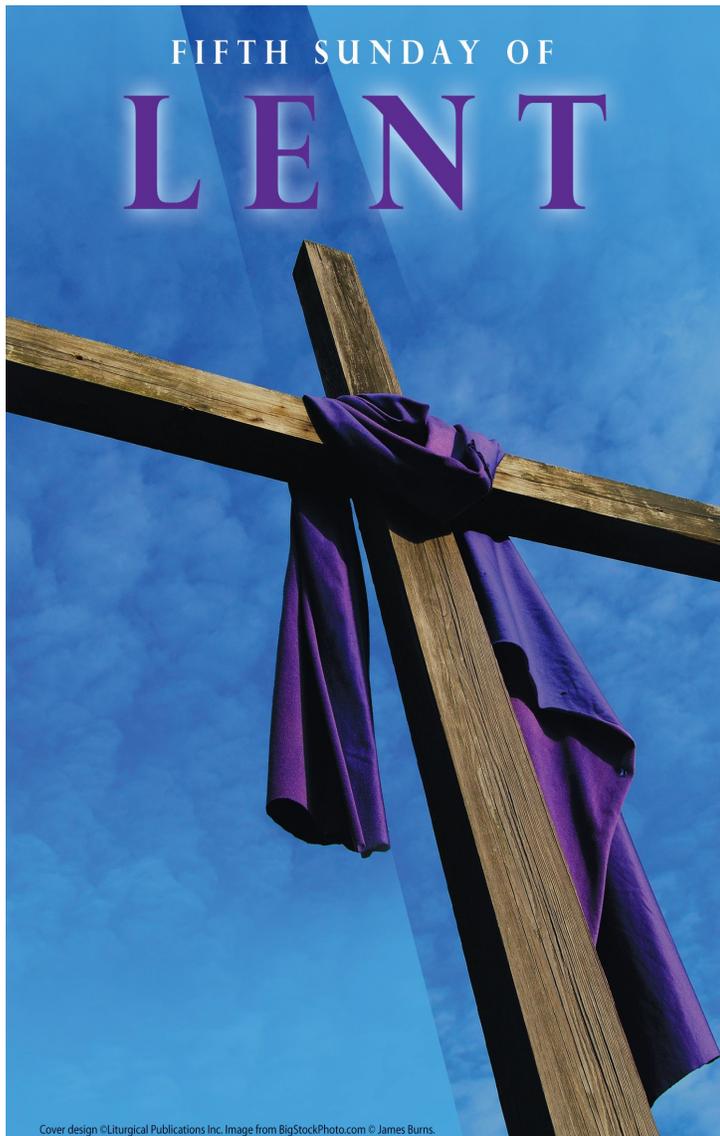


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 HAVE HURT US



In Genesis, we hear that God did not just create the waters that covered the earth, but took control over them, separating them from the heavens and calling forth the dry land in their midst. In Isaiah, we hear that God continued to rule the waters, holding them back to give freedom to the Chosen People, releasing them to kill their enslavers, and, in Isaiah's time, directing them into the desert to lead the people back home. Using perhaps the most elementary substance on earth, in a way behind the ability of any person, God is forever "doing something new." (43:19).

The Pharisees cite Moses in defending their plan to stone the woman caught in adultery. The law was based on the commandments, presented by Moses to the people on a pair of stone tablets. Stone—hard, dense, and unyielding—anchored their sense of justice. Jesus pointed to a better way. He did so by writing on the ground. Instead of chiseled in stone, rigid and permanent, His words were traced in the dirt, unsubstantial and erasable. The dirt recalls the ashes applied to our foreheads a month ago, a fleeting reminder of our sinfulness, easily washed away. Jesus' gift of forgiveness washes away her sin. Meanwhile, the dirt, the earth, would eventually reabsorb the stones of the crowd.



But stone does not yield easily. The scribes and Pharisees did not soon forget this challenge to their authority. Not only did he sidestep their test, not only did he remind them of their own sinfulness, he showed them up, as evidenced by the fact that every person in the temple area declined to challenge Him. Jesus' radical mix of justice and mercy threatened their world, further inflaming them and convincing them to put Him to death.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I respond to those who have hurt me or hurt others, with mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus has shown? Whom is Jesus calling me now to forgive?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

Father in heaven, It's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible.

Help me to be inspired by His love and guided by His example.

Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it alone, and that trying is an arrogance of self-centeredness. I need you, dear God, to give me support in this journey.

Show me how to unlock my heart so that I am less selfish.

Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness that will be transformed by You into Easter joy.

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.



**THE BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Carmine and Margaret Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR APRIL** on NEXT **Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on NEXT Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 **this Saturday and Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.**



**Our Social Ministry Group** will also be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh/canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts. Donations of hams would also be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the food pantry before the Saturday, 5 pm Mass on April 9<sup>th</sup> or before the Sunday 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. The food pantry can also use: **juice, cornflakes and jelly.** Thank you for your generosity.



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*

*Please contact the Parish Office for more information*



*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.*



**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\*\*\*\*

**St. Bart's Seniors Group**

Consider joining the Seniors Group for our April activities:



**Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monthly Get-Together - 12 pm in the school gym**

Pray *Mary's Way of the Cross*, enjoy lunch and dessert, participate in a faith formation activity, and socialize. \$5/person. RSVP to Rich Califano (914.643.0498) by April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Movie Thursdays - 10 am in the school gym**

Pray the Rosary, then view *The Shack*, with light refreshments. The movie is a story of a father's spiritual journey after a family tragedy leads to a crisis of faith and questioning God's existence and life's purpose.

**At this time, all new participants must be fully vaccinated against the COVID virus.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Make a Way**

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

March 20<sup>th</sup>

<i>Sunday collection:</i>	<b>\$2,251.00</b>
<i>On Line giving:</i>	<b>\$1,650.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,901.00</b>

**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](http://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](mailto: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.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

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Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Saturday, April 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Christian P. Sheridan +  
Daniel Pezzola +

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

9:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +  
11:30 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +  
5:00 PM Daniel Pezzola +

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**Monday, April 4**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Elmo Marchionno +

**Tuesday, April 5**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Catherine Kirby +

**Wednesday, April 6**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +  
9:00 AM Rita De Sanctis +

**Thursday, April 7**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Friday, April 8**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +  
9:00 AM Christopher Milano +

**Saturday, April 9**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +

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**Saturday, April 9 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

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**Sunday, April 10, 2022  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name  
And Rosary Altar Societies  
Jennifer Romanowski +  
11:30 AM Larry Mesler +  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

April 3, 2022

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 14<sup>th</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper at  
7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Adoration Until 10 pm



### GOOD FRIDAY, April 15<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

### HOLY SATURDAY, April 16<sup>th</sup>

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 p.m.

### EASTER SUNDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Masses will only be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass



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The forgiveness we withhold from another person is a *mercy* we do not show the Lord.

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### WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

