

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the  
Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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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  
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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

THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the city of Babel the plurality of languages produced misunderstanding and drove people apart. In Jerusalem at Pentecost the plurality of languages will produce understanding and draw people together. At Sinai the presence of God was obscured by fire and smoke, by trumpet blasts and thunder. In the upper room locked doors could not prevent Jesus from bringing the Holy Spirit to the disciples. In Ezekiel's vision dead, dry bones lie in graves. Paul speaks of being reborn in the Spirit, suggesting Ezekiel's vision of the spirit bringing the bones to life. Joel prophesies that everyone will be rescued when the spirit comes. Paul tells the Romans that having the first fruits of the Spirit, we await the redemption of our bodies. In every way, the Holy Spirit transforms the world.

In the Hebrew scriptures whenever God's spirit was invoked, it was upon people of special importance: kings, judges, prophets. When Joel writes that the Lord's spirit will be poured out "upon the flesh... even upon the servants and the hand-maids," it is a radical shift (Joel 3:1-2). No longer will only a select few be blessed with God's spirit. Everyone will. "Everyone shall be rescued who calls on the name of the Lord." (3:5). No wonder Peter quotes this passage after the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. The universal spirit envisioned by Joel has been realized.

It wasn't only Joel who realized the breadth of God's blessings. Ezekiel never said that just "some" graves would be opened. Paul speaks of "all creation" being reborn. Jesus offers Himself to "anyone who thirsts;" all who believes will be blessed with the Spirit flowing within them. You, me, our neighbor, all creation. If the Holy Spirit were visible, we would be blinded by the energy flowing within us all. Our challenge is to make the Spirit visible and help renew the face of the earth.

We hear two accounts of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles today and they are markedly different. In one, the Holy Spirit comes only after Jesus had ascended to the Father, but in the other Jesus is still present. In the first, the Holy Spirit comes with a gentle breath and no visible manifestation. In Acts, the apostles speak at once in foreign languages. In John, the apostles fall silent. The coming of the Holy Spirit may be more like a process than an event. At times the Holy Spirit comes upon someone powerfully with visible consequences; at other times the Spirit comes gently and quietly. The same Spirit produces different workings in different people and at different times.



In the Pentecost Sequence, we implore the Holy Spirit to "Bend the stubborn heart and will." Easier said than done! Our feelings are usually quite ingrained in us, as is our behavior. It is easier to change one's mind than to change one's heart, let alone one's habits. Those opinions that we cling to most intensely tend to be ones formed in the heart, not the brain. That explains how reasonable arguments often fail against ingrained opinion. Yet we ask the Spirit today to overcome our stubbornness. Approximately three months ago, on Ash Wednesday, we heard the prophet Joel tell us to rend our hearts and return to the Lord. May the Holy Spirit bend and rend our stubborn hearts whenever they lead us astray!

Before Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit upon the apostles He offered them one other thing: peace. "Peace be with you," He said this twice, the second time after they realized that it was the Lord in their midst. In the next sentence He commissioned them to go out into the world as His Father had sent Him into the world: to bring peace throughout the world. The Holy Spirit enables them to do so. And us as well. We too have received the Holy Spirit. May we bring peace wherever we go—into anxious hearts, difficult relationships, stubborn conflicts.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Do I rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance? When I search my heart, what stubbornness do I find that could use honest examination?

**Blessings** **Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated for the intentions of the Brusco family by Angela Brusco.



FOOD PANTRY:

Food is still given out on a limited basis. We can use the basics such as juice, pasta, canned chicken or tuna, rice, mac and cheese and cereal. **YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM AT THE FOOD PANTRY DOOR.**



\*\*\*\*Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families. \*\*\*\*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Immaculate Conception in the Bronx is now open.** And if you would like to provide some baked ziti and desserts, you can bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) between 8 and 10 AM this Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.



Thanks to all who have donated money or food. **May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

For those collecting Mission Boxes, please hold them in a safe place. When things return to normal, they will then be collected at Mass.

May God bless all of our 2020 graduates this year. May God's grace uplift their spirits as they plan their future. Though in a different way, may they celebrate their accomplishments and be proud of all they have learned and how they have grown.



**On Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> the 10 AM Livestream Mass will be said for the following:** (Mass Intentions that were for April 6th through April 19<sup>th</sup>):



**Reverend Willam B. Duggan, Louis Rrusco, Charles Kolnik, Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio, Jennifer Carole Romanowski, Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies Joseph Paul Prior, Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia Families Theresa Venturino, John Esposito, Carmine Nicholas Maccia, Michael Califano, Elizabeth Liga, Luigi & Marie Martucci, Loretta & Michael Kennedy, Deceased Members of the Lucchetti & Capuano Families, Patrick V. Fox.**

**MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S ETERNAL PEACE!!**

**MASSES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 8A.M. TO 6 P.M.**

**ST. BART'S MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ARE LIVE STREAMED**

**Sunday Mass** at 10 a.m.  
**Weekday Masses** at 10 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration**, Weekdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**IT'S EASY**, just go to [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org), **GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE AND CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON**, This will bring you directly to the page and wait for the Mass or Adoration to begin. If the video does not come up, **REFRESH THE PAGE**.



**ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE, AS WE BEGIN PHASING, WILL BE UPDATED VIA ROBO CALL OR ON SAINTBARTHOLOMEWPARISH FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.**

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.

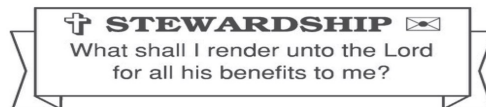


Please send your names to [stbartsreled@aol.com](mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com) and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: [stbartsreled@aol.com](mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com)



*Come Holy Spirit, fill my heart with Your holy gifts. Let my weakness be penetrated with Your strength this very day that I may fulfill all the duties of my state conscientiously, that I may do what is right and just. Let my charity be such as to offend no one, and hurt no one's feelings; so generous as to pardon sincerely any wrong done to me.*

*Assist me, O Holy Spirit, in all my trials of life, enlighten me in my ignorance, advise me in my doubts, strengthen me in my weakness, help me in all my needs, protect me in temptations and console me in all afflictions. Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit, and pour Your light into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Assist me to live a holy life and to grow in goodness and grace. Amen.*



## TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. **We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:**

- **Mail in your envelope.**
- **Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).**
- **Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.**

**May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!**

### 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](http://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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).



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 Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, 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, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

*Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mary Milowe.*



**Rest in Peace**

May 31, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

*EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED ONES BELOW AND FOR  
OUR PARISH, especially during our LIVE STREAM MASSES  
EACH DAY AT 10 AM.*

**Saturday, May 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Mary De Mattia +

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**Sunday, May 31, 2020  
Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 AM Louis & Phyllis Martelli +

10:00 AM Benedetto & Antonina Di Chiara +

11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Timothy O'Sullivan +

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**Monday, June 1**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

**Tuesday, June 2**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Maria Loreta Lucchetti +

9:00 AM No Intention

**Wednesday, June 3**

**Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

**Thursday, June 4**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ralph Esposito+

**Friday, June 5**

**Saint Boniface, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM Reverend Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP +

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

**Saturday, June 6**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco Family

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**Saturday, June 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Linda De Muro Tyner +

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**Sunday, June 7, 2020  
The Most Holy Trinity**

8:30 AM Carl Laredo & Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM Eleanor & George Tiplady +

11:30 AM Margaret Verderosa +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

May 31, 2020

## AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

# HOLY



# COMMUNION

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my  
soul.

Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my  
heart.

I embrace You as if You were  
already there

and I unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a  
sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring  
us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us  
from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



## WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

PENTECOST

