

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

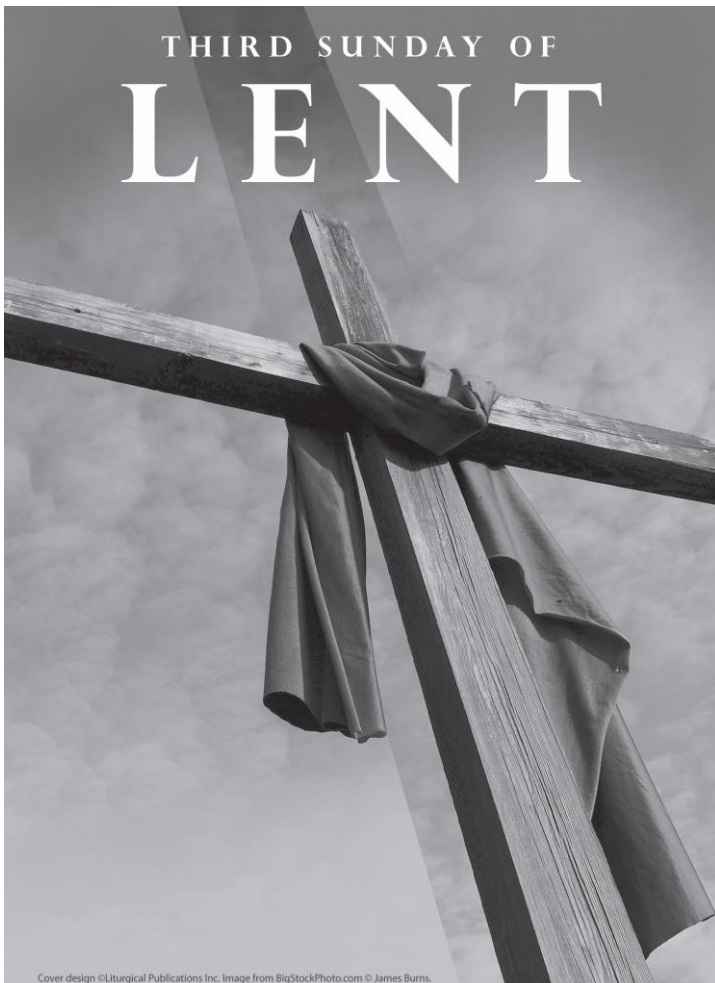
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



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.

The Poison of Doubt

Merriam-Webster dictionary defines “doubt” in these phrases: *to call into question the truth of ...; to lack confidence in ...; to consider unlikely.* It gives an example: I have always doubted the existence of life on other planets.

The first two verses in today’s first reading, from Exodus 17:3-7, struck me right away. I scratched my head as I wondered why the Israelites should doubt God at all now. I went on to trace the immediate past deeds of the Lord in their lives.

In Exodus 2:23 we’re told that the Israelites groaned and cried out because of slavery, and that as their cry went up to God, he heard their groaning and was mindful of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When God called Moses, he told him “I have witnessed the affliction of my people ... I have come down to rescue them and lead them into a land flowing with milk and honey ...” God commanded Moses to relay this good news to the elders of the Israelites.

True to his word and promise, God set out to deliver the Israelites from slavery. Exodus chapters 7 to 11 cover the plagues. In chapter 12, after the death of the firstborns, Pharaoh finally gave permission for them to leave. Tension and desperation rose in Chapter 14 as they stood between the Red Sea and Pharaoh and his army. Again, the Lord showed his might and love. In Chapter 15, He turned bitter water into drinking water for them. In Chapter 16, He fed them Manna from heaven, dousing their complaints. And that brings us to today’s reading – another round of bitter complaints and doubts.

You would think that after God had shown them His love, care, power, ability to provide and protect, etc, that they’d be filled with gratitude and trust in this awesome God. Instead, they were still brimming with doubts and ingratitude.

Now, that’s about the Israelites. What about you and me? We know the result of the Israelites’ perennial doubt – they ended up wandering through the desert for 40 years, and most of the doubters died without setting foot on Canaan. I invite us to use this Lenten season to recall God’s goodness to us and to allow those memories to boost our confidence and trust in God, so that no matter what, when and where, we will know that our God is abundantly able.

Do you call into question the truth of God’s love and care for you? Do you lack confidence in God (or in yourself)? Do you consider unlikely the fact that God does love and care for you just as the Israelites did, in spite of solid evidences? If so, know that your doubts can be turned into trust. Begin by recognizing God’s presence in your life, no matter how small each incident might be. Focus more on such experiences and let them, like building blocks, help to build up or strengthen your trust and confidence in our Almighty God. Amen.

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.

Note: Religious Education classes resume this Tuesday, March 21st.

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 PPC (Parish Pastoral Council) meeting will be held this Monday, March 20th at 7 p.m. in the school members. All members are invited to attend.

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.



THE 2018 MASS BOOK OPENED

The Mass Book for 2018 opened on Ash Wednesday, March 1st.

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.

OUR 2017 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday:

- 2 bundles of Palms at \$60 each
- Paschal Candle at \$450.00

Please note that the Palms and Candle can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be noted in the bulletin the week after Easter. Thank you for your consideration.

Third Sunday of Lent

**MARK
THIS DATE**


Sweepstakes Social is Friday, May 12th.
Join us for the fun, please contact Cheryl Duda
at 914 476-6676 for more details and to make
your reservations.

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.



PARISH MISSION- 2017 RESCHEDULED

“WALKING BY FAITH—A Spirituality for Living
Now”

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

Due to the winter storm the March 14th and March 15th

Mission days have been re scheduled to April 5th and April 6th.

BECOME AN ACTOR!

Join your fellow parishioner actors in their
performance of the Passion Play.

Rehearsals start NOW!

Call the Parish office for more details.

**THE PASSION PLAY WILL BE PERFORMED
ON PALM SUNDAY AT 2 P.M. AND ON GOOD
FRIDAY AT THE 7:30 P.M. SERVICE.**



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday
of each month immediately following the 5 p.m.
Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is
this Sunday, March 19th. *Follow our Youth Group on
Twitter @ St_Barts_youth.*

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL

Dear friends in the Lord:

By participating in the *Catholic Relief Service* (CRSC) collection,
you are responding to Jesus in disguise in some of the most
marginalized communities in our world. *Catholic Relief Service*
collection provides services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in
the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and
advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Let us join
together in this special collection to support those who are
suffering and are on the margins of society.

For example, in Nigeria, changes in climate in Western Africa are
adversely affecting poor and rural farmers. No matter how hard
these farmers work, droughts are shortening the rainy season,
leaving harvests too small to support families and communities.
These new relationships are providing hope to these communities
for a sustainable future.

Your support of the *Catholic Relief Service* collection makes a
difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully
consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn
more, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York


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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,624.45
Balance	-\$1,375.55
*(Envelopes \$5,334.45 Online \$290.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of March	28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	11,909.85

*The Second collection for next weekend is in support of Catholic
Relief Services.*

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 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.
All are encouraged to participate.

March 19, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

Sunday, March 19

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Gloria, Rose and Leo Savona +

11:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Salerno & Del Bene families.

5:00 PM Sabrina Zevon (Living)

Monday, March 20

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Maria Vo Thi Be +

9:00 AM Giuseppe & Filomena Sacchetta +

Tuesday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Andrew & Elizabeth Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Phyllis Prisco +

Wednesday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Whiteman +

9:00 AM Lawrence Girsch +

Thursday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM Benjamin Pelliccio +

Friday, March 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Concetta Darretta +

9:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 AM Otello Pozzi +

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM James Salerno +

Sunday, March 26

8:30 AM Peter Klee+

10:00 AM Vincent, Gerard, & Mary Hickey +

11:30 AM Natalie Fernandez +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

March 19, 2017

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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CHRISM MASS:

Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, April 11th at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral.** Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please come support our own parish priests. To help plan an appropriate size bus, please call the Parish Office ASAP if you plan to attend.