

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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. Raphael Ezech, MSP, Pastor
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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
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, 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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

SEEK FORGIVENESS WHEN THE GOOD SHEPHERD CALLS YOU

Peter is quite blunt in addressing his audience, adding "this Jesus whom you crucified," to the end of his proclamation (Acts 2:36). Not surprisingly, they were "cut to the heart." But Peter is able to identify with them when he instructs them to repent, for he too failed Jesus in His moment of need and then later received forgiveness. When Jesus was arrested, he fled. While Jesus was being tortured and tried he denied him three times. But after the resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the apostles on the seashore, He sat Peter down and asked him if he loved Him.



Peter made up for the three denials with three affirmations of his devotion, at which time Jesus forgave him and gave him the responsibility of tending the flock He had gathered. Therefore, Peter knows that all the people of Jerusalem, from those who shouted "Crucify Him" to the silent ones who stood mutely by, can be forgiven, for he himself has received that precious gift.

Later in this passage from John's Gospel Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd, but first He identifies Himself as the gate. In that time and place villages generally had a common sheepfold with a low stone wall in which several flocks of sheep would be kept when they were not grazing. A gatekeeper would be employed to guard the sheep and monitor the shepherds. As the gate, Jesus would be able to protect all the sheep from predators and keep wayward sheep from straying. His forgiveness is the gate through which we can return to the flock, through which we can be welcomed into the pasture of eternal life.



Because sheep from several flocks were gathered in the same sheepfold, sheep had to be able to pick out the voice of their own shepherd. We sometimes struggle ourselves to distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd from among all the voices we hear in our lives, from our friends and neighbors to those on television or online. Let us become attuned to Jesus' voice and pray for the grace to recognize what He is calling us to do and be.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

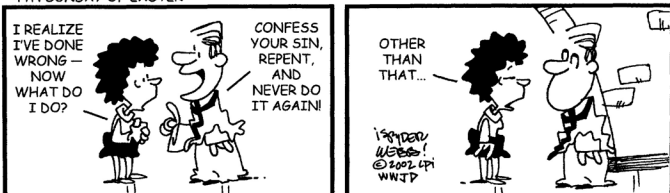
How is the Good Shepherd calling me? For what do I need to seek forgiveness so I can be reunited with the flock?

Blessings

Father Raphael

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

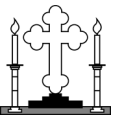
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PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Angela Brusco.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Formed.org

There are many wonderful programs, movies and E books available on Formed which you all might enjoy especially during these very difficult times that we are facing.

Our parish has a free subscription to www.formed.org which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. To register for this free resource follow these easy steps.

Go to formed.org. Click on "sign up". Click on "I belong to a parish or organization". Start typing name- St. Bartholomew Yonkers (You will see a number of parishes with this name). Scroll to St. Bartholomew Yonkers NY. Hit next, -create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser formed.org and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

For those collecting Mission Boxes, please hold them in a safe place. When things return to normal, they will then be collected at Mass.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 8A.M. TO 6 P.M.



ST. BART'S MASSES AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ARE LIVE STREAMED Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. Weekday Masses at 10 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, Weekdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

IT'S EASY, just go to www.saintbartsparish.org, GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE

CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON, This will bring you directly to the page and wait for the Mass or Adoration to begin. If the video does not come up, REFRESH THE PAGE.

ANY CHANGES TO THE ABOVE WILL BE UPDATED VIA ROBO CALL OR ON SAINTBARTHOLOMEWPARISH FACEBOOK PAGE.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

We have two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.

Please send your names to stbartsreled@aol.com and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: stbartsreled@aol.com



Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,

through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope. Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note). Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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 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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik, and Mary Drohan Barrett.

Please contact 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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Raymond Novak and

Louis Porfirio.

May 3, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

***EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED ONES BELOW AND FOR
OUR PARISH, especially during our LIVE STREAM MASSES
EACH DAY AT 10 AM.***

Saturday, May 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Victor & Lucille Serricchio +

**Sunday, May 3, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Luigi Lucchetti +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +
5:00 PM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia
Families

**Monday, May 4
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

**Tuesday, May 5
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

**Wednesday, May 6
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Fiore Brusco +
9:00 AM Robert Francis Schanz +

**Thursday, May 7
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Michael Califano +

**Friday, May 8
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

**Saturday, May 9
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Saturday, May 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Matthew Lombardo +

**Sunday, May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +
10:00 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +
11:30 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased
Mothers

May 3, 2020

The need for blood STILL EXISTS! It doesn't go away. NYBC is encouraging all donors to call and make appointments at a convenient time at one of the local collection centers.

You can check out the following for additional information:



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

<https://www.nybloodcenter.org/news/articles/new-york-blood-center-expands-capacity-donors-centers-urges-healthy-donors-schedule-appointments-maintain-blood-supply-critical-time/>

<https://nybc.org/donate-blood/covid-19-and-blood-donation-copy/>

If you have been on the St Bart's list for quite some time and have donated at St Bart's infrequently or have never donated with us, PLEASE sign up with NYBC to help alleviate the critical shortage. If you wish, you can credit St Bart's by using code 07747.

We thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca

Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

With whom do we converse and listen to the most? Believe it or not, the answer is ourselves. We are constantly having conversations with ourselves, and sometimes we even get caught! Our inner conversations reveal the truth about ourselves. We really cannot hide from ourselves, although we often pretend we can. By conversing with ourselves, we find solutions to our challenges, problem solve, work through our relationships, formulate opinions, run through dress rehearsals of possible conversations, and wrestle with and determine our system of priorities and values. What other voices affect the conversations we have with ourselves?

Often, voices from our past continue to haunt us. These voices cause us to mistrust our judgment, harbor anger, and cling to our fears of rejection, failure, being wrong, and the like. It is in these inner conversations that we face what holds us captive — our limitations, weaknesses, sinfulness, and stubborn ego preoccupations. We often go about our lives putting out one fire or another, keeping ourselves preoccupied and busy, and trying to stay on top of things. Intentionally or unintentionally, we find ourselves wandering off.

We turn around and can no longer see our home. We look down at our feet and realize we have lost our anchor. Feeling scared, out of place, desolate, unsettled, and lonely, we realize that we are lost.

We listened to the wrong voices! In the midst of everything competing for our attention, the voice of the One who could truly call us home got muffled. We didn't hear it. As our inner dialogues continue to play out, the one voice we need to consult — even before our own — is God's. He is the Good Shepherd who can keep us safely where we need to be. As we graze through the stuff of our lives, we must constantly remember to look up, be attentive, and stay focused. Our habits of prayer are the only things that can properly root us and keep us grounded.

Contemplating God's presence and developing an inner awareness of love incarnate, we will then find ourselves praying unceasingly as the days and nights and the ebbs and flows of our lives unfold. Suddenly, the inner conversations we are constantly having are no longer just with ourselves or with voices that can lead us astray but with the Trinity, who desperately wants us to stay home.

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