

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
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

TAKE UP THE CROSS, EASE SOMEONE'S BURDEN



God speaks from the cloud at the Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matthew 17:5). Those last three words were given to His disciples as a command then, and they are given to us as well, for we too are His disciples. Are we listening to Jesus today? Are we making the effort to listen for Jesus' voice during this holy season? Whether we look inside ourselves or out into the world, we can see plenty of things that could be done, plenty of things that we should do, plenty of things that Jesus is asking us to do.

Just before this scene, Jesus had told His disciples that He will be persecuted by the authorities and put to death. Peter had immediately rebuked Him, to which Jesus responded, "Get behind me Satan!...You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23). Significantly, Peter is one of the three who now hear God say about Jesus, "Listen to Him." It's almost as if God is saying: My son is telling you the truth. You better listen! You need to understand this!

After confronting Peter's rebuke, Jesus speaks to the other disciples, telling them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny [themselves], take up [their] cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). God affirms this statement in commanding Peter, James, and John to listen to Jesus. This command is addressed to us as well. If we are to come after Jesus, if we are to be raised to eternal life with Him, we must deny our own desire, take up our crosses, and follow Him.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What crosses have I found difficult to carry or been unwilling to carry? What crosses have I not even thought to carry, but my taking them up could ease the burden for someone close to me or someone in need? What cross can I carry that will transfigure my life this Lent?

Please support our Lenten Almsgiving Project



Religious Education

Each year during Lent, Catholics are called to pray, fast, and give alms to the poor. At St. Bart's we usually pick a Mission in a poor country that the Missionaries of St. Paul staffs (the order of Frs. Raphael and Victor).

This year we have chosen as our project a parish in the Central African Republic. In 2018, the Missionaries established a mission in this extremely poor country.

There is no indoor Church here. Mass is said outside and there is no running water or electricity. This Republic is one of the toughest places in the world to be a child. Two thirds of the country's children do not attend school regularly or at all.



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.



The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Prior to Stations We will be serving a light supper on March 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Then join us for Stations at 7 p.m.



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 4th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday March 5th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30**



a.m. Masses.

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 2024 OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. BOOK YOUR 2024 MASSES AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.



2023 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 Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Brian Peter Box.



Rest in Peace

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND 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, 11:00 AM,
12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM

CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

"Raising a pup for Putnam Service Dogs" has many blessings. Help someone less fortunate. Support a great cause.

The responsibilities of a Puppy Raiser -- to love the pup, exercise and play with the pup, train the pup in snippets several times a day, take the pup on outings, and to keep the pup safe and healthy. Trainers guide and assist the Raisers throughout the process. They seek volunteer raisers for 6, 12 or 18 months.



For more information please call: 917-449-5359. Putnam Service Dogs is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that provides free service dogs to people with physical disabilities other than blindness."

See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

† STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 19TH

Sunday collection: \$4,232.00
On Line giving: \$1,410.00
Total: \$5,642.00

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 (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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each: 1st prize-\$5000, 2nd prize-\$1500, 3rd prize-\$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing will be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council at 914-709-5090 or email kofc3995@gmail.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

March 5, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, March 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Elizabeth Marion Stewart +

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Carmela Legio +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, March 6

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No intention
9:00 AM Sylvester & Virginia Tuohy +

Tuesday, March 7

Lenten Weekday

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

Wednesday, March 8

Lenten Weekday

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

Thursday, March 9

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Barbara La Spina +

Friday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
Anthony Di Paolo +
11:00 AM Tara Taylor +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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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

