

# 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  
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

CONTRIBUTE TO MISSION OF JESUS

The first reading addresses one of the challenges of the early church: serving a growing number of disciples with only a handful of leaders. Initially, the flock of newly baptized Christians looked to the Twelve for leadership, whether it was leading worship, preaching the word of God, or serving the widows and the poor. However, with sometimes three thousand persons added in a single day (recall last Sunday's first reading), the Twelve were not enough. A solution was found in realizing a related issue. The Twelve were all Aramaic-speaking Galileans. However, much of the church was now made up of Greek-speaking Hellenists from elsewhere in the region. Therefore, the Twelve selected seven (a number that means perfection) reputable Hellenists to lead as well. (The reading suggests they were put in charge of leading the hungry, but later in Acts we hear them preaching and leading in worship). The burgeoning church had solved an initial challenge: finding enough shepherds to serve the growing flock.



Though the Church was made up of men and women of many nations, speaking various languages, coming from divergent backgrounds, Peter emphasizes that they are united in Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Echoing the Old Testament, he asserts that they are together one race, one nation, one people. Diverse in many ways, but unified as Christians.

"No one comes to the Father except through me," Jesus said to His disciples (John 14:6). For some Christians, this line has become a weapon to be used against those who are not Christian, denying them the possibility of salvation. But notice, when Jesus said these words He was speaking to His disciples in response to Thomas's fear that they would not know how to follow Him to the Father. So Jesus tells them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. For His disciples, this was the best answer to their question. Salvation is open to all, whether you know Jesus well or even at all. For us as Christians, we are blessed to have the way to follow.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I serve the Church more fully? What can I do to contribute to Jesus' mission?

Blessings

Father Raphael



May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all our Mothers. We also pray for our deceased Mothers, that they may rest in peace.

PARISH NEWS

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Margaret T. Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.

THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia and Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION  
(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.



Amen.

[Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

There are many wonderful programs, movies and E books available on Formed which you all might enjoy especially during these very difficult times that we are facing.

Our parish has a free subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. To register for this free resource follow these easy steps.

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org).  
Click on "sign up".  
Click on "I belong to a parish or organization".  
Start typing name- St. Bartholomew Yonkers (You will see a number of parishes with this name).  
Scroll to St. Bartholomew Yonkers NY.  
Hit next, -create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser [formed.org](http://formed.org) and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

For those collecting Mission Boxes, please hold them in a safe place. When things return to normal, they will then be collected at Mass.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

ST. BART'S MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ARE LIVE STREAMED



Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. Weekday Masses at 10 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration, Weekdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning with the Rosary and ending with the Divine Mercy prayer.

IT'S EASY, just go to www.saintbartsparish.org,

GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE AND CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON,

This will bring you directly to the page and wait for the Mass or Adoration to begin. If the video does not come up, REFRESH THE PAGE.

ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE WILL BE UPDATED VIA ROBO CALL OR ON SAINTBARTHOLOMEWPARISH FACEBOOK PAGE.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.

Please send your names to stbartsreled@aol.com and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: stbartsreled@aol.com



FOOD PANTRY: Food is still given out on a limited basis. We can use the basics such as juice, canned chicken or tuna, rice, and mac and cheese.



If you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.



Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
• Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).
• Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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, 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, 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, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Donna Lynn Pollick and Jennifer Burke.



May 10, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

***EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED ONES BELOW AND FOR  
OUR PARISH, especially during our LIVE STREAM MASSES  
EACH DAY AT 10 AM. REMEMBER OUR LIVING AND  
DECEASED MOTHERS DURING THIS WEEK.***

**Saturday, May 9 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Matthew Lombardo +

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**Sunday, May 10, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

10:00 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +

5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased  
Mothers

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**Monday, May 11**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

**Tuesday, May 12**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Frances Nanoia \* Angelina Brusco +

**Wednesday, May 13**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Thursday, May 14**

**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

**Friday, May 15**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM No Intention

**Saturday, May 16**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

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**Saturday, May 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

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**Sunday, May 17, 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo & Margaret Liddell +

10:00 AM Carole Ferraro +

11:30 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

May 10, 2020

The need for blood STILL EXISTS! It doesn't go away. NYBC is encouraging all donors to call and make appointments at a convenient time at one of the local collection centers.

You can check out the following for additional information:



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

<https://www.nybloodcenter.org/news/articles/new-york-blood-center-expands-capacity-donors-centers-urges-healthy-donors-schedule-appointments-maintain-blood-supply-critical-time/>

<https://nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>

If you have been on the St Bart's list for quite some time and have donated at St Bart's infrequently or have never donated with us, PLEASE sign up with NYBC to help alleviate the critical shortage. If you wish, you can credit St Bart's by using code 07747.

We thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca

Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

## MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Loving God, You wrap your arms around Your people, and show Your everlasting love in the same way a Mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love You have taught us through the Mothers in our lives: Our own Mothers who brought us into this world, the Mothers of friends who have welcomed us into



their homes and families, our Grandmothers who took time for us, and the Mothers who have helped us, even though we were not their children. Bless all Mothers of this world today, may they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every single day of their lives. And grant our deceased Mothers eternal rest in Your Kingdom. Amen.

## WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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ute!

