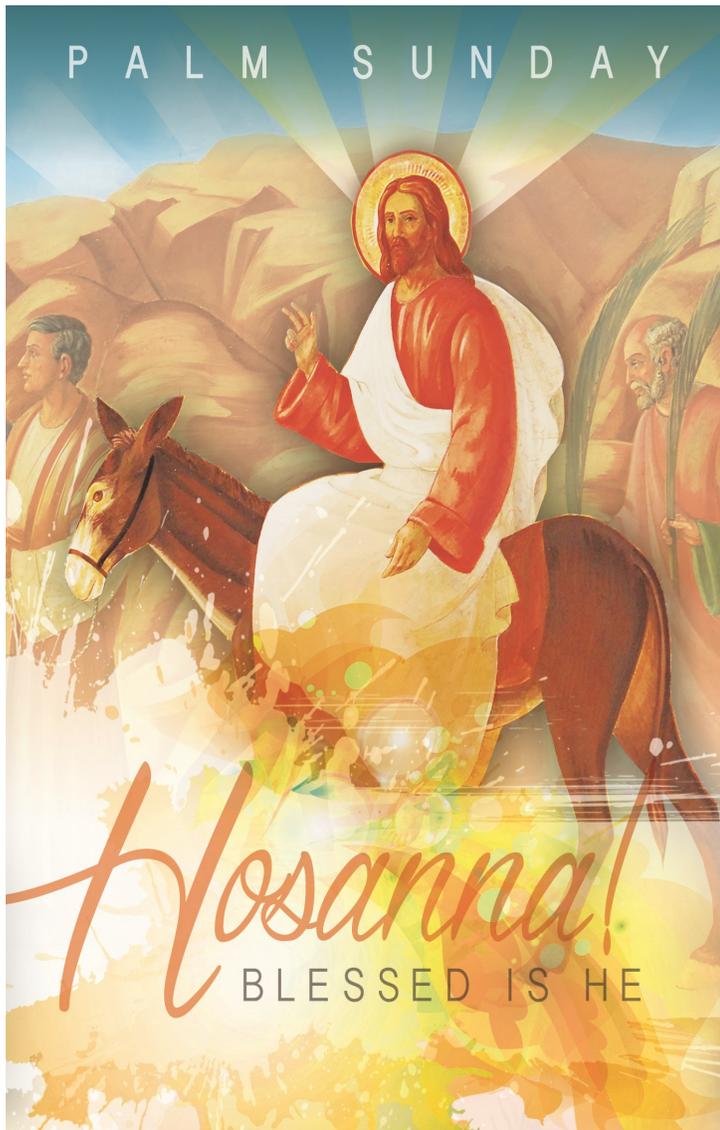


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **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

CLEAR OUT A SPACE FOR LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

Just a few months ago we celebrated the night that Jesus was born, God's Son becoming part of humanity. Today we hear a horrible account of the inhumanity of nearly everyone around our Lord. One of His closest friends betrays Him, another denies Him, the rest abandon Him, the crowd turns on Him, the soldiers torture Him, the authorities condemn Him, Pilate sentences Him. In Mark's Gospel, even both of those crucified with Him will abuse Him. Greed, fear, cowardice, hatred, and cruelty win out over all the virtues Jesus embodied. Jesus was not able to rid the earth of inhumanity. But



He gave us a model of how to oppose it, endure it, and conquer it. For in remaining faithful and obedient to the will of the Father, the One revealed today to truly be the Son of God showed humanity the way to truly be human.

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He replied that it was to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself. All of the law and the prophets could be summed up in this command: love. For love of God and love of neighbor, Jesus was born into this world, lived out His mission, and died on the cross. Despite the horror of being nailed to a cross and left to die, Jesus accepted it out of love for the Father and love for those He was sent to save. Through His death, He showed us the depth of His love and the value of that love.

Jesus makes a bold statement about the woman who anoints Him with oil just days before He is killed: "Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her" (Mark 14:9). She alone does something loving and merciful for Him in the days before His death. Some scoff at her action, regarding it as a waste of precious oil. They say that it was worth nearly a year's wages, a huge sum that could have been given to the poor. Perhaps they have a point. Perhaps her actions were extravagant. But Jesus teaches us that such extravagance for those you love is not a waste at all. After all, if one were to look at the life of the Messiah, ending His life not as the healer of every ill, the benefactor of every beggar, and the victor over every opponent, but on the cross, condemned as a criminal, one would see His life as a waste. What could God have had in mind to send Him into the world only to die a condemned man, with the world objectively not any better than it had been? With eyes of faith, we know that His life was not a waste, for He healed our every spirit, paid for our every sin, and won victory over death. As this woman who lowered herself to enter a leper's home and wasted her entire jar of priceless oil, Jesus emptied Himself to enter sinful humanity's home and spent His entire life to give us the priceless gift of eternal life. This is the gospel proclaimed.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In what ways can I show my love for others in a way that might seem extravagant to observers, but meaningful to them and for me?

Blessings

Father Raphael



Saint Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **107th Blood Drive** on **FRIDAY, April 12, 2024** from 12 noon to 6pm. More details to follow in upcoming weeks.

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.



Our Social Ministry 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 the 5 pm Mass on **THIS Saturday, March 23rd** and before the 9:30 and 11 am Masses **THIS Sunday on March 24th**. The baskets will be distributed **THIS week**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR April Saturday, April 6th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and this Sunday April 7th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be out the weekend of March 30/31.**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

THIS Monday, March 25th

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Easter Tridium

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28th

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

◆ **Adoration Until Midnight**

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th

◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.

◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31st

Masses will be at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Sp.)

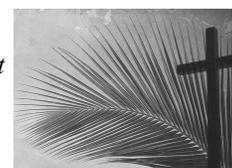
There is no 5 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following families:

Anonymous Donor in loving memory of Joan Laredo Liddell.

Pauline Pasqualoni in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. & Joseph Pasqualoni, III.

Joanne Pragana in loving memory of Albert & Eugenia Pragana, Mary and Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio and Christine Bellino.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Palm Sunday

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.



But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, He was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what He has done for us but also for what He has done for all of creation.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✉

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 10th

Sunday collection: \$3,243.00

On Line giving: \$1,420.00

Total: \$4,663.00

**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 stbartchurch@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, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies) & Rosaria Mercandetti.

The Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartchurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Lord Jesus Christ, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember Your triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let us also remember the path that lay before You. Fill our hearts with the humility and faithfulness that You displayed.



AMEN

March 24, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, March 23 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 AM Ann Gaynor +
Luigi & Marie Martucci +

11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
Randy Rivera +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Sandra De Santis +

9:00 AM John Smith +

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano + & Deceased
Children

Weekday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Giuseppe Pisacreta +

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
For All The People Of Our Parish

ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

2:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3:00 PM Celebration of our Lord's Passion

7:00 PM Celebration of our Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Blessing of the Bread (No Mass)

Saturday, March 24 EASTER VIGIL

8:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of Our Lord

9:30 AM Heinz & Elfrieda Nollmann +
& Mathilda Albert +

11:00 AM Luigi & Marie Martucci +
Patricia Mahoney +

Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
& Joseph Pasqualoni III +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

March 24, 2024

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 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:

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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.
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WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

PALM SUNDAY

