

# 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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

WHAT WILL YOU DO THIS LENT?

It may appear to be a case of poor judgment to follow anyone into the desert for forty days, even if that someone is the Holy Spirit. Why would Jesus immediately after being baptized, willingly enter the wilderness, only to be tempted by the devil? Surely we wouldn't be asked to do the same. But the truth is that no one can avoid the desert forever. Deserts of temptation, deserts of loneliness, deserts of pain—these desert are an inevitable part of human life. We too need the Holy Spirit's assistance to withstand the temptation, sadness, or desperation of our deserts. As baptized Christians we have the same advantage Jesus had two thousand years ago. We too are filled with the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit strengthen and comfort us in our deserts.

Jesus is tempted first with food and then with power, each tempting Him to put Himself and His own needs first. He resists these temptations by taking the focus off Himself and putting it on others—His sisters and brothers, who do not live on bread alone, and God, whom alone we shall serve. Similarly, we can resist temptation by taking the focus off ourselves and putting it on others, which we do when we do the things Jesus called us to do on Wednesday: fasting, praying, and giving alms.

Jesus withstands the devil's final temptation with the ultimate refusal to give in to His own needs. In language that foreshadows what Jesus will hear while hanging on the cross, the devil challenges Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here" (Luke 4:9). After all, you'll be fine. In the end, Jesus turns His back on saving Himself in order to save us all.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What specifically will I do this Lent to take the focus off myself and put it on God and on others??

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

OUR 2022 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s):

- 1 Paschal Candle \$300
- 6 Bundles of Palm (\$60 each)

Please contact the Parish Office for more information. There may be additional items added to the list in the upcoming weeks.

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.



*Rest in Peace* Please pray for repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially John Nicolas

*Eshoo.*

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



will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE NOTE: The food pantry is in need of the following: **juice, cornflakes and jelly.** Thank you for your generosity.

The 2022 Mass book still has Masses available. 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.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2023 OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday during Lent, at 7 pm, there will be Stations of the Cross in the church. Please join us!!

**St. Catherine of Bologna | March 9** (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God. She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence. As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary. In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM  
SUNDAY MASSES  
9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in His presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION  
February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday collection: \$3,378.00  
On Line giving: \$1,175.00  
Total: \$4,553.00

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).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

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March 6 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, March 5 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +  
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**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Hoffman & Casario  
Families  
11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, March 7**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Tuesday, March 8**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

**Wednesday, March 9**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Special Intention

**Thursday, March 10**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Friday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Angela Di Rodio +

**Saturday, March 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Anthony Di Paolo +

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**Saturday, March 12 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz+  
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**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name and  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Theresa Venturino +  
11:30 AM Ralph Esposito +  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**March 6, 2022**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

