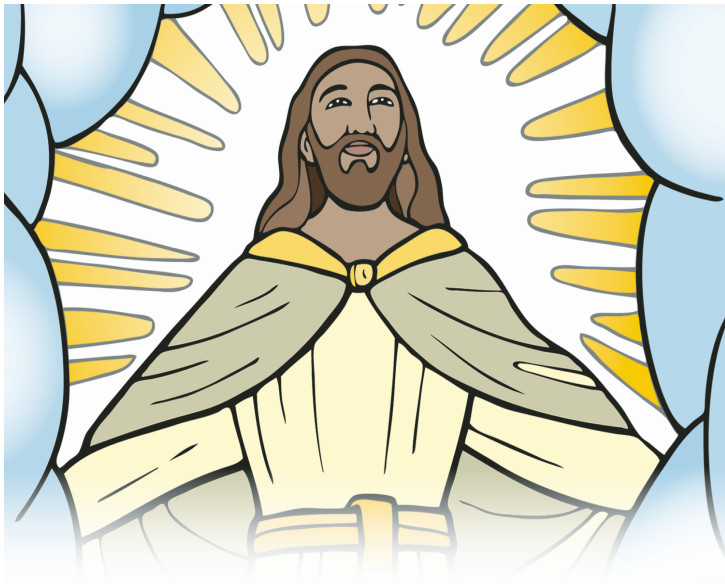


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2nd Sunday of Lent

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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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

GOD PUTS OUR FAITH TO THE TEST



The story of Abraham nearly sacrificing his only child is a difficult one to hear or to appreciate. It helps to understand that this story is told to show how faithful and obedient Abraham is. "God put Abraham to the test" and Abraham passes (Genesis 22:1). He places his trust in God without knowing why he is being asked to do this or how God's promise to him of innumerable descendants can still be

kept. It also helps to connect this story of Abraham and Isaac with the fact that the Father allowed His own Son to suffer and die in order to effect our salvation. Like Abraham, Jesus trusts in God and obeys God's will.

In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured and appears in glory with Elijah and Moses to His inner circle of disciples—Peter, James and John. It could have impressed and encouraged them but instead they are terrified and later confused after Jesus tell them that He will rise from the dead. Like Abraham, they are not prepared for what they see and what they are told. In the previous chapter of Mark's Gospel, Peter rebuked Jesus when Jesus first told His disciples that He would suffer, die and then rise in three days. At this point, Peter is unable to understand or accept what Jesus reveals to him.

Strong in faith or weak in faith, God has a special place for all. Abraham was strong in faith, the very model of trust in God. He obeyed God even in extreme circumstances, willing to sacrifice His own son if this is what God demanded. Peter, on the other hand, repeatedly comes up short in the Gospels. Questioning on the mountain, sleeping in Gethsemane, denying in Jerusalem, and doubting when trying to walk on water, Peter's faith is often weak. Yet Jesus chooses Peter to lead the church, as God chose Abraham and his descendants to inherit the land.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

In the Gospel, God says, "This is my beloved Son, Listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). What is Jesus saying to me: What is Jesus asking me to do?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael



Loving God, there is so much darkness in my life, and I hide from You. Take my hand and lead me out of the shadows of my fear. Help me to change my heart. Bring me to Your truth and help me to respond to Your generous love. Let me recognize the fullness of Your love, which will fill my life. Free me from the darkness in my heart.

Lenten prayer

onlineministries.creighton.edu/

PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed

especially Reverend Robert J. Aufieri and William Francis Scarpelli.

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of John Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of John Brusco by Lou and Angela Brusco.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, March 1st

we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566

Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, March 1st for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, March 2nd, is First

Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3rd, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



BE "INFORMED" FOR FEBRUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to 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. February 23rd, was the Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr. Listen to *Swimming Upstream*, *Lessons from the Early Church Fathers*, or *The Logic of Being Catholic*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

CARDINALS APPEAL, 2018: The Cardinal's Appeal helps spread the Good News.

The Appeal supports the many programs that nurture our faith through each stage of spiritual development in 12 Ministry offices which include Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Liturgy, University Apostolate, Prison Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach, Youth Ministry and Hospital Apostolate. Please help to sustain these programs by making your pledge to the Appeal. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



Family Faith Festival

Next Saturday, March 3rd

Family Mass and Breakfast

Next Sunday, March 4th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses

Pasta Night in Honor of Vincent J. Campisi

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Saturday, March 10th, 6 p.m.

PARISH MISSION

March 12th, 13th and 14th, at 7 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 9:30 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.



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. Pictures will be taken here at St. Bart's the end of March and the beginning of April. You will be contacted via phone or you can sign up in church after Mass. Details in the upcoming 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 **NEXT** Friday, March 2nd. 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.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ 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.



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

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,262.15
Balance	- \$ 737.85
*(Envelopes \$5,147.15 Online \$1,115.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$17,325.60

The Snow Removal Collection totaled: \$1,267.15

"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.

OPENING OF THE 2019 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2019 opened on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. 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

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.

February 25, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Charles Sullivan +

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

Monday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nancy Takooshian +

Tuesday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +

Wednesday, February 28

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Elaine Iseman +

Thursday, March 1

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Dino Legio +

9:00 AM Joseph Pierorazio +

Friday, March 2

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM A Special Intention

9:00 AM John Brusco +

Saturday, March 3

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Antonio Darretta +

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vincent Tramontozzi +

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 AM Margaret Manning +

10:00 AM Rosa & Antonio Troia +

11:30 AM Salvatore De Rosa +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

February 25, 2018

LOCAL EVENTS:

Sierra Club of the Bronx and Westchester: Enjoy lunch at the Eastwood Manor located at Eastchester Road and Boston Post Road from Noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28th with Guest Speaker Rev. Fr. Jean Pierre Seon, PV. The topic is: "A Lenten Meditation. The Cross is God's Yes to the World". Lunch is \$30, please call 718 671-8915.

Annunciation Church: Our Lady of Fatima parish proudly presents their annual Seven Last Words of Christ concert next Sunday, March 4th at 3:00 pm. The afternoon will feature the Adult Choir of Annunciation- OLF as well as members of the St. Frances de Chantal Adult Choir (Bronx). Admission is free. All are welcome. Annunciation church, 470 Westchester Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Contact 914 779-7345.

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 63RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MCLEAN AVENUE
Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starting at 1:00 p.m.**

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - Annual Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m.
Good Time Room at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, 810
Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY

The Parade Committee is proud to announce that former Irish Ambassador to the United States **Anne Anderson** is the 2018 Grand Marshal and she will lead the Parade, starting at 1:00 p.m. Before the Parade, at 11:15 a.m., the Parade Committee will participate in a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome. Please join us at the parade, either as a marcher or a spectator. If you are interested in attending the Annual Dinner on March 10th at the Empire City Casino, please contact Jean Tickell the Dinner Chairman at (914) 419-3611 or at paradedinner@gmail.com, or visit

the Parade website at <http://www.yonkersstpatricksparade.org>.



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:

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

Sat., October 20th, 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 or contact Sue DiSisto, susan.disisto@archny.org or call 646 794-3191.

**Life Line Screening is coming AGAIN to St
Bartholomew's Church located at 15 Palmer Rd
in Yonkers on Friday, May 25th! Stay tuned for
further details in upcoming weeks.**