

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

HOW CAN WE BEAR FRUIT?



Throughout history, the Lord has been revealed to us in numerous ways. Moses saw the Lord in a burning bush, on fire but not consumed, arousing his curiosity to see how the laws of nature could be contradicted. If God could free fire from fuel, maybe God really could free a people from captivity. A God who could control fire could also control the sea. Over the centuries that followed, a tradition was handed down that the miraculous rock that produced water traveled with them through the desert. Paul identifies that rock with Christ, providing spiritual drink to sustain the Chosen People, as His Body and Blood nourishes us still. Even a barren fig tree can reveal the divine, witnessing to the hope we maintain for repentance and renewal.

In today's Gospel, Jesus points out that most of those in His audience believed that those who died tragically in unexpected ways must have been especially sinful. This is not so, He insists, but it is a reminder to all of us to repent and live holy lives right now, for you never know when you might perish. His parable of the fruitless fig tree illustrates this urgency. The three years it bore no fruit may symbolize a person's failure to perform any of the three actions Jesus calls us to do. May we bear fruit by fasting, praying, and giving alms, now and in the years to come, justifying the Gardener's patience with us.



At first blush, Lent would seem to be a season more suited for winter than spring. It is a penitential season, a season when we deny our desires, a season that leads to our Lord's death, and to the inevitable contemplation of our own. But it's also the season in which we are given the opportunity for renewal, a season when fertilizer (Greek koprian, "manure"), like ashes, is used to coax life from the earth. It is a season of grace that reminds us to bear the fruit that has failed to bloom for the last three months or the last three years or an entire lifetime, knowing that these forty days culminate in the celebration of the greatest rebirth into new life. On this first day of spring, may we resolve to blossom as the gardener envisions the fig tree will: growth out of manure, fruit out of barrenness, life out of death.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do this week to bear fruit, to show that God's patience in me is justified?

Blessings

Father Raphael

A special thank you to all the people who donated for Ukraine.

We have collected 65 bags!!! Thank you all for your generosity, caring and concern. May God bless them all and may peace reach their home and hearts soon!!



PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW ARE NEW NEEDS FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE:

First Aid kits, band aids (small and large), Gauze pads (2 x 2, 2 x 4, and any size), gloves (exam and surgical small, medium, large and extra large), hydrogen peroxide (small and large), iodine (small and large), medical tape and antibiotic ointment.



NO PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS OR CLOTHING PLEASE!!

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 ATLAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.

THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.



THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following: **juice, cornflakes and jelly.** Thank you for your generosity.



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 2023 IS OPEN.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday during Lent, at 7 pm, there will be Stations of the Cross in the church. Please join us!!

OUR 2022 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 the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one (s):



- 1 Paschal Candle \$300
- 5 Bundles of Palm (\$60 each)

Please contact the Parish Office for more information. There may be additional items added to the list in the upcoming weeks.



If anyone in the Parish is interested or knows someone who is interested in providing cleaning services, please contact the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S 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, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Lenten Prayer for Sunday's During Lent

Heavenly Father, as I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You. Help me to accept others, showing them Your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days

this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to You. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to You through prayer this Lent.

In Your name I pray. Amen.

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TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION
 March 6th
 Sunday collection: \$4,011.00
 On Line giving: \$1,725.00
 Total: \$5,736.00

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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

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March 20 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, March 19 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

**Sunday, March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Amedeo & Angie Lepore +
Marie Giuriceo +

11:30 AM Angela Di Rodio +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Jose Rivera +

9:00 AM Emilio Onofrio +

Tuesday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Carol Stola +

9:00 AM Linda Jean Morano +

Wednesday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Leovigildo Sotto +

Thursday, March 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Luigi & Marie Martucci +

9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

Friday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

9:00 AM In Honor of Christian Civilization

Saturday, March 26

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Salvatore Celzo +

Saturday, March 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nicholas Marcello +

**Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM Nick & Rose Morucci ++

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

March 20, 2022

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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



THE NEED FOR ONGOING REFORM