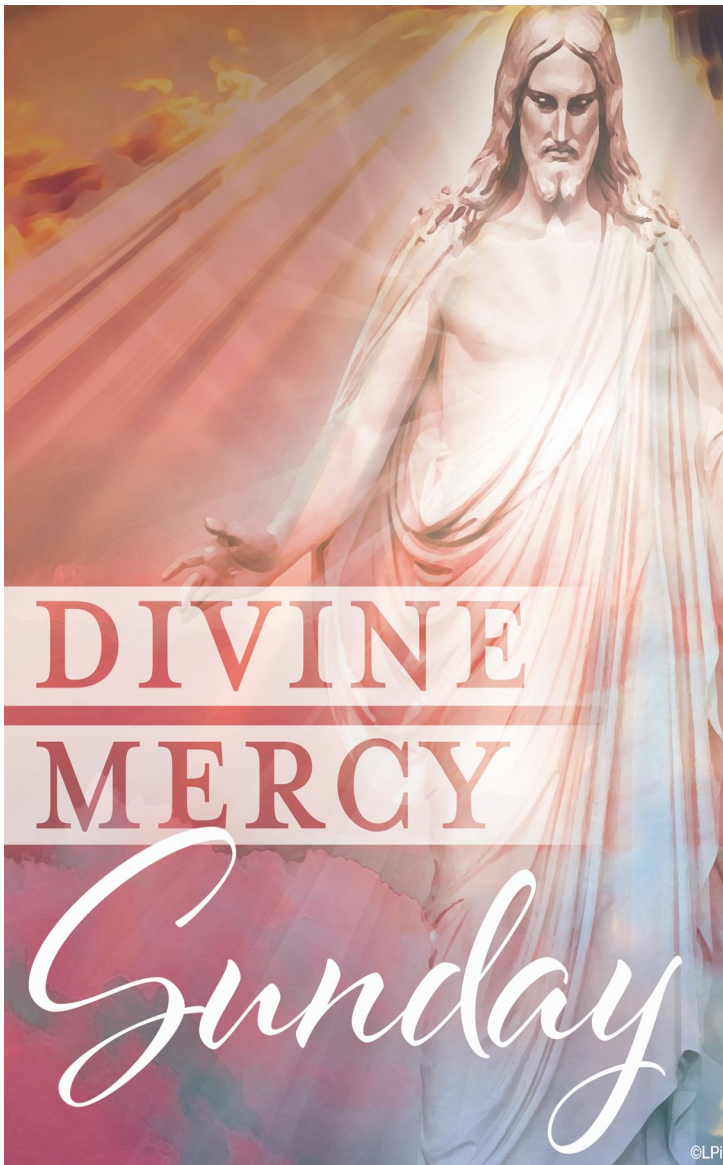


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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);
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

JESUS WILL GIVE YOU PEACE TO OVERCOME YOUR ANXIETIES

Wonderful as the news of the Resurrection, was for all the disciples, it must have been unsettling as well. They really did not fully comprehend it yet. They were still emotionally traumatized by Jesus' death. They probably felt more than a little guilty for abandoning Him in His final hours. Certainly they feared that they could be next. They knew the tomb was empty and heard Mary Magdalene say that she saw Him alive, but most of them are likely confused and anxious when they barricade themselves in the locked room. Jesus, knowing just what to say, greets them with "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). Even after they rejoiced with the confirmation that He was truly alive, Jesus repeats His words: "Peace be with you" (20:21). Soon Jesus will give them their mission, the power to forgive sins, and the Holy Spirit. But all that can wait. First, Jesus gives them peace.



Now that they are at peace and realize that Jesus truly lives, the disciples can concentrate on their mission. In order to devote themselves to worshiping God, celebrating the Eucharist, and spreading the Good News, they live and work together, sharing their food and possessions. Their community is idyllic, for they are continually comforted by the knowledge that they are united with the Lord and one another.



Poor Thomas. Because he was not with the others the first time, he is singled out as unbelieving. Nearly two thousand years later, he is still known as "Doubting Thomas." We are all Doubting Thomases. None of us have seen Jesus in the flesh. None of us can hold up a photograph or watch a movie clip of Him. None of us have a sample of His DNA or some conclusive proof of His identity. Still, we believe. For belief is not the presence of indisputable proof; it is acceptance despite its absence.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I identify with Doubting Thomas, at times unsure of my faith? In what ways has Jesus given me peace to overcome the anxieties in my life?

Blessings

Father Raphael

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, and to ensure that the faithful would observe the day with devotion, he established special graces for participating in prayers and devotions honoring God's Divine Mercy. In his homily at the beatification of Sister Mary Faustina, he reflected on the reading of the Second Sunday of Easter, saying: "The message of the divine mercy is implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes. Christ gave His life for each one, to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is both a celebration of God's merciful love and an example for us to follow. God's love for us is never more evident than when He forgives our sins. What a great gift of His Divine Mercy we receive through our priests, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We have a duty not only to praise this gift of His Divine Mercy, but also to be agents of mercy in the lives of other people by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Michael Califano by Grace Prunella.

Religious Ed Students & Parents - An update from Cheryl Duda

1. Please complete the **Fourth Lesson (except for Confirmation students***)** in your take home lesson packet this week. Children should complete the chapter review on loose-leaf paper and give to you to hold so it is not lost. These will be collected when we return to classes so the child may receive credit for completing the work.

***Confirmation students please register and sign onto [Formed.org](http://formed.org) then scroll down to "School at Home". Scroll over to and click on "Y Disciple-Confirmation". Watch "The Power of the Spirit." Also download the participant sheets and follow the directions for Session #1. Parents download the Parent Sheets and follow the sheet for Session #1 with your child.



Religious Education

2. If you have not yet registered for Formed please go to the webpage now (formed.org) and do so. We will be using resources from this site in future weeks.

3. Anyone needing to reach me please email me at <mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com>

[Formed.org](http://formed.org)

Our parish has a free subscription to www.formed.org which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. To register for this free resource follow these easy steps.

Go to formed.org.

Click on "sign up".

Click on "I belong to a parish or organization".

Start typing name- St. Bartholomew Yonkers (You will see a number of parishes with this name).

Scroll to St. Bartholomew Yonkers NY.

Hit next, -create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser formed.org and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!



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

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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 7 A.M. TO 7 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,

GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE

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 at 10, **REFRESH THE PAGE**.

ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE 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 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

Prayers
Please

Pray the Rosary with St. Bart's Seniors Group

Monday-Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Free dial-in phone number

1-805-309-011

Access code: 883623#

All Are Welcome!



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.

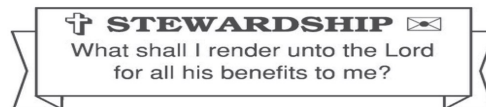
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

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.



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 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, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

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

 *Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Drew Pasterczyk, Edison Blanco and Josephine Califano.

April 19, 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, April 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Luigi & Marie Martucci

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +
10:00 AM Dec. Members of Capuano & Lucchetti
Families
11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Sal & Luciano LaBruzzo +

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Dec. Members of Faranda & DePole Families
9:00 AM Robert Musial +.

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

7:00 AAAM No Intention
9:00 AM Marie Rita Porcello (Living)

Saturday, April 25

Saint Mark, Evangelist

9:00 AM Carole Martha Romanowski (Living)

Saturday, April 25 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

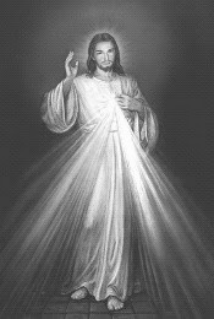
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Margaret & Jim Manning +
10:00 AM Louis Brusco +
11:30 AM Teresa & Joseph Pasqualoni, Sr. +
5:00 PM Dillen Garvey (Living)

April 19, 2020

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday, 1937 Christ appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This chaplet is often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and St. Faustina recited it almost unceasingly. A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet.



- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ Pray the Opening Prayers: “You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.” “O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You.” (3 times).

- ◆ Pray the Our Father
- ◆ Pray the Hail Mary
- ◆ Say the Apostles Creed
- ◆ Pray the Prayer “Eternal Father” on the Our Father bead: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen.”
- ◆ Pray the Prayer “For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion” Ten Times on the Hail Mary Beads: “For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”
- ◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7: On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat Steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten “For the Sakes of His Sorrowful Passion.”)
- ◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades: “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” (three times)
- ◆ Pray the Closing Prayer: “Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.”
- ◆ End with the Sign of the Cross

The need for blood **STILL EXISTS!** It doesn't go away. NYBC is encouraging all donors to call and make appointments at a convenient time at one of the local collection centers.

You can check out the following for additional information:

<https://www.nybloodcenter.org/news/articles/new-york-blood-center-expands-capacity-donors-centers-urges-healthy-donors-schedule-appointments-maintain-blood-supply-critical-time/>



<https://nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>

If you have been on the St Bart's list for quite some time and have donated at St Bart's infrequently or have never donated with us, PLEASE sign up with NYBC to help alleviate the critical shortage. If you wish, you can credit St Bart's by using code 07747. We thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca

Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive