

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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
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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
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, 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

SHARING THE WATERS OF LIFE



Water is necessary for life. It is so essential that scientists search for its presence on other planets to determine whether they can support life. The Israelites were desperate for it when wandering in the desert. The well in Sychar had supplied water to residents going back to Jacob. This source of water had sustained life for generations. But Jesus raises the stakes on

the woman at the well. His source of water sustains life eternally.

Repeatedly Pope Francis has stressed the missionary character of the Church. The woman at the well typifies this character. She encounters Jesus, has a transformative experience, then drops everything to go tell her friends and neighbors. Her testimony bears fruit, as it leads them to go out, find Jesus, and convince him to stay. They begin to believe, but after hearing for themselves, they become convinced. Like living water, her faith in Jesus flows out from her to transform those around her.

In the passage from Exodus, God would have every right to punish the people. They were openly revolting against Moses, complaining that they were worse off than when they were enslaved. Instead, God gave them the water they needed to survive in the desert. Similarly, Jesus could have condemned the woman for repeatedly divorcing her husbands and now living with a sixth man outside marriage. Instead, he offers her living water. Neither the woman nor the Israelites deserved the life-giving water they were given. Nor did we do anything to deserve the life-giving waters of baptism. But, to paraphrase Paul, God gave us the waters of salvation while we were still sinners.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What do I thirst for spiritually? Can I find sustenance in the life-giving water I have received? How can I share this living water with those around me?

Blessings

Father Raphael

LORD

Give me the strength in my weakness.

Give me faith in my fear.

Give me power in my powerlessness.

I put my trust in You.



PARISH NEWS



THE PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS CANCELLED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16TH.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH IN OBSERVANCE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY. There will be a 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES and SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Frank Spinelli.

SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).



Religious Education

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our

Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year we will donate to their South Sudan Mission.

The Missionaries of St. Paul took under their care 22 street children. The cost to feed and educate these children is \$412 per child per year.

So, please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box for your family to save their donation and returning the box during holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, at 7 p.m., there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church Please join us!!

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items: tuna, canned fruit, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH EVENTS



Pasta Party:
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Parish Mission:
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

St. Bart's Passion Play
HAS BEEN CANCELLED

THE SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18TH HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

The 2021 Mass book is now open and the 2020 Mass Book also still has some dates available.

Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Masses are \$15). You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



St Bart's will be conducting its 95th blood drive in the 39 years since starting in 1981 on SATURDAY, April 4th at the McManus Parish Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 7105 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 @ 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too. Tony Sciacca,

Chairperson

IF THIS BLOOD DRIVE IS POSTPONED OR CANCELLED, INFORMATION WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY.

LOCAL NEWS

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, 854 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY offers a bereavement support group to assist those in need after losing a loved one. The eight week session runs every Wednesday, beginning March 25th in the Chapel from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group is moderated by one of the parishioners, Rosetta Sicilia, who has been trained as a Bereavement Facilitator by the Archdiocese of New York. Please call the Rectory at 914 965-1555 for more information or to register.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

March 8, 2020- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,441.75
Online	\$ 750.00
Total	\$5,191.75

The Second Collection totaled: \$722.00

"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!

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.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik and Mary Drohan Barrett

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

March 15, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vincent J. Campisi +

**Sunday, March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Leonore Lidell-Erb +
10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +
11:30 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)
5:00 PM Gino & Ann Louise Coniglio +

Monday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Herbert Kurz +

Tuesday, March 17—Saint Patrick's Day

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Edwin Vega +
9:00 AM Peter Altamuro +

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Galik +
9:00 AM Mary Bryce +

Thursday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Friday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of De Pole & Faranda families
9:00 AM George & Josephine Campbell +

Saturday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Betty De Meo +

Saturday, March 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

**Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +
10:00 AM Rosa & Antonio Troia+
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Juan Rosa Vazquez & Magdaleno Vazquez+

March 15, 2020

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY—MARCH 17TH
ABOUT SAINT PATRICK

St. Patrick wasn't actually Irish. He was born to wealthy parents in Britain. St. Patrick was kidnapped at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland. His captors forced him to tend sheep in the mountainous Irish countryside. Just imagine how desolate and lonely it must have been for him. Remember, he was only 16 years old and used to a life of British wealth. At about 22 or 23 years old, St. Patrick returns to Britain. Legend says he escaped on a pirate ship.



After reuniting with his family, St. Patrick decides to dedicate himself to Christianity. He became a priest, after a vigorous 16 years of study. St. Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the Irish to Christians. You will see notes that a 'voice in his head' told him to convert the people of Ireland. As with many patron saints, he was apparently spoken to by God.

He's responsible for the Celtic cross, one of the symbols of Ireland. Familiar with the Irish culture, incorporating the sun, a powerful pagan symbol, into the Christian cross, helped the Irish adopt it. He used the clover leaf, with 3 leaves, to explain the Holy Trinity (another popular Irish symbol).

St. Patrick didn't drive literal snakes out of Ireland. He drove away the symbolic serpents representing evil in Christianity. Ireland never had any snakes; it's too cold.

Until the 1970s, St. Patrick's Day was a minor celebration of the patron saint of Ireland. Today it has become a celebration for all!!

Tenon Tours

Prayer to Saint Patrick

Most glorious Saint Patrick, Bishop and Confessor,
chosen by the Almighty to be the Apostle of Ireland,
we, the children of those to whom you preached the Faith of
Christ, never to be renounced,
hail you as the wonderful instrument of God's mercy
for the obtaining of our eternal salvation.
Most glorious Apostle and Patron,
submit to the Almighty our every temporal and spiritual want,
that through your intercession,
we may be relieved, in all our necessities through life,
and when called from this world to the glory of God,
we may, to your honor,
be found worthy of the faith that is within us,
and of eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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