

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 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

WHO DO I NEED TO HELP DURING THESE

FORTY DAYS OF LENT?



The author of Genesis does not use the word "rainbow" to describe the object God sets in the sky after the Great Flood. No, the word we see repeatedly is "bow," as in bow and arrow." When God says, "I set my bow in the clouds," what God is doing is unilaterally disarming (Genesis 9:13). In effect God is saying, "You have just seen the power I have to destroy all life on earth, but now I am promising you that I will never do it again; in fact, I will transform this weapon of aggression into a thing of beauty." When we commit to peaceful, non-violent action, we make ourselves vulnerable, but this is exactly what God does in making this covenant. May we be as willing as God is to do so.

By the waters of the flood the world was transformed. By the waters of baptism we are transformed. God established a covenant with Noah, his descendants, and all living creatures, transforming humanity's relationship with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we journey through these forty days, let us open ourselves to the transformative grace of God in our lives.

Mark tells us precious little about Jesus' forty days in the desert; no details of Satan's temptations, as we hear from Matthew and Luke. But he mentions that Jesus "was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him" (Mark 1:14). We too may find ourselves beset by "wild beasts" within and without as we try to resist temptations. Let us look to the angels in our lives who care for us, who offer their occasional assistance when we need it or their constant support through our trials. Better yet, make us angels who minister to others when they undergo difficulties or trauma and feel deserted and in need.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How will I minister to others during these forty days of Lent? Who is in need of my help?

Blessings

Father Raphael



FAMILY BREAKFAST
MARCH 3RD
Serving Pancakes and Sausage!!!
After the 9:30 AM Mass
Please join us!!

2024 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 Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



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.



PRESIDENT'S DAY: This Monday, February 19th is President's Day, a legal holiday. **THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 9 A.M.**

For this week, the Parish Office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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



The 2024 Mass book 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: THE 2025 Mass book opened on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church.

First Sunday of Lent

A covenant is a formal agreement between two parties. Assuming both parties enter into the covenant of their own free will, it is a bond that cannot be broken. As time goes on, that covenant will be tested and its validity questioned by skeptics, but it will remain if it is real.

God's covenant with his people is real. It began with a promise made to Noah and was renewed in the person of Jesus Christ. It has been tested by man through sin and by evil through Jesus' trials in the desert. But here in 2024, it still remains as strong as ever.

This Lent, take time to rediscover and reflect on this covenant God has with us. Reclaim your baptism and make it a motivating factor in how you live your life. Take the opportunity this Lenten season provides to increase your devotion and spirituality. You will be tested and you will suffer trials, for life is not always easy. But God has always upheld his part of the agreement. Now is the time to take our part in this covenant more seriously.

From Elizabeth Seton's Children Center

Dear Friends at St. Bartholomew's Church,
Thank you for your generous support to Elizabeth Seton Children's Center during the Season of Giving at Christmas. Your thoughtful contribution helped make the holidays joyful for the extraordinary children and young adults we serve. Thanks to you, our children were able to experience the excitement and wonder of this most special time of year!



I look forward to our continued partnership in 2024 and beyond.
With appreciation,
Brian Harrington (Senior Vice President of Advancement)

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected for March on Saturday, March 2nd one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday March 3rd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be out the weekend of February 24th and 25th.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Unlikely Suspects**

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Thomas Berry Place (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House in Jamaica Estates) invites you to join them over the coming months to "Reconnect to your Faith!" Join them for their Days and Evenings of Prayer, Men's Lenten Retreat, Dinners, Holy Week Retreat and more! For information, please call at 929-357-6700 or log on to their website, www.ThomasBerryPlace.org— and be sure to sign up to receive their e-newsletter!



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

February 4th

Sunday collection:	\$3,523.00
On Line giving:	\$1,516.00
Total:	\$5,039.00

**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, 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, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).
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.

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February 18, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, February 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM John Smith +

**Sunday, February 18
First Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +
11:00 AM Nancy Viola +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, February 19

Lenten Weekday—President's Day

9:00 AM Mary Esposito +

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Aleyamma Mannattumakil +
9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

Wednesday, February 21

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

Thursday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Mary Breheny +

Friday, February 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ann "Nancy" Burns +

Saturday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Fr. John Meehan +

Saturday, February 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +

**Sunday, February 25
Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Castaldo Family
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Castaldo Family
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

February 18, 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: _____

- 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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

