## Saint Bartholomew's Church

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**EASTER SUNDAY** Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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

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

St. Bartholomew's Church **Yonkers** 

### THE RESURRECTION HAS TRANSFORMED YOUR

For years, Jesus had confounded even His closest disciples. He insisted the crowds stay for a meal when all they had were a few loaves and fishes. He gold them to turn the other cheek, that it is the poor and downtrodden that are blessed, and that each of them



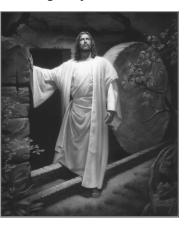
had a cross to carry. He revealed that He would be condemned to death. Now He's disappeared from the tomb they'd buried Him in just three days before. Mary Magdalene was frantic. Peter and John are rendered speechless. All three are confused. What has happened? None of them yet understood that they had to look for Him in a different way. Jesus may confound us as well. We may not find Him where we expect, or when we expect, or in the way we

expect. But let us take comfort in the confidence that no matter where we go, no matter how confounded we are, He will find us.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul gives us a clue as to finding "Seek what is above" (3:1). If we have died the risen Lord: with Christ, as we did in baptism, then we have been raised with Christ. This ought to be our perspective. There is a permanence to what is above that cannot be achieved on earth. How relatively fleeting even our happiest times have been: our wedding day, the birth of a child, a career accomplishment. The Resurrection frees us to seek love and mercy and life in a way that outlasts what is on earth.

The Resurrection transforms us. Holding the promise of resur-

rection for ourselves and those we love gives hope and meaning to our life. It transforms us. But we are also transformed by the power God has to raise us from our graves of sinfulness and our tombs of despair. In many ways, our lives are reborn by the Resurrection, like a fresh batch of dough, as Paul told the Corinthians, and by focusing our minds on what is above, as he told the Colossians. A God who has the power to transform our ordinary, difficult lives to new lives as well. May we rec-



ognize that our lives stand ever ready for transformation.

#### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How has the Resurrection transformed my life? How can it continue to do so?

**Blessings** 

Father Raphael



Father Raphael will be heading out to Texas for his annual MSP meeting early this week. Therefore, there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. this Monday through Friday, April 1st through April 6<sup>th</sup>.



### 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.





My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen.

Fr. Raphael and the Parish Staff wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.



THE BREAD AND WINE is donated in loving memory of Margaret T. Maccia by John & Karen McKenna.

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#### THE SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES

are lit in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. and Joseph Pasqualoni, III. by Pauline Pasqualoni.

St. Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our 107th Blood Drive on FRIDAY, April 12, 2024 from 12 noon to 6pm.

It is preferable to make appointments by using: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/300234

Enter zip code, press Search and scroll down for St Bart's. Then press Schedule.

Check available appointment times and follow the instructions.

NYBC prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only as capacity permits.

If you have difficulty making an appointment, contact me and I will do my best to help you.

You can change your appointment time on the web site before April 12, as long as there is a slot available.



Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.

Masks are optional.

If you wish further information, check NYBC.org.

If you have already given on your own recently, we thank you for your donation.

If you have already signed up, we thank you so very much!

If you have any family or friends that you think might be interested, please let them know.

If you have any medical eligibility concerns, you can contact NYBC at 800-688-0900.

Regards,

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive tonscia@aol.com (h) 914-423-3592

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

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

#### THANK YOU



In addition to last weeks list: Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following family: Quincy Venturino in loving memory of Theresa Venturino, and deceased members of the Martucci & Venturino Families.

The Easter Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Theresa & Jerry Pisacreta by Gerry Pisacreta.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR April Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and this Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be out this weekend.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION

#### March 17<sup>th</sup>

 Sunday collection:
 \$2,860.00

 On Line giving:
 \$1,525.00

 Total:
 \$4,385.00

### 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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, and Betsy McShane.

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.



Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for Your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world



### Saturday, March 30 EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of Our Lord

9:30 AM Heinz & Elfrieda Nollmann +

& Mathilda Albert +

11:00 AM Patricia Mahoney +

Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr.+ & Joseph Pasqualonit III +

For All The People Of Our Parish 12:30 PM

Monday, April 1

**Monday within the Octave of Easter** 9:00 AM Robert Mayfield +

Tuesday, April 2

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Josephine & Leonard Spano + 9:00 AM

Weekday, April 3

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Thursday, April 4

Thursday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Friday, April 5

Friday within the Octave of Easter 9:00 AM William B. Duggan +

Saturday, April 6

5:00 PM

Saturday within the Octave of Easter Rita De Sanctis + 9:00 AM

Saturday, April 6 VIGIL

Jeri Michele Sugrue +

Dr. Henry Frey +

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> Sunday, April 7 **Second Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Capuano &

Lucchetti Families

Julieann Campisi Moroch + 11:00 AM 12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelo "Chico" Velez +

### March 31, 2024

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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

