

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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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
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);
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

GET TO KNOW GOD BETTER WHEN YOU PRAY

When we pray, we often choose to go to a certain place. If we are praying alone, we may choose the foot of our bed or another quiet place inside or outside our home. If we are joining others in prayer, it is often our parish church.



After Jesus ascended to heaven, His disciples returned to Jerusalem and immediately chose to go to the upper room of the house where they were staying. Christian tradition holds that they celebrated the Last Supper and received the Holy Spirit

in this same room. Whether they'd decided to pray together and chose to come to this room, or whether they desired to go together to a familiar place and then chose to devote themselves to prayer, the place and the activity were well-linked.

This room was where they could go to know God and know Christ more deeply. This is what Jesus tells His disciples is the way to eternal life. Here in this very room on the night before He died He told them, "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ" (John 17:3). Scholars tell us that it is unlikely that they are His actual words, for nowhere else does Jesus refer to Himself as Jesus Christ, but the idea that knowing the Father and the Son deeply and truly is the way to eternal life is what John chose to include in this pivotal scene in his Gospel. Jesus wants us to know Him and the Father, in the intimate way that we know close family and friends.

In his Gospel, Luke writes that at one point when Jesus is told that His mother and brothers are trying to make it through the crowd, he says, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it" (Luke 8:21). Now in Acts, Luke writes that Jesus' mother and brothers accompanied the disciples to the upper room and together with His disciples, male and female, devoted themselves to prayer. In doing so, they are acting on what they have heard, becoming ever closer to the Father and the Son.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Where do I choose to go to pray? While I am there this week, how can I try to know God better?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Everlasting Easter

The Easter season is almost over. This season is always a tougher one for us Catholics. We get Advent and Lent: preparation. We are on board with Christmas, mainly because we like to keep up our decorations until someone tells us the exact day we must take them down. But Easter as a season is a bit more difficult to observe. The rest of the world has moved on. There are no Easter eggs left in store windows and all those religious movies on television have given way to reruns or season-ending episodes. It just feels like Easter anywhere ... except in the Church.

The truth is that it should feel like Easter all year-round in the Church. Every Sunday, we celebrate a mini-Easter. Our Lord is ALIVE! He is risen and alive, and we need to celebrate. We also need to be about the work of the Lord. We are an Easter people who bear witness to His resurrection through our stewardship. If He had never risen, then we would be called to nothing by no one. But He lives! As this Easter season is drawing to a close, it is prudent to reflect on what His death and resurrection mean for each of us. How has it changed us? How does it motivate us? It doesn't look like Easter in most corners of the world, so it is up to us to bring a little Easter to every place we go and to everyone we meet.



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.



The **FLOWERS** in front of the altar are donated by the Confirmation Class in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.



FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry can use rice, pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. *May God bless you all for your generosity.*

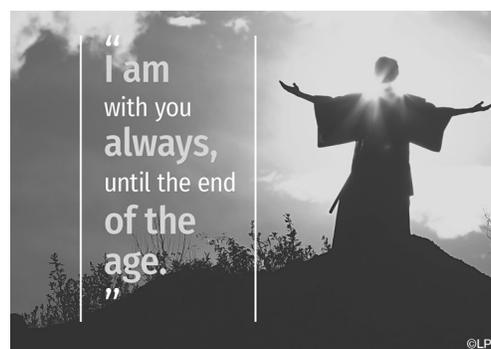
Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR JUNE on Saturday, JUNE 3rd one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday JUNE 4th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **NEXT Saturday and Sunday, May 27th and 28th.**



It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.



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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND 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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman LPI
Seeking Christ in One Another

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. For some reason, the feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone.

I'm sure that the disciples and their companions, gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. I'm sure they hugged and talked and shared food, processing together the remarkable events they had witnessed.

But we don't hear about any of that. We hear only that they prayed — fervently, and together.

Saint John Paul II famously said that "it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you." And I think that, whenever we gather, in good times or in bad, we think we are seeking companionship — but we are actually seeking God.

As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of a few times, but to be honest, they are *too* few. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it.

But this is the busywork of sorrow, and it is a waste of our time. We would do better to follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.

"Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks." — Psalm 27

Summer Outreach Week The Capuchin Franciscans Province of St. Mary invites teens (rising 9th graders) and adults to join our community of friars, young people & families June 25-30, 2023, and Connect:
◦ To like-minded peers and a community that builds life-long relationships.
◦ Faith to everyday life and offers relevant answers to big questions and time and space to wrestle through challenging topics.
◦ To transformative meaningful work experiences to aid those in need.
◦ To opportunities to acquire faith-based, personal, and social assets and promote their development.

Based at the beautiful Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, the service ministry sites for those in need are located throughout the Hudson Valley. Need-based scholarships are available. See details at <https://www.capuchin.org/cyfm/summer-programs/> and register **before 6/1/23**, or our limited spots fill up. For news and announcements, follow our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram: @CYFMGarrison); PO Box 268, Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 424-3609.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✉

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 7th

Sunday collection: \$3,678.00

On Line giving: \$1,280.00

Total: \$4,958.00

THE EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

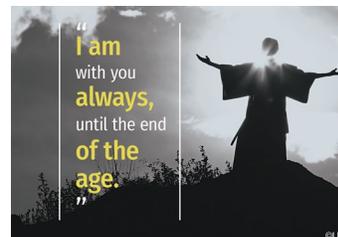
You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring 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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, 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 and Richard Romanowski.

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.



May 21, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, May 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM In Honor of St. Rita & The Holy Trinity

**Sunday, May 21, 2023
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Monsignor Robert Diachek &
Brother Gregory Lucrezia +
Mary Ann Berenguer +

11:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +
Kenneth Perrington +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**Monday, May 22
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena for Our Living & Deceased Mothers

9:00 AM Edward Wirchansky +

**Tuesday, May 23
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Renee Capuano (Living)

**Wednesday, May 24
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Maria Ferreira's Intentions
(Living)

9:00 AM Mary Christoforo +

**Thursday, May 25
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Timothy O'Sullivan +

9:00 AM Giovanni & Antonina Cucchiella +

**Friday, May 26
Saint Philip Neri, Priest**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ruth Sweeney +

**Saturday, May 27
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Matthew Uduebo +

Saturday, May 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Rose Virga +

**Sunday, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family
Elizabeth Laredo & Robert Liddell +

11:00 AM Patrick V. Fox +
Julia Mulvaney McGee +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

May 21, 2023

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

ASCENSION

