

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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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
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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

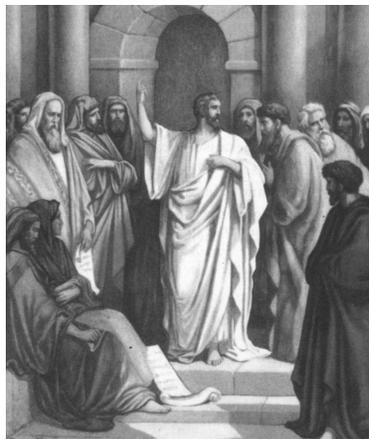
Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

GIVING WITNESS TO THE FORGIVENESS I EXPERIENCE
IN JESUS



Peter is a model for the Christian disciple, calling out the people on their sin, but with understanding and compassion, all while guiding them to conversion of heart. Though accusing them of being responsible for Christ's death, he tells them, "Now I know...that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did" (Acts 3:17). He does not excuse their role in the evil, but he provides an explanation. They were following their leaders, perhaps intimidated by them. He knows what that kind of weakness is like. After all, he abandoned the Lord on that fateful night, intimidated by people who could have turned him over to the authorities. But just as he knows their weakness, he knows the forgiveness that comes with repentance. So he eagerly offers them the opportunity for conversion.

Like repentance and forgiveness, knowledge of God and faithfulness to God's commandments go hand in hand. Those who know the goodness of God, who know the mercy of God, who know the love of God, wish to keep God's commandments; for living by those commandments increases the goodness in our life and the world, comforts us with mercy when we sin, and enables "the love of God (to be) truly perfected" in us (1 John 2:5). Sometimes keeping God's commandments may be difficult or painful, especially when we focus on short-term satisfaction. For long-term satisfaction, a life well lived exceeds any temporary happiness.



At the time the resurrected Jesus spoke to His disciples, His words and actions had not yet been written down. But He told His disciples that words had already been written about Him, words written long before His birth to Mary, words in the law and the prophets and the psalms. In establishing the new covenant, Jesus fulfilled these words. His disciples may not have understood on their own, but just as He opened their eyes in the breaking of the bread, He "opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45). Let us be similarly blessed each week in the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I give witness to the forgiveness I have experienced in Jesus?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.

In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding, bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven, nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation, where the world is still in pain.

Sing for all the world to hear: "Christ is risen!"

God the First and Last is with us, Sing Hosanna everyone!

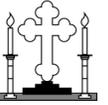
PARISH NEWS



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 ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Gloria De Luccy by her sisters, Lorraine Zigabarra & Audrey Chiascione.



A REMINDER

The Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project that every family in our parish has been asked to consider joining this year by donating the change that has been saved during lent and placing it in an almsgiving container has now ended. **It is now time to return the container to us.** You can put the money you have collected in an envelope, mark it "Lenten Almsgiving Project" or "Mission Project" and drop the envelope in the collection basket. Or you can return the envelope or coin boxes to the parish office on **Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Thank you. Cheryl Duda



FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 18th AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Anthony Giuriceo

Robert Liddell

Joseph Paul Prior

Gloria De Luccy

Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio

Edison Blanco

OUR "AHA" MOMENT

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND

9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM****

St. Bart's and The New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 87 donors who came down to the 98th Blood Drive on 3/30/2021 to donate 79 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7440 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage. 69 donors gave a regular donation.

5 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system.

13 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 26 new donors and 11 walk-ins. 22 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 22 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling NYBC at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are planning our next drive sometime in the summer and look forward to continuing this much needed community service. Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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.saintbartparish.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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, 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, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, Norah Murphy, and Emil Kurak.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a lovedone to the sick list.



April 18, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, April 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Third Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Anthony Giuriceo+
Robert Liddell +
Joseph Paul Prior +
Gloria De Luccy +
Carmela, Frank & Dina Legio +
Edison Blanco +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, April 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

Tuesday, April 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Faranda & DePole
Families

Wednesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jerry Esposito +

Thursday, April 22

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Mikey Joe O'Regan +

Friday, April 23

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

Saturday, April 24

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Sal & Luciano LaBruzzo +

Saturday, April 24 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +
James & Margaret Manning +
Carole Romanowski (Living)
Betty & John Sapko +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

April 18, 2021

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 in 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 I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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 of New York, 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. Amen.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

