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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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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

WHAT CAN I DO TO JUSTIFY GOD'S HOPE IN ME?

The two tragic events that Jesus addresses in the Gospel are quite disturbing. It appears that they were well known, as Jesus seems to be familiar with the first and refers to the second without initially describing it. These mass deaths presumably left a lasting impression, as Luke seems to assume his audience may recall them as well. Jesus uses these horrible tragedies to teach the people who have come to him that it was not the sinfulness of those at Siloam or in Galilee that brought about their deaths. "By no means!" (Luke 13:3,5). No, it is that because they died suddenly and unexpectedly, they had no chance to repent of their sins. Those who hear Jesus' words (including us today) are given that chance. We have the wonderful opportunity to repent of our sins and return to God with clean hearts.



If it wasn't enough that sometimes Jesus' parables are difficult to interpret, today we hear one that doesn't even have proper ending. What happened that next year? Did the fig tree bear fruit? Did the owner cut it down? Evidently Jesus' point did not hinge on whether the fig tree eventually blossomed or not. Perhaps Jesus was trying to tell the people that God was always willing to give us another chance, but that we may make the most of it before it's too late.



The telling of the parable was occasioned by the shocking sudden death of dozens of souls. They had not had time to repent. Every single person who hears the parable does. Every single person who hears the parable can yet bear fruit.

Fasting, praying, and almsgiving. How are we doing at performing the traditional Lenten disciplines? Have they already begun to bear fruit, to make us aware of our dependence on God, to bring us into conversation with God, to give of our plenty and ourselves to those in need? Or are we the fig tree, needing a final chance from a merciful God? Let us heed the warning implicit in the first part of the Gospel, as well as the warning from Saint Paul, that even those who were baptized and shared in the spiritual food and drink in the desert (akin to the Eucharist) could be struck down by God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Looking at this Jubilee Year of Hope from God's perspective, what can I do during the week ahead to justify God's hope in me?

THIS WEEKEND IS THE LAST WEEKEND TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR FR. MARK'S CELEBRATION AS HE IS INSTALLED AS ST. BART'S PASTOR.

DONATION OF \$20 PER ADULT AND \$5 PER CHILD UNDER 12.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 5 PM MASS AND DINNER AFTER IN MCMANUS PARISH CENTER.



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.



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. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are at 2 p.m.



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.

DON'T FORGET to join us for Bingo THIS Sunday, March 23rd. Doors open at 6 pm and games begin at 7 pm. Snacks and drinks available for purchase.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR April on Saturday, April 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday April 6, 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, March 29th and March 30th.



KNOW THE MERCY OF GOD

THIRD 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



Our Outreach Group will 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 Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 12th or before this Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on April 13th. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 14th.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

✠ **STEWARDSHIP** ✉
What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 9, 2025

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| Sunday collection: | \$3,248.00 |
| On Line giving: | \$1,665.00 |
| Total | \$4,913.00 |

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 23, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday March 24 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +
Luigi & Marie Martucci +

Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Susan Fialkovich +

Wednesday, March 26 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Frank C. Como +

Thursday, March 27 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM No Intention

Friday, March 28 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Reverend Hugo Spinner +
7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 29

5:00 PM Pasqua Capuano + & Deceased Children

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM John M Rubbo +
11:00 AM Randolpho Rivera +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

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

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



THE NEED FOR ONGOING REFORM