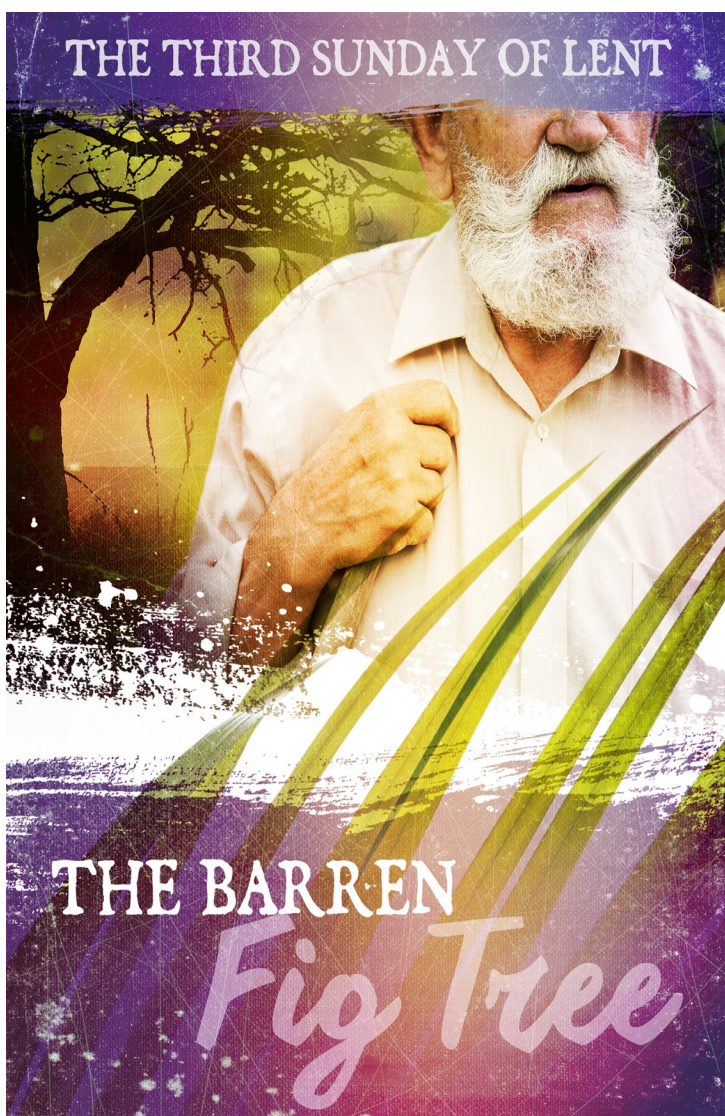


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

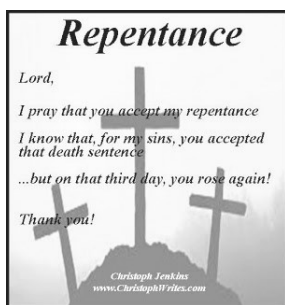
Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

REPENT TODAY

What is the nature of a fig tree? This is easy. A fig tree's nature is to grow healthy and strong and bear sweet fruit. The fig tree in the Gospel is not doing so and so owner of the orchard wants to cut it down. What is the nature of a person? This is a more difficult question. Humanity was created in the image of God, given dominion over all living things, and told to be fruitful and multiply. However, humanity was given free will and soon used that to give in to temptation and disobey God. There are two sides to human nature, for unlike a fig tree, a person has consciousness and the ability to decide how to act.



Saint Paul addresses the negative side of human nature. Many of the Chosen People were unfaithful during their journey through the desert. He uses this incident as a lesson; the consequences are deadly to those who "desire(d) evil things." Jesus refers to the deaths of eighteen people when a tower collapsed, but he does not do so to condemn them. Rather, he uses this incident as a warning. You cannot know the hour of your death. Take the opportunity to repent today because you may perish tomorrow. Those who were killed tragically and unexpectedly had no last minute opportunity to repent.



Our true nature as Christians is to live according to the promises we made in baptism, which we renew each year at Easter. When we fall short, repentance is the first step to reorient ourselves toward God. During Lent, in anticipation of Easter, we are called to do just that.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How am I like the fig tree that has not borne fruit? How can I bear fruit in the year ahead?

Blessings Fr. Raphael

Lenten Prayer for Sunday's During Lent

Heavenly Father, as I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to You. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. As I renew my resolve each day to become a better person, let me hear Your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in You. Help me to accept others, showing them Your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to You. Help me develop discipline and generosity through fasting and almsgiving, and come closer to You through prayer this Lent.

In Your name I pray, Amen.

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PARISH NEWS



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Thomas Kalumaddy.



The Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp are donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Lou & Angela Brusco.



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, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!

BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org.

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartparish.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. Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Study: *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, Lesson 2: *Handmaid of the Lord* or *The Wild Goose*, Segment 4: *The Spirit and Our Lady*. Watch: *Mary of Nazareth* or Listen to: *Mary: Handmaid of the Lord* or *Mary the Indispensable Mother of God*.

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 celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please come support our own parish priests. **Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in going. We are planning a bus for a group, but need a count no later than Friday, March 29th.**



Wish List

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): *Paschal Candle and chasubles.*— Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



PARISH EVENTS

MARCH



RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE:
This Sunday, March 24th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses in McManus Parish Center
\$5.00 admission
Please come and support this cancer awareness cause.

SAVE THE DATE

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".

The 2019 Mass book still has Masses available and the **2020 Mass Book opened up on Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. 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.

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, March 24th**. **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 Friday, April 12th.**

PARISH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We still want to get more families to have their pictures taken for our parish directory. This is the reason we have delayed the publication of the book.



Picture taking in the gym began last weekend March 16th and 17th and will continue with March 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st and April 6th and 7th after all the Masses. The pictures will be taken by us here at St. Bart's, not by the Lifetouch Company and **will be free**. It will be quick and easy. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment on one of those weekends. (If you have 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	\$6,240.85
Balance	- \$ 759.15
*(Envelopes \$5,644.85, \$596.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$17,144.00

The Second Collection for Snow Removal totaled:\$849

"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 and Antony Gorge Ferreira.

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

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!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.** (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).

March 24, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Louis De Muro +

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Loreta & Paul Capuano (Living)

10:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

11:30 AM Concetta Darretta +

5:00 PM Juan Rosa, Magdaleno Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

Monday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM Manny Columbres (Living)

9:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

Tuesday, March 26

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Marcello +

9:00 AM Anthony & Tiffany Nguyen (Living)

Wednesday, March 27

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Shannon & Giorgine (Living)

9:00 AM Joan Ryan +

Thursday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Nina Mastroddi +

9:00 AM All Souls

Friday, March 29

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Stephen Gallagher +

9:00 AM Alice Olsen +

Saturday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

Saturday, March 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM Anthony S. Guarente +

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco &

Julie Ann Campisi Moroch+

5:00 PM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +

March 24, 2019



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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.