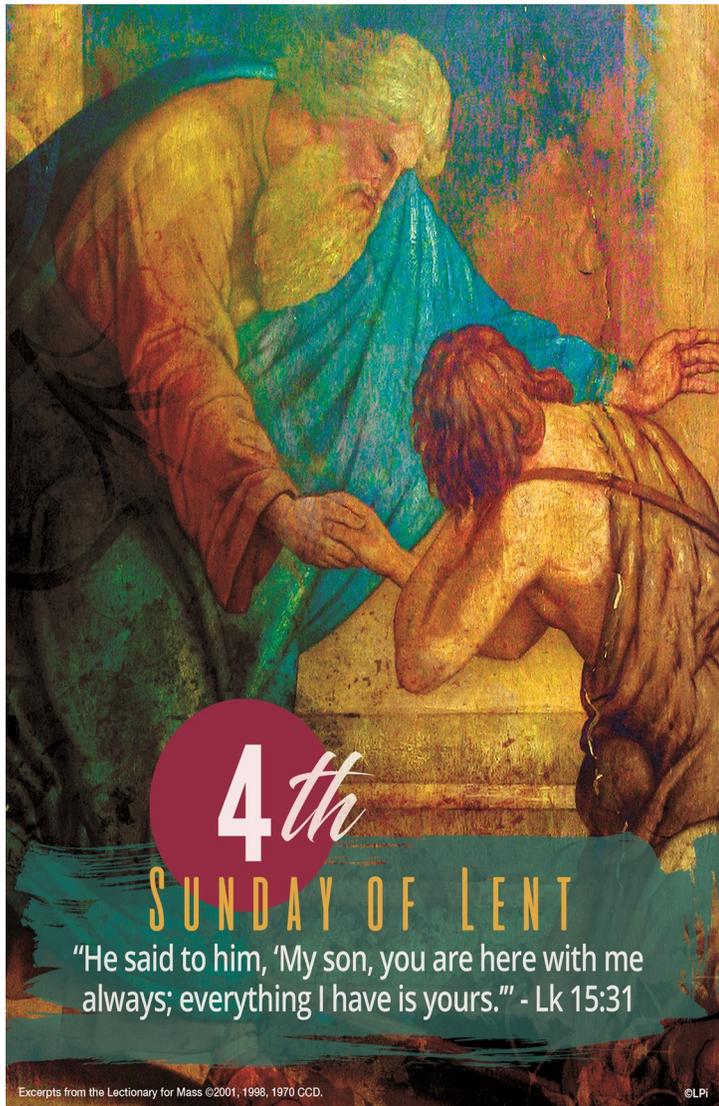


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**Reconciliation**

I'm sure that you have experienced the frustration of working with a rope or string and suddenly it snapped. Very often you simply pick up the two pieces and tie them back again and work goes on.



Relationships are like ropes. Maybe that's why we have the saying, "no strings attached". There's an invisible string or rope that tie, hold or bind us together. Sadly, when this string is strained, like ordinary rope, it could and often does snap. It happens in all relationships – family, marital, friendship, church, groups, countries, tribal. And just like when a rope snaps, we often try to pick up the two ends of the relationship and tie them back together.

The readings today speak of broken relationships that needed to be tied back together – reconciled. Paul talks about God reconciling us and the world to Himself after the bond had been broken by Adam and Eve, and by the Israelites themselves. Jesus is the perfect instrument (if you will) that the Father used and still uses to restore the broken relationship with us, His children.

The Gospel presents us with that classical, ageless and beautiful story of the prodigal son. A beautiful and healthy bond is suddenly broken. And for years the son wallowed in misery. Sadly, in his guilt and depression and hopelessness, he thought or believed that his father would never agree to restore that bond as it was originally. How wrong he was. While he sought for some semblance of a relationship – hired hand or servant, his father would not have anything less than full restoration. And that's the gift he gave his repentant son.



As we continue our Lenten journey, the Church invites us through these readings to reflect on the status of our many relationships. How healthy are the bonds? Are there some weak ones among them? Can we do something to strengthen them? Are there some broken ones? Can we pick up the two ends and tie them back? We may think it's practically impossible. But know that spiritually, it is not impossible. It may be difficult and even impossible in our estimation. But as Jesus said in the scripture, for those who believe and trust in God, nothing is ever impossible (Matthew 19:26).

We become hypocrites when we seek restoration with God but adamantly refuse to give it to others. Charity begins at home. Be reconciled during this Lent – with God, with your spouse, children, parents, friends, co-worker, class or schoolmate, neighbor, etc. The string may not be fully broken before we do can something. We can strengthen it by removing the strain we place on it. If you have no one that needs your forgiveness, then work on strengthening the bonds of your present relationships. Remember what I said a few weeks back: the grace of God builds on nature.

**Blessings upon you as you reconcile with others.**  
*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*

**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**

**PARISH NEWS**



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Edward Pihota and Patrick Brown.

The **Altar Bread and Wine** is donated in loving memory of Margaret T. Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.



**Stations of the Cross & Eucharistic Adoration During Lent:**

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please join us!!

**BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

Not on formed yet? Go to [saintbartparish.formed.org](http://saintbartparish.formed.org). Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books. Read: *Meditations for Lent* or Listen to: *Freedom Through Forgiveness, The Healing Power of Confession, Keep Holy the Sabbath, My Beloved Son, Beyond Belief, or Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin.*

**CHRISM MASS:** Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in going. We are planning a bus for a group, but need a count no later than Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We want to get the best price, so we need a full bus.** Please come support our own parish priests.



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.**

**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

**Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This **Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>** is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And **Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



PARISH EVENTS

*April*

CHRISM MASS

April 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick's Cathedral—4 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office to reserve your spot on the bus!!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Great Prizes.....50/50.....Raffles  
\$20 per ticket includes sandwiches, snacks, drinks and desserts

McManus Parish Center

For tickets contact Barbara at 914 329-3067 or call the Parish Office.

The theme is "Kentucky Derby" so have some fun with us and wear your best "hat".



BLOOD DRIVE

St Bart's will be conducting the 92<sup>nd</sup> blood drive in the 38 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Friday BEFORE Palm Sunday, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6898 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. We are also looking for volunteers to help out for two hours on drive day. If you can donate or volunteer, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too. Thank you for your support.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.

Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. Their next meeting is Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

PARISH FAMILY PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We still want to get more families to have their pictures taken for our parish directory. This is the reason we have delayed the publication of the book.

Picture taking in the gym began the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and will continue each weekend up to and including April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses. The pictures will be taken by us here at St.

Bart's, not by the Lifetouch Company and will be free. It will be quick and easy. Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment on one of those weekends. (If you have had your picture taken already by Lifetouch, you do not need to get it taken again).



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
 Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,156.80
Balance	- \$1,843.20
*(Envelopes \$4,660.80, \$496.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of March	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$22,300.80

Next week's collection is in support of building and grounds.

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna and Antony Gorge Ferreira.

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

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!!!! Go to: [www.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



OUR 2019 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): *chasubles are still available.* Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

March 31, 2019

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, March 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +  
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**Sunday, March 31, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +  
10:00 AM Anthony S. Guarente +  
11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco &  
Julie Ann Campisi Moroch+  
5:00 PM Rose, Leo & Gloria Savona +  
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**Monday, April 1**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Dina Legio +  
9:00 AM Alexandra Plescia +

**Tuesday, April 2**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Antony Gorge Ferreira (Living)  
9:00 AM Marie Soares +

**Wednesday, April 3**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +  
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Thursday, April 4**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Victoria Chimenti (Living)  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Friday, April 5**

**Lenten Weekday**

7 00AM Violeta Carretero +  
9:00 AM Marjorie Nickel +

**Saturday, April 6**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +  
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**Saturday, April 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +  
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**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +  
10:00 AM Peter Romero +  
11:30 AM Jose Torres +  
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

**March 31, 2019**

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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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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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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.