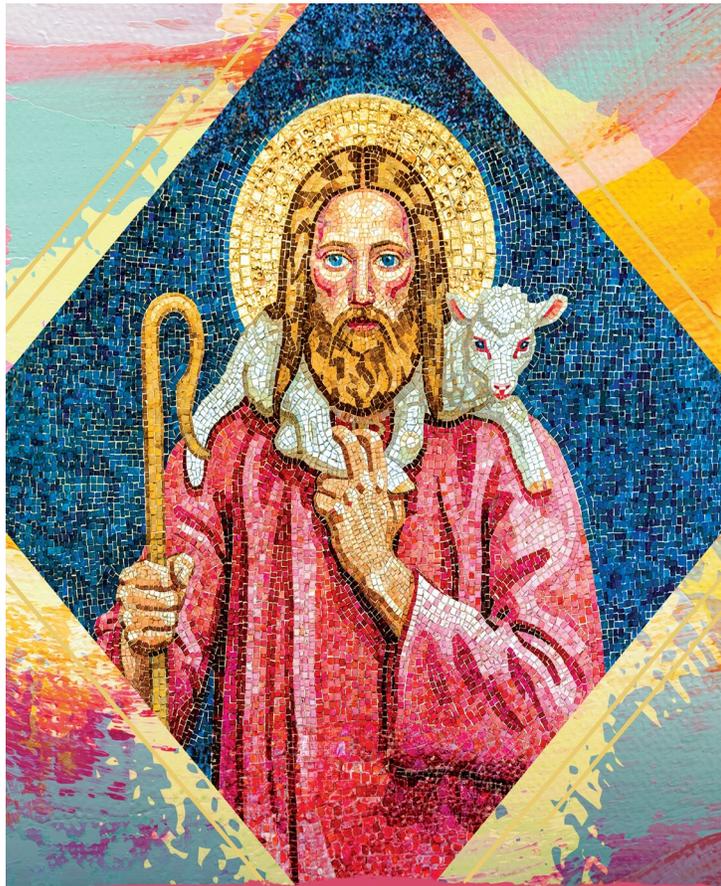


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down  
my life in order to take it up again." - Jn 10:17

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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 Ezech, 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

## JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD



In Acts, Peter evokes a theme that his current successor, Pope Francis, continually proclaims. Far from being a community turned in on itself, the church should offer the world an embrace as wide as the crucified Jesus' outstretched arms: "The promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call" (Acts 2:39).

The First Letter of Saint Peter echoes Acts: Christ "bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness," and anticipate the Gospel: "For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd" (1 Peter 2:24, 25). Both readings thus call us to live in a love that gives and forgives, like Jesus the "shepherd and guardian of our souls" (Acts 2:25).

John's Good Shepherd imagery combines loving intimacy with unflinching courage: Jesus not only "calls his own by name" but is also the protective "gate." Across the sheepfold's opening, the devoted shepherd lies down to sleep each night, his own body keeping predators out and straying sheep in. He thus literally, "lays down" his life for his sheep. Through Jesus, we come in to be nurtured within the community and go out to bear witness in passionate conviction and compassionate service. For Jesus has come not only to guide and protect the sheep, but to make sure we flourish: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The Gospel notes, sadly, "The Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them" (Acts 10:6). May we realize and respond.

Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?

*Blessings Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF ST. BART'S SCHOOL**

*The Parish would like to have a dinner to gather the school alumni. If any former student would be interested in serving on a committee to help organize the event, please e mail [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com) We are looking for contact information on all past alumni. If you would like to be included in our listing or know of someone who went to the school, please send contact information to [cduda@saintbartsparish.org](mailto:cduda@saintbartsparish.org). Please include if known the name, address, cell number, year graduated and email address. Thank you!!!*



St. Bart's will be hosting a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be sold during the month of April after all the weekend Masses. The winner of the raffle will be announced at the Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. So help support our parish and buy some tickets to increase your chances of winning. You do not have to be present on May 12<sup>th</sup> to win.



**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.



*Rest in Peace*

**Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Nicholas Chimenti.**

**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](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!**



*Any adults who are not Catholic or who are interested in making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, you are invited to attend a discussion group on Sunday mornings to explore further. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if interested.*

**St. Bart's will be holding a "Spring Clothing Drive". So if you are doing any "spring cleaning" and have clothes to donate, please bring them to the back of the Church or leave them by the food pantry door by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Clothes must be in good condition. Thank you for your generosity.**

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 63 donors who came down to the 107th Blood Drive on 4/12/24 to donate 62 pints. There were 50 regular donations and 6 ALYX (double red cell) donations. There were 10 new donors and 12 walk-ins. 7 donors were deferred for various reasons.



10 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 10 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an

appointment to donate at their convenience by going to the web site: <https://nybc.org>

Find a donation location near you by entering your zip code.

Scroll down, select a drive, schedule and follow the remaining instructions or call NYBC at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7967 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

Our next drive will be Friday, July 5, 2024. Once again, thanks to all!

***Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson***

**Everyday Stewardship**

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus.. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world.. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous.. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes.. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example. **Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS**

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

April 7, 2024

Sunday collection: \$4,037.00  
On Line giving: \$1,685.00  
Total: \$5,722.00

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**If you have any questions or problems, contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto: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, 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**Prayer of the Good Shepherd**



Dear Lord,  
You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go.  
Amen.

April 21, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, April 20 VIGIL**

5:00 PM Barbara Fandel +

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**Sunday, April 21  
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

Lena & Patrick Castaldo +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

Lena & Patrick Castaldo +

12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, April 22  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ronald La Manna +

**Tuesday, April 23  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

**Wednesday, April 24  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the De Pole  
& Faranda Families

**Thursday, April 25  
Saint Mark, Evangelist**

7:00 AM Mary Breheny +

9:00 AM Carole Romanowski (Living)  
& Marie Porcello (Living)

**Friday, April 26  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anna Maria Vitullo +

**Saturday, April 27  
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Special Intention

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**Saturday, April 27 VIGIL**

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +

Paula & Michael Giandomenico (Living)

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**Sunday, April 28  
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Joan Laredo Liddell +

Anthony & Tiffany Nguyen (Living)

11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**April 21, 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**

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

