

# 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 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

## NEW LEASE OF LIFE

Medicine has really come a long way. Sick people wait for heart and lung transplants or blood transfusions or some other medical “overhaul” or tune ups. One of our priests has been waiting for a lung transplant for over 10 years. Once a patient gets any of these, they feel this new lease on life. It must be an indescribable experience. The Lenten season can give us this new lease from the spiritual and psychological perspectives. However, we must be willing to undergo what it takes. Medically, this involves the agonies of waiting for years for your opportunity. Then when you're lucky, you submit yourself to the doctor's knives and the therapist's torturous but healing exercises during recovery. You also change your schedule to accommodate all these new changes and the demands they put on you.



In money language, no one really gets so much by investing very little – except maybe in the lottery.

The Lenten season, when we invest much into it, can infuse a new lease of life into us. As the psalmist pleads with God, “A clean heart create for me, O God ...” (Ps. 51). This new life will also consist of the fruits of the Holy Spirit as described by St. Paul – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To get the best of this season, we should then plan to fully be part of it. We will have to change our schedule to accommodate those checkup visits to Doctor Jesus and His co-workers – Mary, angels, saints, etc. More so, we will have to be willing to submit ourselves to Jesus' operating table. As He tells us, He is the vine and we are the branches. His Father cuts off every branch in us that bears no fruits (John 15:2). Which dead branches and leaves would you like him to prune or cut off for you during this Lenten season?



Here at St. Bart's we have planned some activities to help us enter into the spirit of Lent and come out richly blessed and ready to celebrate the Paschal mysteries. In addition to your personal and family efforts, please plan to join us in these parish celebrations and activities, especially Sunday/weekday liturgies, Eucharistic adoration, the Lenten mission, the 40-Day novena, donations to the less privileged, Stations of the Cross, etc.

**Have a wonderfully blessed Lenten Season.**

*Blessings Fr. Raphael*

# PARISH NEWS



**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the school building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S DAY:** This Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> is President's Day, a legal holiday. The Parish office will be closed and there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE is donated in loving memory of Sofia Gogola by Joanne Pragana.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of Sofia Gogola by Joanne Pragana..



## BE “INFORMED” FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. This week we remember Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto. Watch: *Finding Fatima*, *The 13<sup>th</sup> Day*, or *The Day the Sun Danced: The True Story of Fatima*. The 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle. Study: *Lectio: Peter* or watch: *Saint Peter*, or *Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.



## OPENING OF THE 2019 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2019 opened on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. You can come to the Parish Office on Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to have Masses offered for yourself or for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

## PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY

The Stewardship Committee, along with Father Raphael have researched and chosen a company that will be partnering with St. Bart's on a parish pictorial family directory. We are targeting the new directories to be available in May. More information to come in the next few weeks.

All Commission Heads, please reach out to your ministry leaders. Father Raphael and the Parish Office needs a complete list of each ministry's group members, no later than Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. This information will be a part of the Parish Family Directory. In addition, in the upcoming weeks each ministry will be asked to submit a group picture.

**Important Notice**

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**



**Family Faith Festival**

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Family Mass and Breakfast**

Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

**Holy Name Society Pasta Night in Honor of Vincent J. Campisi**

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration During Lent**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



**Stations of the Cross**

Each Friday during Lent, beginning at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



**BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY**

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come and show us your talents and be a part of this great Parish event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



**LOCAL EVENTS**

**Day of Recollection for Parish Musicians:** Join fellow music directors, adult choir members, cantors and instrumentalists for a day of prayer, reflection, music-making and fellowship at Maryknoll Seminary in Ossining on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presenter is Fr. Joel Warden, C.O. Registration fee is \$15 (Lunch included). For more information, contact liturgy@archny.org or call 914 968-6200, ext. 8177.

**A Night Under the Stars:** The St. Barnabas High School Parents Association is holding their inaugural card party on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.. Raffles, prizes, 50/50 drawing and much more! Sign up today at St.BarnabasHigh.com (advance sales, tickets are limited). For more information or for any questions, please email JMola@St.BarnabasHigh.com.

**The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents** (whose children of any age have died by any cause) is a unique, faith-based program providing spiritual retreats for grieving parents offered by grieving parents. The Ministry provides a safe place where you can find peace, comfort and hope, at least for a time. The entire retreat focuses on the parents' personal spiritual journey, where you can engage as much or as little as you want. Retreat is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Dates are as follows:

**Sat., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>,** Church of the Magdalene, Tarrytown, NY ; 9:30 a.m.-7:30p.m.

**Sat., April 28<sup>th</sup>,** St. Peter/St. Mary of the Assumption, 115 Broadway, Haverstraw, NY (Rockland County) (in Spanish), 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

**Sat., October 20<sup>th</sup>,** St. Francis of Assisi, San Damiano Hall, 129 West 31st Street, NY, NY 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

To register: [www.emfgp.org/2018-archny](http://www.emfgp.org/2018-archny) or contact Sue DiSisto, [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or call 646 794-3191.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

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| Amount Needed Weekly                      | \$7,000.00          |
| Actual Received Last Sunday               | \$5,546.70          |
| Balance                                   | - <b>\$1,453.30</b> |
| *(Envelopes \$5,271.70,+ Online \$275.00) |                     |

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| Amount Needed for Month of February | \$28,000.00 |
| Amount Collected Thus Far           | \$11,063.45 |

**The Peter's Pence Collection totaled: \$1,063.40**

"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 take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento and Isabel Medina.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The next meeting is this Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ [St\\_Barts-Youth](https://twitter.com/St_Barts-Youth).

Our newly formed **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.

February 18, 2018

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**First Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, February 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Sofia Gogola +

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**Sunday, February 18, 2018**

8:30 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Ralph Verderosa +

5:00 PM Cosimo Fiorentino +

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**Monday, February 19**

**Lenten Weekday—Presidents' Day**

9:00 AM Mary Esposito +

**Tuesday, February 20**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

9:00 AM Diane Wasiczko +

**Wednesday, February 21**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Bastone +

**Thursday, February 22**

**The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Josephine Gizzi +

**Friday, February 23**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Ronald Warner +

9:00 AM Antonio Vitullo +

**Saturday, February 24**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

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**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, February 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +

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**Sunday, February 25, 2018**

8:30 AM Angela & Amedeo Lepore +

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

11:30 AM Patrick Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**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 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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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.