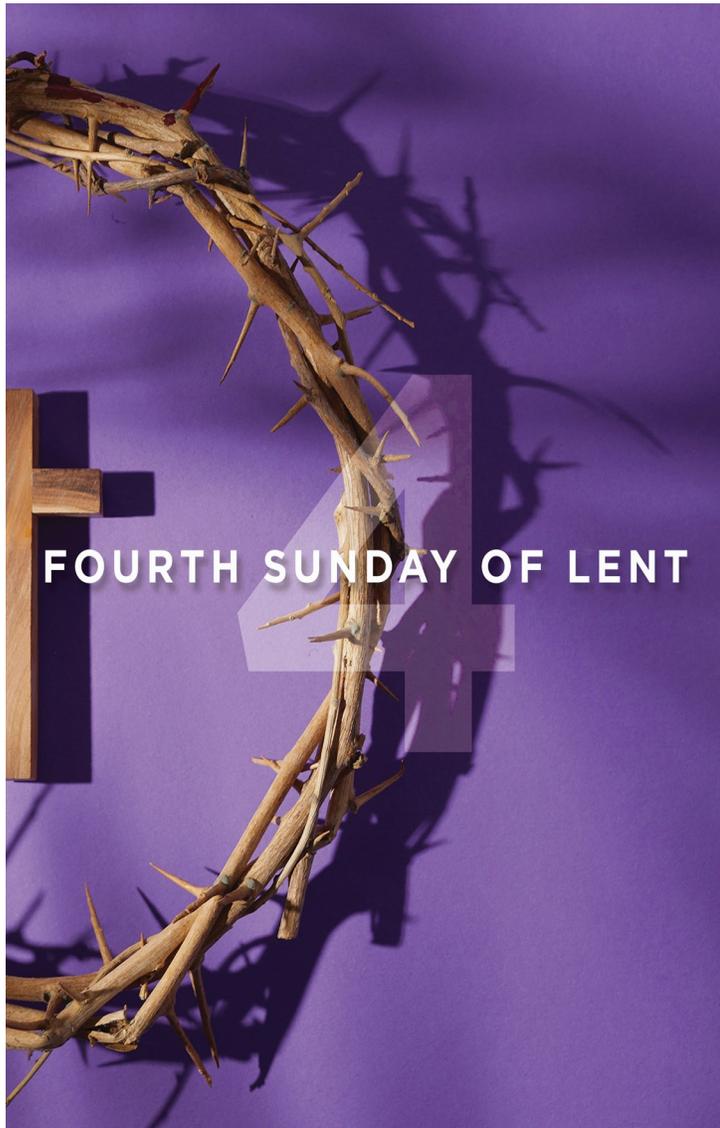


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

SEE THE TRUTH AND ACKNOWLEDGE IT

As wonderful as it is that Jesus heals people or puts an end to their physical disabilities, it is every bit as important that He welcomes them into full participation in society. Recall that when He encountered those who were lame or had leprosy, it was outside the synagogue, for they were considered unclean. The blind man was considered unclean as well - "totally in sin," as the Pharisees assert (John 9:34). Jesus not only gives him sight, He gives him admittance to the synagogue. Or would have, had the Pharisees not



thrown him out for his assertion that Jesus must be sent from God. But Jesus does not walk away from that exclusion, even though the physical part of the cure is complete. Just as the Good Shepherd goes out to find the lost sheep, Jesus immediately goes and finds him and brings him back into the fold. The man He healed could once again fully participate in his faith albeit not inside the synagogue, but - even more intimately - in the very presence of the Lord.

When we witness something unimaginable, we face a fundamental question. Do we accept it, changing our minds to accommodate it, or do we refuse, denying what we have just witnessed? The Pharisees in today's Gospel choose the latter. They refuse to change their attitudes about keeping the Sabbath or the sinfulness of the one born blind. The man's parents choose the latter as well, though likely out of fear. They choose to deny what they saw rather than risk being expelled from the synagogue. But not the blind man himself: He accepts the miracle worker as the Son of Man. It wasn't only his literal vision that was changed.



"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world," Jesus asserts (John 9:5). That did not end two thousand years ago. Jesus is still in the world - here in this gathering, in the Eucharist, in our brothers and sisters in need, and within ourselves as we act in His name. May we "live as children of light," as Paul told the Ephesians (5:8), opening the eyes of others and guiding them to what is good and righteous and true.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What keeps me from seeing the truth? What keeps me from acknowledging what I see?

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

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

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.



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

REMINDER: Please support our Lenten Almsgiving Project



Religious Education

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.



God of the covenant,
in the glory of the cross
your Son embraced the power of death
and broke its hold over your people.
In this time of repentance,
draw all people to yourself,
that we who confess Jesus as Lord
may put aside the deeds of death
and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Talking about discipleship and truly being a disciple are two very different things. It is easier to know what we should do than to carry out. Many saints from our tradition have had much to say about this struggle to do what they know they must do, and not do that which they know they shouldn't. It is part of being human.

Without God, we have no chance to overcome this predicament. Without God, our actions can ring hollow, or often we are too immobilized to act at all. Without God, we suffer with blindness to the truth of what is important and eternal.

The story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man is about more than a physical healing and just one man. It is about how each of us can find healing of our blindness by turning to Jesus Christ. Are you someone that has been saying, "I don't understand all this talk of discipleship and stewardship; what's the big deal?" We all have a blindness that needs to be healed, and the body of Christ needs you so that God's presence in our world can be seen in a more profound manner. The reality is that God heals the blindness of those who seek him so that, in turn, they may be vehicles by which others may see as well.

This Lent, you are invited to bring your blindness to Jesus. All the written reflections in the world will not give you new eyes. Those eyes can only be found in Jesus.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

The 2022 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.**

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each: 1st prize-\$5000, 2nd prize-\$1500, 3rd prize-\$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing will be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council at 914-709-5090 or email kofc3995@gmail.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 5th

Sunday collection: \$4,664.00
On Line giving: \$1,175.00
Total: \$5,839.00

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.



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March 19, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, March 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Gloria De Luccy +

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +
11:00 AM Robert Campisi +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, March 20

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Vito Jotso +

Tuesday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Cristovalina Vidals (Living- For Healing)
9:00 AM Emilio Onofrio +

Wednesday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Kevin Neary +

Thursday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Keith Mercoun +

Friday, March 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Luigi & Marie Martucci +
9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 AM Renzel & Rachel Hendriques (Living)

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 +

March 19, 2023

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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

