

Saint 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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

GIVING MERCY TO THOSE WHO RETURN?

The younger son did one other thing to his father besides demand his inheritance. He abandoned him. He fled to a distant land where he could not be found. He alienated himself. Now remember that Jesus tells this parable after many complained. "this man welcomes sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:2). In effect, Jesus is responding to them by asking, "What would you have me do? Turn my back on sinners and isolate them?" The younger son has already isolated himself, turning away from a loving father and a loving God to enjoy as many of life's pleasures as "his" money would take him. If no one welcomed him back, he would have remained alone" starving for food and for love in a world that had no use for a person without means. Jesus, "made...to be sin who did not know sin" (2 Corinthians 5:21), welcomed sinners like him and ate with them, sharing food and love with those who had lost both.

Mercy is not easy to accept when we feel it is applied unjustly. Just ask the older son. He had done everything right. He should be the one rewarded; he should be the one honored. This lavish mercy was decidedly unfair. He resents his father for giving it and his brother for receiving it. Jesus does not tell us what the older son eventually did. But he tells us what the father did. Once again, he took the initiative, going to his son and pleading with him to join him in his joy and celebration. The one son revealed himself to be self-centered by deciding to squander his inheritance on dissolute living. But the other son revealed himself to be shallow, doing the right thing so he would be rewarded. Both needed mercy but only one's need for it was obvious. We pray we can recognize and accept our own need for it.



Jesus, the light of the world, is light in our isolation, illuminating our sin, yes, but also illuminating a way home. For he has returned to the Father from the land of sin and death. He knows the way.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How have I isolated myself and from whom? On the other hand, whom can I respond to with mercy when they return from isolation?

Blessings

Father Raphael

If anyone in the Parish is interested or knows someone who is interested in providing cleaning services, please contact the Parish Office at 914 965-0566.



PARISH NEWS

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.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR APRIL on Saturday, April 9th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday April 10th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**

Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **next** Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following: **juice, cornflakes and jelly.** Thank you for your generosity.



The 2022 Mass book still has Masses available. 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.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2022 IS OPEN.

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This **Friday, April 1st**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, April 2nd**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Each Friday during Lent, at 7 pm, there will be Stations of the Cross in the church. Please join us!!

OUR 2022 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):

- 1 Paschal Candle \$300
- 1 Bundle of Palm (\$60 each)

Please contact the Parish Office for more information



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
 7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

******CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM******

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

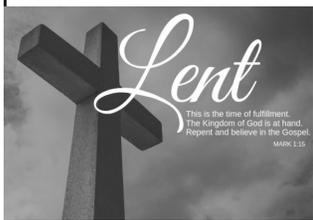
So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Lenten Prayer

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen

Catholic Online



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION
 March 13th
 Sunday collection: \$2,886.50
 On Line giving: \$2,095.00
 Total: \$4,981.50

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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

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March 27 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Nicholas Marcello +

**Sunday, March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM Nick & Rose Morucci +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nancy Alice Mirra +

Tuesday, March 29

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Catherine Kirby +

Wednesday, March 30

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

Thursday, March 31

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

Friday, April 1

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Saturday, April 2

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Marie Giuriceo +

Saturday, April 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Christian P. Sheridan +

**Sunday, April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

11:30 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

March 27, 2022

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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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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

