

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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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
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

JESUS IS OUR HOPE

Last week we heard that Philip was one of the disciples chosen to assist the Twelve in their mission, preaching the word and serving the poor. Today we hear what Philip accomplished. He journeyed



from Jerusalem, where Christians met with persecution, to Samaria, where he met with such support that the author of Acts remarks on the great joy he brought to the whole city. Samaritans of Samaria and Jews of Judea were unified in Christ. What's more, Peter and John joined Philip, demonstrating the solidarity between the original apostles and the

later disciples. All this is wrapped up in the unity of God, as exemplified by the presence of both the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit in all who had been baptized.

In the gospel, Jesus promises the Twelve that He will not leave them orphans. Another Advocate will be with them always. The Greek word *parakletos*, also translated as "Paraclete," refers to one who defends or pleads the cause of someone at trial. In the trials of our lives, the Holy Spirit assists us, defending us from harm and guiding us along the way.

Jesus of course, was the first Advocate whom God sent to us. Last week we heard Jesus tell His disciples that He would prepare a dwelling place for them. Now He tells them that this dwelling place is much closer than they expected. "On that day you will realize that I am in My Father and you are in Me and I am in you" (John 14:20). Jesus has chosen us as His dwelling place. Jesus' place is within us, within each other.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In the second reading, Peter tells His readers that they should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). Can I explain to others, "gently and reverently," why I hope?

Blessings

Father Raphael

Prayer During A Health Crisis

Compassionate and Loving Father, In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name. Amen.



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PARISH NEWS

THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Robert Liddell by Joan Laredo Liddell.

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.

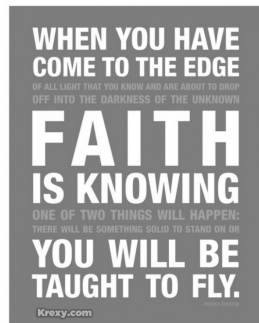
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

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

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 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.

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 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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES, 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 8A.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 Novena to St. Joseph and 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



THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE ON MAY 28TH AT ST. BART'S MCMANUS PARISH CENTER.



12 noon to 6:00 pm BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, NO WALKINS!

To schedule an appointment, visit: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910

Bring Photo ID or Donor ID card and FACE COVERING! Eat well, drink plenty of fluids before donating.

NYBC does NOT test for COVID19. Contact your health care provider for that.

www.nybc.org



CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS TO:

Tony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

tonscia@aol.com

(h) 914-423-3592

(c) 914-874-4544

STEWARDSHIP

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

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, 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 souls of all the faithful departed especially Sr. Joan Mary Gleason.

May 17, 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.*

Saturday, May 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

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

Monday, May 18

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers
9:00 AM Luis Pastor, Sr. +

Tuesday, May 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Wednesday, May 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM In Honor of St. Rita & Holy Trinity
7:00 PM Margaret Mary DelPezzo +

Thursday, May 21

The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM Dec. Mem. Of Faranda & DePole Families
9:00 AM Msgr. Robert Diachek & Brother Gregory
Lucrezia +
7:00 PM No Intention

Friday, May 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Gabriel Naoia +
9:00 AM Edward & Judith Casey (Living)

Saturday, May 23

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Renee Capuano (Living)

Saturday, May 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Riccardi, Jr. +

Sunday, May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Constance & Adolf Steffens +
10:00 AM Gabriel Naoia +
11:30 AM Angelo Depolito, Jr, +
5:00 PM Carmen Arzola +

May 17, 2020

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.



May God bless all of our 2020 graduates this year. May God's grace uplift their spirits as they plan their future. Though in a different way, may they celebrate their accomplishments and be proud of all they have learned and how they have grown over the past four years.



FOOD PANTRY:

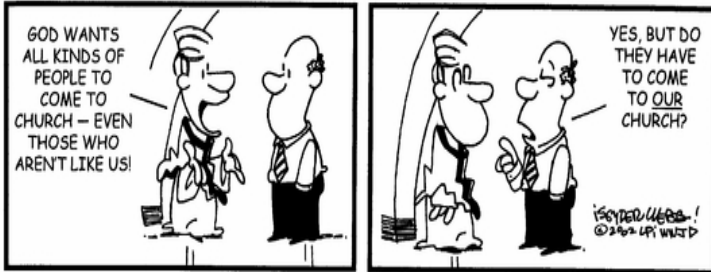
Food is still given out on a limited basis. We can use the basics such as juice, canned chicken or tuna, rice, and mac and cheese.



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.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you!
Amen.