

# St. Bartholomew's Church



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Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
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, Anthony Martelli

*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:* Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." —Mt 4:8-9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

*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.

**Our Will Vs. God's Will**



The Tempter does not blatantly invite Adam and Eve, Jesus, or us, to do evil but, more innocently, to bypass elusive intangibles – sacrifice, trust, God – for readily perceptible and immediately real alternatives –food, security, power.

**First temptation:** Jesus' obedience consists in refusing to provide bread for himself alone. Later, Jesus feeds the multitudes and offers himself as living bread to all, bidding us who eat it to feed the hungry. But "not ... on bread alone" (Matthew 4:4). How unhelpful, ultimately, are material and technical aid unaccompanied by spiritual values.

**Second temptation:** The devil's "If you are the Son of God" (4:8) on the temple parapet is repeated by passersby as Jesus hangs on the cross. But Jesus neither leaps from the parapet nor comes down from the cross, descending instead into death's abyss, trusting, not testing the Father and inviting us to do likewise.



**Third temptation:** Jesus is offered "all the kingdoms of the world" (4:8) in exchange for worshipful prostration before the devil. Instead, Jesus prostrates in Gethsemane before his Father's will, as the disciples will prostrate before the Risen Jesus when not only worldly kingdoms but "all power in heaven and on earth" are given Him (28:18).

Thus, in stark contrast to Adam and Eve, Jesus is obedient. Paul contrasts Adam's bequest – transgression, condemnation, death – with Jesus' superabundant gift – righteousness, acquittal, life. But though Jesus banishes the devil today, "Get away, Satan!" (Matthew 4:10) we need Lent's ministering angels to keep us faithful to Jesus' path of obedient trust in God's providential care, Jesus' sacrificial service of others.

In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign for someone else of God's care?

**NOVENA PRAYER**

Please join us as we begin our 40-Day novena prayers. We'll be praying for our parish evangelization efforts, the spiritual renewal of parishioners and their families, the success of our Renew & Rebuild Campaign, and the intentions of parishioners submitted at the foot of the altar.

Wishing you a very fruitful Lenten Season. Let's journey together, providing support and encouragement to one another. Make an extra effort to join us for Mass during the week.

*Blessings and peace.*

*Fr. Raphael*



All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.

**OUR PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM**

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or has not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.



The ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. All women of the Parish are invited.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

This Friday and every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.



**FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

**GOOD FRIDAY** is a day of fasting and abstinence. **FRIDAYS** during Lent are days of abstinence.

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal in quantity may be taken to maintain strength. Fasting applies to those between the ages of 18 & 59; others are encouraged to participate to the extent they are able.

**ABSTINENCE** prohibits those who are 14 years of age and older from eating meat on Fridays during Lent.



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH MISSION— 2017

*“WALKING BY FAITH—A Spirituality for Living Now”*

March 13—15 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Paul R. Fagan, C.P.—Parish Mission Preacher

For more information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676



**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**St. Bartholmew's Pasta Party** (in memory of Vincent Campisi) is on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass. See the flyer in today's bulletin.

### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible Study is held every Thursday at **7:00 p.m.** in the school building. These sessions are moderated by Father Raphael. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ *St\_Barts\_youth*.

### THE 2018 MASS BOOK OPENED THIS WEEK



The Mass Book for 2018 opened on **Ash Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**. There are also some 2017 Masses still available. You may come to the Parish Office during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

### LOCAL EVENT

#### St. Matthew's & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church LENTEN MEDITATION

535 Ashford Avenue, Ardsley, NY

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

7:15 p.m.—8:30p.m.

For more information please call 914 693-2959  
or e mail [lulucsw@gmail.com](mailto:lulucsw@gmail.com)

### STEWARDSHIP

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

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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,759.05
<b>Balance</b>	<b>- \$1,240.95</b>
*(Envelopes \$6519.05, Online \$240.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$32,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$25,202.15

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!

**In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati and Brittany Arzola.

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

**MARCH 5, 2017**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Carrie D'Angelo +

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**Sunday, March 5**

8:30 AM Annetrud Cordes +

10:00 AM Erasmo Rivera Aviles +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Julio Blanco & Jovita Romero +

**Monday, March 6**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM Pasquale Alessi +

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Ann Sheehan (living)

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

**Wednesday, March 8**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Louis Picani +

9:00 AM Robert Bracchitta +

**Thursday, March 9**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Jr. +

9:00 AM Joseph Nadal +

**Friday, March 10**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Victor Wihera +

**Saturday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

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

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, March 12**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Leonard Revellese +

5:00 PM Sofia, Juan Rosa & Magdaleno Vazquez +

**MARCH 5, 2017**

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**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY**

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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.
- ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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**CATHOLIC LENT PRAYER**

***Almighty and Everlasting God,  
You have given the human race  
Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
And giving His life on the Cross.  
Help us to bear witness to You  
By following His example of suffering  
And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Amen.***