

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." – Lk 9:34-35



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Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
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, Anthony Martelli

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

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.

OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN

Between the first reading and the Gospel, we hear of three of the main figures of the Hebrew scriptures: Abraham, Moses, and Elijah. All three encountered God repeatedly and dramatically. Fire is often used in scripture to symbolize the presence of God. We hear today of the flaming torch that bound the covenant God made with Abraham. We know the stories of Moses seeing God in the burning bush and Elijah taken up to heaven in a fiery chariot. We cannot expect that God will speak with us so dramatically. But if we do not listen, we may fail to realize that God speaks to us today.



Most of us are citizens of the country in which we live, though many of us are not. Some of us may even be citizens of more than one country. Saint Paul traveled extensively, spending much of his time in foreign countries. But today we hear him tell the Philippians that Christians are not citizens of Jerusalem, or Rome, or anywhere on earth. "Our citizenship is in heaven," he writes (Philippians 3:20). Think about that for a moment. All of us, no matter where we were born, where we grew up, what language we speak, or where we live now, are fellow citizens, baptized into citizenship with God.



In the synoptic Gospels, Peter, James, and John are the three disciples mentioned most often, the disciples closest to Jesus. Here he specifically chooses them to witness His transfiguration. We pray that like them we may be worthy witnesses of the transformative power of God in our lives.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I be a witness to God's grace in my life?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael

Lenten Daily Prayer

Lord, I will turn, turn my face towards You.
 I will lay before You the desert areas I hide
 And turn to soak in Your refreshing words of life.
 I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits
 And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of Your love.
 I will draw back from the harsh pull of media
 And turn to bathe in the gentle power of Your Spirit.
 Lord, today I turn my face towards You.
 I will turn to soak in Your words of life,
 To rest in the warmth of Your love,
 And to bathe in the power of Your Spirit.
 Amen.

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PARISH NEWS



Please note that the Pastoral Parish Council Meeting for Monday, March 18th is cancelled due to the Parish Mission, March 18th, 19th and 20th. The PPC meeting is re-scheduled for Monday, March 25th at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend..

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent:

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross:



Each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH BECAUSE OF OUR PARISH MISSION. Classes will resume on Tuesday, March 26th.

PARISH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We still want to get more families to have their pictures taken for our parish directory. This is the reason we have delayed the publication of the book.

We will be taking pictures in the gym beginning this weekend March 16th and 17th and continuing with March 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st and April 6th and 7th after all the Masses. The pictures will be taken by us here at St. Bart's, not by the Lifetouch Company and **will be free.** It will be quick and easy. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment on one of those weekends. (If you have had your picture taken already by Lifetouch, you do not need to get it taken again).



CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, April 16th, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please come support our own parish priests. **Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in going. We are planning a bus for a group, but need a count no later than Friday, March 29th.**



OUR 2019 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 the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): ***Paschal Candle, 4 bundles of palms and chasubles.***— Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH EVENTS

MARCH

PARISH MISSION:

Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th & Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m.

Fr. Robert J. Abbatiello, O.F.M. Cap. will preach the mission. The theme of the Mission will be "Conversion: I'm Not Done Yet!" All are welcome to attend.



RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST AND BAKE SALE: Sunday, March 24th after the 8:30 and 10 a.m. Masses in McManus Parish Center \$5.00 admission

Please come and support this cancer awareness cause.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bartholomew's Sweepstakes Social Saturday, April 27th at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)



The 2019 Mass book still has Masses available and the **2020 Mass Book just opened up on Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. 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.

BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org.

Not on formed yet? Go to saintbartsparish.formed.org. Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books. Watch: *Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle* or Read: *St. Patrick's Summer*. Also listen to: the new Audio Drama: *The Trials of St. Patrick*. The 19th is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth or the Story of the Nativity*, or Listen to: *St. Joseph—Patron of the Universal Church or Pure Fatherhood*.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church, Fr. Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY at 1 p.m. Their next meeting is **this** Thursday, March 21st. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is Sunday, March 17th. **Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.**

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,391.40
Balance	- \$1,608.60

*(Envelopes \$4,805.40, \$586.00 Online)

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$10,903.15

The Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services totaled:\$823.10

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, and John McKenna.

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

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



March 17, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vincent J. Campisi +

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Amedeo & Angela Lepore +

10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Peter Frycz +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti (Living)

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Tuesday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Eddie Nyahay +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Del Bene & Salerno families

Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Helen Duda +

9:00 AM Maria, Joseph & Theresa Nguyen +

Thursday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +

9:00 AM Maria & Joseph Ngo +

Friday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

7 00AM John, Joseph & Peter Ngo +

9:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +

Saturday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +

Saturday, March 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Louis De Muro +

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Loreta & Paul Capuano (Living)

10:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

11:30 AM Concetta Darretta +

5:00 PM Juan Rosa, Magdaleno Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

March 17, 2019

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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