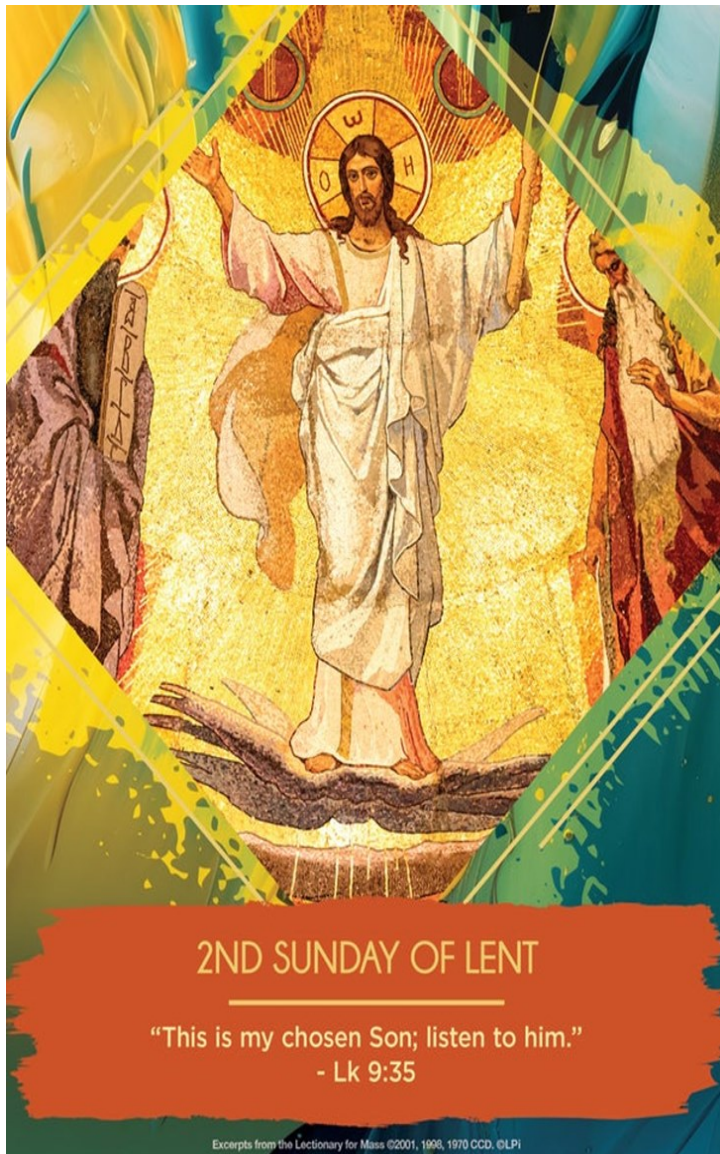


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, 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

LEAVE A WORLD OF SIN AND WORK TOWARDS A NEW LIFE IN THE RISEN LORD

In the person of Jesus, God becomes vulnerable, ultimately sacrificing His life on the cross for our sins. But God also became vulnerable many centuries before, in the presence of Abram. The ritual we hear described in the first reading featuring two parties walking between the carcasses of animals that were sacrificed, split in half, and placed opposite each other, was often used in ancient cultures from this era to ratify a significant covenant. The traditions symbolized the seriousness of the covenant. If one party broke their promise, they would meet the same fate as these animals. Note that though Abram constructs the passage, he does not walk through it. Only God passes through it. Only God is bound by the covenant. Only by God's grace can Abram and his descendants keep the covenant.



God, appearing as fire, consummates the covenant with Abraham and his descendants. As the new covenant, Jesus sacrifices Him on the cross, making possible a communion between God and humankind. At Pentecost, God will again appear in the form of fire, as the Holy Spirit, descending upon the disciples. Out of love for us, God has continually renewed and expanded this foundational promise.

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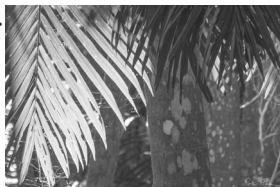
Luke uses the word exodus to describe what Jesus would accomplish in Jerusalem, recalling the Chosen People's flight from Egypt, for which the book of Exodus is named. As Moses and the Chosen People's exodus from captivity led them to the promised land. Jesus' exodus from his life here on earth led him to life in heaven with his Father. Now we are able to make this exodus as well, in one sense from sin and worldly values, and in another sense when our life here on earth ends. The promise of salvation and new life anchors our ultimate hope in life eternal with the source of all life.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Looking at my Lenten journey as an exodus from sin and worldly values, what specifically is holding me captive and preventing a truly new life in the risen Lord?

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 Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to donate palms or the Paschal Candle.



Congratulations to Julio Borea who was received by Cardinal Dolan as a member of the elect, this past Sunday at St. Patrick's Cathedral and will receive the Sacraments this Easter. God bless him!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for Bingo NEXT Sunday, March 23rd. Doors open at 6 pm and games begin at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks available for purchase.



PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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.



Happy St. Patrick's Day *This Monday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day and is an archdiocesan holiday. The Parish Office will be closed and there will be one Mass at 9 am. For this week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2pm.*

PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. (There are still 2025 Masses available also).

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.



IMPORTANT NOTE

Please remember to pick up your Lenten Almsgiving Boxes if you have not already done so. This year, your donations will support a Missionary of St. Paul priest in their seminary.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church.



FASTING AND WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ Himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see His disciples following His example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Resurrection and Spiritual Hangriness

I want to talk about being *hangry*. I'll give you a quick description of *hangriness*, though I warn you, it doesn't come from the Oxford English Dictionary. *Hangriness* is when you're so hungry you get angry. You turn into a real piece of work. You can't get anything done and you're probably not a joy to be around, at least until you grab a snack. Everybody gets this way sometimes.

We can be this way in our souls, too. It's so easy to get distracted by the hungers of this world: greed, pride, anxiety. We can become ruled by the needs of our bodies and the desires of our mind and, in doing so, neglect the needs and the desires of our souls.

Everyday stewardship calls us to a constant reflection on the truth that we are not made for this world, as Christ clearly shows us in his Transfiguration. He reveals himself in his heavenly glory, just before he is going to be deprived of all earthly needs and wants — even his very life. He shows us that this is what we were meant for. This is what we are striving for.

Lent exists to remind us that we are not made for this world. When you become spiritually hangry — or as Scripture more eloquently puts it this week, when your mind is “occupied with earthly things” — turn your thoughts to the Transfiguration. I promise you, it's even better than grabbing an energy bar.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

PLEASE NOTE: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE SELLING EASTER AND RELIGIOUS ITEMS AFTER THE 5 PM MASS ON NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND AND AFTER THE 9:30, 11 AM AND 12:30 PM MASSES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD. THE COUNCILS SUPPORTS ST. BART'S AND SURROUNDING PARISHES WITH THE MONIES COLLECTED.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 2, 2025

**Sunday collection: \$3,592.00
On Line giving: \$1,285.00
Total \$4,877.00**

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, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, & Martha Cesaitis.

Please call 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.

*Dear God,
As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.
As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.
As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply. Amen.*



March 16, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 15

5:00 PM Gloria DeLuccy +

Sunday, March 16
Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Bernadette Raiola +
11:00 AM Archbishop John Kennedy (Living)
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

Monday March 17
Lenten Weekday—St. Patrick's Day

9:00 AM Edwin Vega +

Tuesday, March 18
Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Patricia Galik+

Wednesday, March 19
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John Meklo +

Thursday, March 20
Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Werr Family

Friday, March 21
Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Emilio Onofrio +
7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22
Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 22

5:00 PM Rose De Rosa +

Sunday, March 23
Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Bernadette Raiola +
11:00 AM Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM Michael Herrera +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor 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

