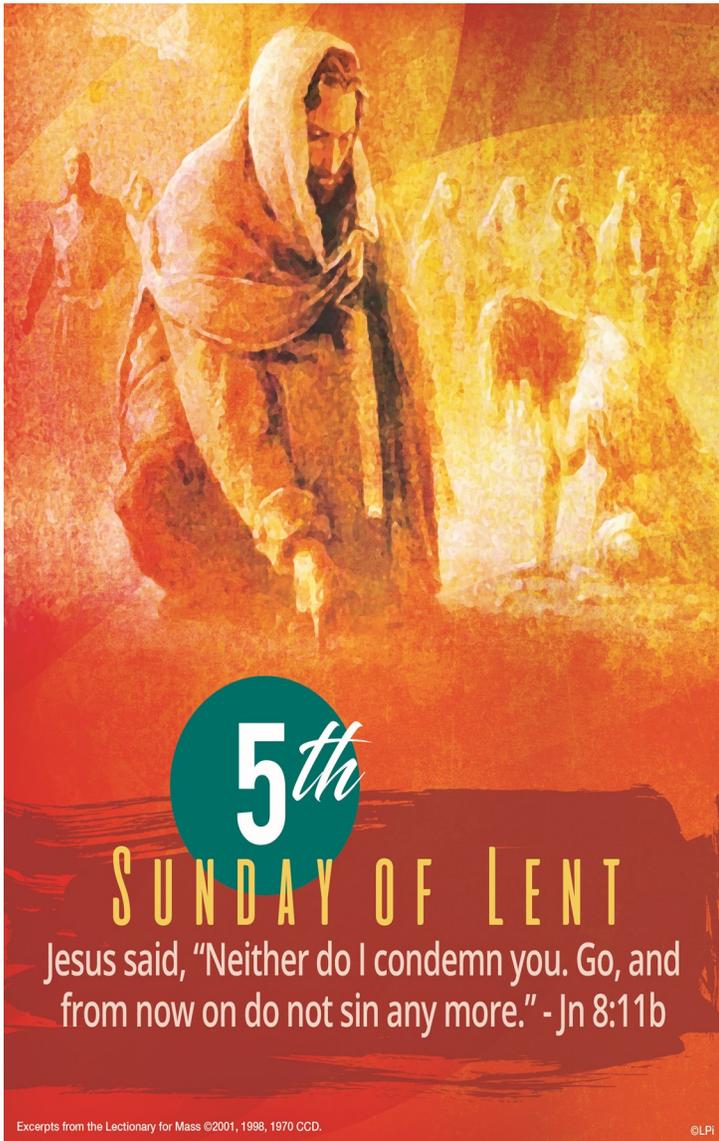


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

RESTORED



Scripturally, the land God promised Abraham in Genesis 15:18 covered from the eastern boarder of Egypt (Wadi) to the Great River (the Euphrates) in the north. This was the land Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their families inhabited prior to the migration to Egypt in Genesis chapter 46. They were enslaved in Egypt for 430 years. Finally, when the time came God delivered them and restored them back to the land where their ancestors had lived before migrating to Egypt. Of

course, Moses was at the center of this deliverance.

This story reminds us of last Sunday's gospel – the story of the prodigal son and how he was restored to his father's grace and favor. This Sunday, the Church presents us with another story of restoration – the woman caught in the act of adultery. According to the Law of Moses, she was supposed to be stoned to death. Only God knows how many women died through such an unjust law. Of course, the men walked away free, but we'll not go there today. Anyhow, Jesus – who aptly said that He came, not for the healthy, but for those who are sick – saved her from physical death and more importantly from spiritual death. Ultimately, He shamed those ready to cast the first stone. Or rather, they shamed themselves as they realized their own sins and walked away. I wonder if any of them went back to Jesus or even to the woman to acknowledge their mistake of thinking they were better than her.

How often do we ourselves stop to remember that we too have at one point or another received great mercy from God and from others? For it is only in such remembering that we become truly human and forgiving. If not, we risk becoming hardened like the elder brother of the prodigal son.

This past Thursday we celebrated St Isidore, bishop and doctor of the Church and patron saint of the Internet! Never mind that he has been in heaven for over 1,300 years. He succeeded his brother (who is also a saint) as bishop of Seville. Among other things, he combatted heretics in Spain and ultimately compiled an encyclopedia of universal knowledge – 20 volumes to be precise. It was pretty much like the bible in importance. He once said that, **"If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly"**.



I bring that up because, it's also by praying and reading regularly that we come to know ourselves, gnats, warts and all. Of course we're talking about both spiritual books and also some of the wonderful books out there today, including self-help ones, psychological ones, etc. Knowledge, they said, is power – power to change. So, may the Lord keep us humble, knowledgeable, and open to His mercy. Amen.

Blessings upon you and your loved ones as we approach Palm Sunday.
Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

PARISH NEWS



The **Sanctuary Lamp** is donated in loving memory Albert R. Popot by Mary Popot.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Robert T. Kennedy. *Rest in Peace*

CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on



Tuesday, April 16th, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd.

Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in going. Please come support our own parish priests.

OUR 2019 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): **chasubles are still available and religious items.** – *Please contact the Parish Office for more information.*

Our Social Ministry Group will be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh/canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 15th. The food pantry can always use canned corn, juices and cereals. Thank you for your support.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ON HOLY THURSDAY BEGINS AT 7 P.M THIS YEAR. ON GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE AT 2 P.M. AND SERVICES BEGIN AT 3 P.M. AND 7 P.M. SEE THE FULL LIST FOR PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY ON THE BACK FLAP OF THE BULLETIN.



BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL

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.

PARISH EVENTS

April

CHRISM MASS

April 16th, St. Patrick's Cathedral—4 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office to reserve your spot on the bus!!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL

Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Great Prizes.....50/50.....Raffles

\$20 per ticket includes sandwiches,

snacks, drinks and desserts

McManus Parish Center

For tickets contact Barbara at 914 329-3067 or call the Parish Office.

The theme is "Kentucky Derby" so have some fun with us and wear your best "hat".



Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration During Lent:

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. There will also 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 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please join us!!



BLOOD

DRIVE

St Bart's will be conducting the 92nd blood drive in the 38 years since starting in 1981 **NEXT Friday, April 12th**, the Friday BEFORE Palm Sunday, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6898 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. We are also looking for volunteers to help out for two hours on drive day. If you can donate or volunteer, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too. Thank you for your support.



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 **this Sunday, April 7th**. 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. Their next meeting is **next Friday, April 12th**.

PARISH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Pictures for the Parish Family Directory are still being taken this weekend, April 6th and 7th after all of the Masses. The pictures will be taken by us here at St. Bart's, and will be free. It will be quick and easy. (If you had your picture taken already by Lifetouch, you do not need to get it taken again).



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,377.85
Balance	+ \$ 377.85
*(Envelopes \$6,851.85, \$526.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$29,678.65

"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., Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira and Jerry Esposito.

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

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,

You spent 40 days in the desert before You began your ministry to the world. You resisted the temptations offered by the devil, saying no to worldly pleasures and power.

Like the prophets before You, 40 days in the desert was preparation for the great mission of Your life.

During this Lenten season, help us to make our lives pure and holy. Give us the grace to willingly make our own self-denials into personal deserts, which will prepare us for Your work.

Purify our souls in the crucible of this Lenten season, and make our hearts acceptable to You and Your Father.

Amen.

Life Line Screening is coming to St. Bart's on Thursday, June 27th. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends.

April 7, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the*
Week

Saturday, April 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Peter Romero +

11:30 AM Jose Torres +

5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

Monday, April 8

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Antony Gorge Ferreira (Living)

9:00 AM Richard & Ellen Califano (Living)

Tuesday, April 9

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Antony Gorge Ferreira (Living)

9:00 AM Henry Kielkucki +

Wednesday, April 10

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Thursday, April 11

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Mahoney +

Friday, April 12

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Albert R. Popot +

9:00 AM John Esposito +

Saturday, April 13

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph S. Popovic +

Saturday, April 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Anne Marie Selvaraj +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

April 7, 2019

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS ON
PALM SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We would like to emphasize that parishioners attending the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday or the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday are expected to gather at the McManus Parish Center where there will be a solemn blessing of the palms followed by a short procession to the Church. At all other Masses, Palms will be blessed and distributed in the Church.



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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 15th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.



EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th



Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Washing of the Feet
- ◆ Reposition of the Blessed Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and at 7:00 p.m.



HOLY SATURDAY, April 20th

**Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection
at 8:00 p.m.**



EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st

Masses will be at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. **There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass**

LOCAL EVENTS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. They will hold their 27th Anniversary luncheon at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Avenue in Yonkers, NY on Thursday, April 25th at 1 p.m. The cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Members and guests are welcome but reservations are required. Please call 914 423-5331.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Become a member of the Cardinal Hayes Council # 3995. You can join the K of C on line at:

Kofc.org/joinus, or call **Ted Reiper at 914 457-3865** or **John Fucco at 914 774-0527**. Men 18 years and older are welcome to join. Monthly meetings are at St. John the Baptist Church, Yonkers, NY.