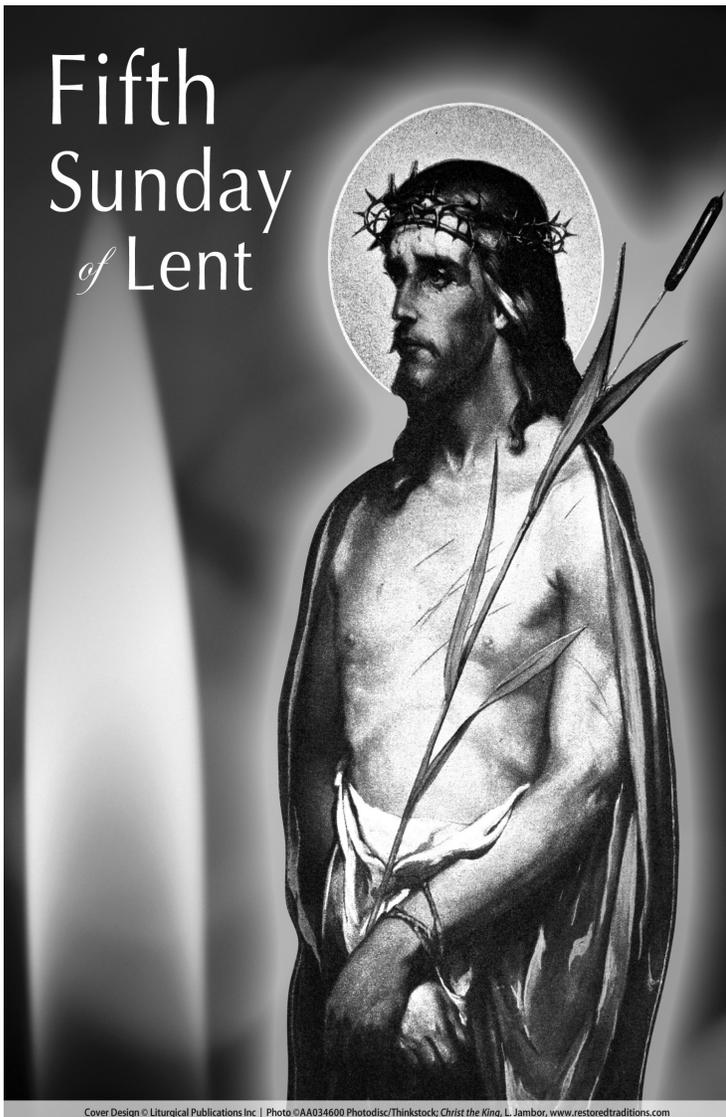


# St. Bartholomew's Church

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
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

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:** Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

### Messenger of Freedom



As with the Samaritan woman and the man born blind, Jesus again assumes the divine name to prompt movement in faith. Declaring, "I AM the resurrection and the life," (John 11:25) Jesus leads Martha from hope in the future resurrection to Jesus' eternal present:

"Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:26). Disciples born of water and the Spirit began living eternal life here, now: "This is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and (Jesus) whom you sent" (17:3).

Never shrugging, "Living," when asked how they're doing, disciples do not merely exist but positively thrive. Jesus moves us inward to discover the enlivening spirit Ezekiel envisioned, the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, as Paul declared.

Though the Lectionary describes Jesus as "deeply troubled," the Greek denotes the blood-curling cry of a mortally wounded warrior steed. In other words, confronting death, bereavement, the tomb as the apparent destination of creatures fashioned in God's image, Jesus shakes with spirit-deep indignation and weeps: "See how he loved him" (John 11:36). See how he loves me, not as the saint I wish I were or hope to become, but as I am here, now, destined for life yet bound in sin's deathly stench. "Lazarus (your name)! Come out!" (11:43). Move outward to new life with and among others!

Finally, Jesus bids the bystander, "Untie (Lazarus) and let him go," (John 11:44) moving us towards each other in the mutual service of healing each other walk freely in discipleship, witnessing boldly to the Resurrection of life we live even now.

Question for the week:

How will I move inward this week to discover Jesus within me? How will I move outward to engage more enthusiastically with my sister and brother believers? Toward whom is Jesus moving me to be a messenger of freedom?

*(From Pastoral Patterns, Spring 2017)*

I can't believe next Sunday is Palm Sunday! Keep up the good work, if you have been doing some good work. If not, it's not too late to recommit yourself and finish the Lent on a stronger note.

**Blessings and peace.**

**Fr. Raphael**

## PARISH NEWS

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited.

The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of Carol Swetz by Tom Swetz.

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts.

### Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.

**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m.

**First Communion and Confirmation Classes:** Register **NOW** for next year's Religious Education program. Call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This Friday, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.

### PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible Study is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the school building. These sessions are moderated by Father Raphael. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

### THE 2018 MASS BOOK OPENED

The Mass Book for 2018 opened on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. You may come to the Parish Office during the week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### PARISH MISSION— 2017

Parts 2 and 3, this Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

“WALKING BY FAITH—A Spirituality for Living Now”

Fr. Paul R. Fagan, C.P.—Parish Mission Preacher

For more information, please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ALL ARE WELCOME!

### CHRISM MASS:

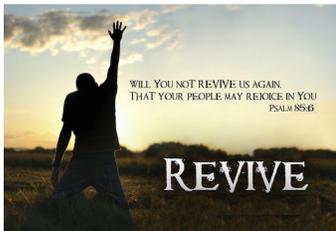
Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please come support our own parish priests. Please call the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Seats are filling up fast.

### THE PASSION PLAY

Performed by some of our very own St. Bart's Parishioners

*Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and  
Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at the 7:30 p.m. service.*

### REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY



### ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE MISSION AND EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM PARISH CLUSTER MISSION

The archdiocese of New York will launch an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day.

The three day program will be led by Father Kenan, Peters, from the Passionists who specializes in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with Adoration, followed by the mission. Each cluster parish will host one day :

St. Bartholomew's will host Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

St. Anthony's will host Tuesday, May, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Come join us!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$6,597.10
Balance	- \$402.90
*(Envelopes \$6,357.10, Online \$240.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected	\$24,601.65

The Second Collection in support of Catholic Relief Services totaled \$1,373.00.

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro and Anthony Guarente.

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

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:** Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:** Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

April 2, 2017

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, April 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

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**Sunday, April 2**

8:30 AM Josephine Scardino =  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
5:00 PM Francis Cirillo III +

**Monday, April 3**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +  
9:00 AM Dolores Di Paolo +

**Tuesday, April 4**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Maria & Joseph Chan +  
9:00 AM Victoria Chimenti (Living)

**Wednesday, April 5**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Reverend Ambrosio Khong +  
9:00 AM Gerard J. Monahan, Sr. +

**Thursday, April 6**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +  
9:00 AM Bertha Comito +

**Friday, April 7**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Joseph, John & Peter Ngo +  
9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

**Saturday, April 8**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Pasquale Alessi +

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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Saturday, April 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, April 9**

8:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +  
10:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +  
11:30 AM Josephine Confalone +  
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

