

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## First Sunday of Lent

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."*

— Lk 4:6a, 7-8



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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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566  
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## WITHSTANDING TEMPTATION

Liturgy is rich in ritual. Ritual establishes the importance of an action through repetition. The Eucharist is an obvious example. So is the ceremony described in the first reading. Parts of it are very familiar: a priest presides at the altar, the people offer their gifts and bow in the Lord's presence, they recall God's saving actions. Lent is full of familiar rituals as well: receiving ashes on our foreheads, witnessing the washing of feet, following Jesus on the stations of the cross. Through repetition, these actions become ingrained in us, become a part of our being.



In tempting Jesus, the devil tries to prove that he, not God, was in control. Three times he tries to order Jesus to do something. More than anything, he wants Jesus to obey him. Jesus refutes the devil at every turn, and does so by asserting God's preeminence. All three times Jesus refused the devil's taunts by quoting scripture. By involving God, He is not just contradicting the devil's arguments, He is asserting that God precedes all else, including Satan.



In days of old, the desert was associated with solitude, but also with danger. Hunger and thirst so affected the first Israelites, that they longed for slavery in Egypt. Wild animals lived there and bands of robbers, operated there, making it a risk for any traveler. Society's outcasts often were exiled there; people believed demons made their home there as well. When Jesus chooses to go there, He is willing to encounter all these threats. Even after over a month in a this hostile environment, He is still able to withstand temptation.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Where do I encounter temptation? When do I give in? How do I withstand it?

*Blessings Fr. Raphael*

## PARISH NEWS



### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lisa Alexis Villar.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, beginning last Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).



### Religious Education

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year we will donate to their Malawi Mission for a program of youth empowerment. As you may know, Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. According to Wikipedia only 25% of the population goes to high school.

This youth empowerment program is a six-month program in which youth are given the educational opportunity to improve themselves. Youth from various villages under the care of the MSP Mission are admitted into a program of skill acquisition where they can learn a trade and create a brighter future for themselves and their families. Please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box for your family to save their donation and returning the box during Holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.



## PARISH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



**We still want to get more families to have their pictures taken for our parish directory.** This is the reason we have delayed the publication of the book.

**We will be taking pictures in the gym beginning with the weekends of March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and continuing with March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after**

**all the Masses.** The pictures will be taken by us here at St. Bart's, not by the Lifetouch Company and **will be free.** It will be quick and easy. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment on one of those weekends. (If you have had your picture taken already by Lifetouch, you do not need to get it taken again).

PARISH EVENTS

MARCH

Pasta Party:

Next Saturday, March 16th after the 5 p.m. Mass

In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi

PLEASE SEE THE HOLY NAME MEN AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!!!

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society



Parish Mission:

Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th & Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m.



Relay for Life Breakfast and Bake Sale:

Sunday, March 24th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Masses in McManus Parish Center

\$5.00 admission

Please come and support this cancer awareness cause.



The 2019 Mass book still has Masses available and the 2020 Mass Book just opened up on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. 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.

BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to

www.formed.org.

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartsparish.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books. Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Study: Into the Desert or A Lent to Remember. Listen to: Love-Sacrifice-Trust-He Showed Us the Way. The 13th is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Watch: Francis: The People's Pope, Who is Pope Francis?, Or Francis: Pope of the Renewal.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY at 1 p.m. Their next meeting is on Thursday, March 21st. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, March 17th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.

Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$5,511.75), Balance (- \$1,488.25), \*(Envelopes \$4,735.75, \$776.00 Online)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of March (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$ 5,511.75)

The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled:\$954.65

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, and John McKenna.

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

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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).





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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, March 9 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Linda De Muro Tyner +  
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**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
and Rosary Altar Society  
10:00 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)  
11:30 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, III +  
5:00 PM Sofia Vazquez & Jovita Romero +  
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**Monday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Fr. Ambrosio +  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of Hickey Family

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph Hiep +  
9:00 AM Anthony Di Paolo +

**Wednesday, March 13**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Baby So +  
9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

**Thursday, March 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Peter Jr. & Peter Sr. Tran +  
9:00 AM Anthony, Theresa, & Maria Hoang +.

**Friday, March 15**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Rosa Ibel Saravia +  
9:00 AM Margaret "Peggy" Connors +

**Saturday, March 16**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Edwin Vega +  
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**Saturday, March 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vincent J. Campisi +  
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**Sunday, March 17, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Amedeo & Angela Lepore +  
10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +  
11:30 AM Peter Frycz +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

March 10 2019

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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, complete 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!

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#### LENTEN 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.



**LOOK IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN  
FOR THE EASTER WISH LIST AND  
FOR INFORMATION ON THE  
CHRISM MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL.**