

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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

**HOW CAN I IMITATE JESUS AND PROTECT AND COMFORT MY NEIGHBOR?**

Peter's call to the crowd in Jerusalem is the same as Jesus' when he emerged from the desert, as well as John the Baptist's before him: "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). This is the crowd's opportunity. The people did not listen to John or to Jesus Himself. Both of them have been put to death. So now it is Peter and the apostles making this plea. But Peter is able to offer more than John or even Jesus did. He explicitly tells them, "You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38). The Holy Spirit who had just come down upon the apostles, will come down upon all who are baptized in God's name - in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Though this passage likely recounts events that happened over a period of time, the promise of the Holy Spirit led to thousands of converts willing to repent and be baptized.



The first reading ends with the line: "about three thousand persons were added that day"(Acts2:41). That's quite a flock. A flock that largely needs a shepherd. Not just a shepherd, but the Good Shepherd, a shepherd who will guide us in right paths, who will give us repose in verdant pastures and courage in dark valleys, a shepherd who will lead us to "have life and have it more abundantly" (John10:10). The Good Shepherd will satisfy our every need, even needs we do not realize we have.

In the part of this lesson that makes up today's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the gate to the sheepfold. The gate serves two purposes. Closed, it protects the sheep in the sheepfold from robbers and predators; open, it allows the sheep to come and go in response to the sound of their shepherd's voice. Imagine that instead of an iron or wooden gate at the opening of the sheepfold, there is only Jesus. Jesus is stronger than any gate, better able to protect the sheep from harm. And Jesus is more forgiving and loving than any gate, welcoming the lost and caring for the hurting.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I be that gate, in imitation of Jesus? How do I protect others from danger or trauma and how do I comfort those who are lost or in pain?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**MAY CROWNING**

Please join us for the May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church on **THIS** Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.



**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

Please join us after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> in McManus Parish Center as we honor all Mothers with a special breakfast.

God Bless all our Mothers living and deceased.



**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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR MAY on THIS Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



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

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant. The Golden Mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2023. All those in the parish celebrating 50 years of marriage, please contact the parish office for more details. Registration will close on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.



It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.



Religious Education

**Seniors Gathering:**

**Movie Thursday :May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**  
*A Man Called Otto*

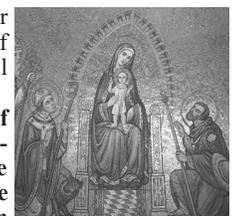


**CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Mother's Day Novena Masses:**

Next Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers- living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and will finish on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**There are cards and envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office during the week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.**



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS**

**CHANGED AND 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\*\*\*\*

Let us take the time to congratulate and pray for our children who received their First Holy Communion on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>:



Bryan Cartagena  
Jocelyn Foti  
Sebastian Kiryako  
Francesca Marino  
Hailey Mittermeier  
Noel Ramirez  
Sebastian Rivera  
Jacob Romero  
William Sumba  
Jake Vargas

Michelle Allu  
Maryann Allu  
Joseph Ameh  
Gabriel Ameh  
Emmanuella Ameh  
Ethan Bello  
King Cabie  
Delilah Caceres  
Jacob Calvello  
Amber Calvello

Eli Cruz  
Miabelle Rebecka Go  
Michael Marino  
Miranda Martinez  
Ivan Orozco  
Zoeliz Ramirez  
Isabella Rodriguez  
Zoe Sanders  
Romeo Tineo  
Camila Zamora

Sebastian Santana-Valerio

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**      **Witnesses for Jesus**

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can't make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God's hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

**Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**, at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at **12:30pm**. Please be prompt. There will be a guest speaker on Bereavement present. Members and guests are welcome. For more information, please call 914.423.5331 or email [CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com).

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

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

**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday collection: \$3,237.00  
On Line giving: \$1,225.00  
Total: \$4,462.00

**THE EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

**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).



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

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 [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**



**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of  
all the faithful departed  
especially Anna Maria  
Vitullo.

May 7, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

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

5:00 PM Fiore Brusco +  
Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

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**Sunday, May 7, 2023  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Louis Loscalzo +  
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
Charity Ubawike +  
12:30 PM George Del Moral +  
(Spanish Mass)  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, May 8  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.  
9:00 AM Vincent J. Montemurro +

**Tuesday, May 9  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joseph Tallman +

**Wednesday, May 10  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Ralph Capuano +

**Thursday, May 11  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Isadore Heit +  
9:00 AM John Nieman +

**Friday, May 12  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Carl A. Roehrenbeck +

**Saturday, May 13  
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

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**Saturday, May 13 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Sandra De Santis +

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**Sunday, May 14, 2023  
Sixth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Margaret T. Maccia +  
11:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +  
Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
12:30 PM Eleanora Caballero-Cortes +  
(Spanish Mass)  
5:00 PM Charity Ubawike +

**May 7, 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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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**

