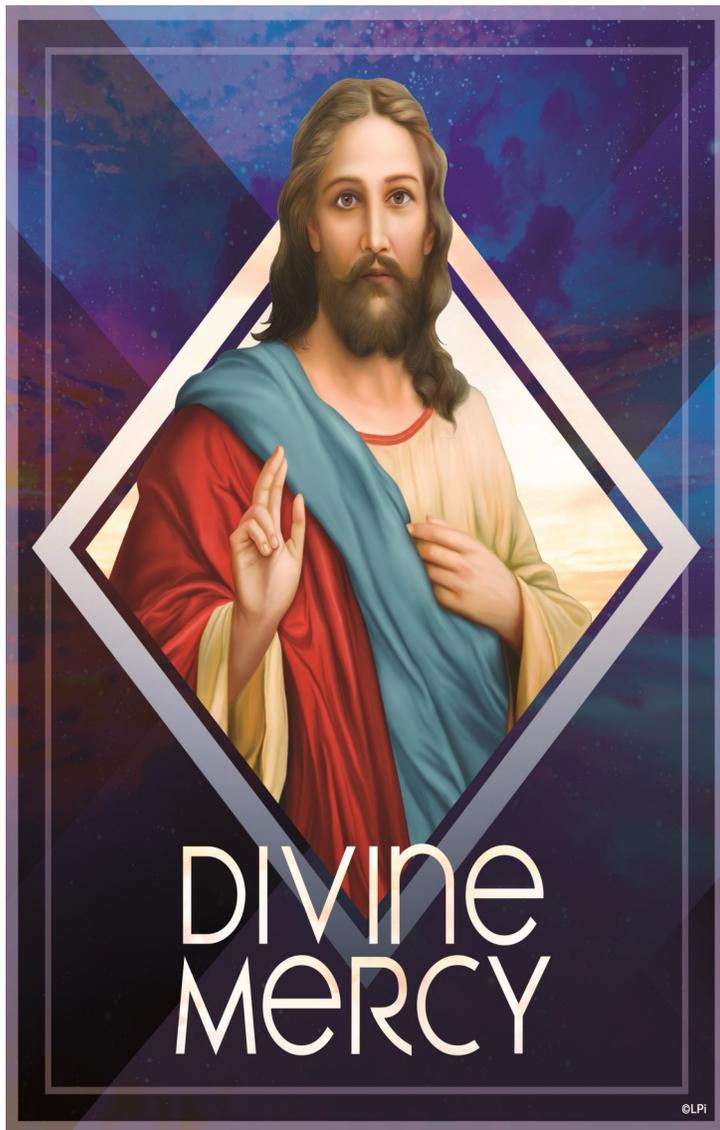


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

TO WHOM DO I NEED TO OFFER MERCY?

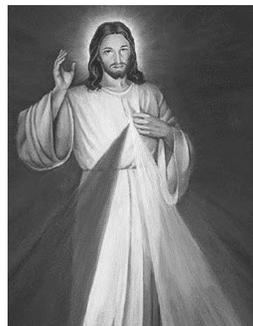
When Saint Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles, many Christians believed that Christ's second coming was imminent. As Luke himself wrote in his Gospel, Jesus told His disciples that "this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place," referring to the signs preceding the coming of the Son of Man (Luke 21:32). The early church's belief that judgment day could be coming at any moment led them to focus on making sure that the community was exhibiting the values Jesus taught. If the world was ending, there was no reason to hoard possessions for the long term. Freely give to those in need! Though we have no reason to believe that the end of the world will come in our lifetimes, we know that our own particular judgment day could come at any time. It will definitely come at the end of our lives. So we would be well advised to follow the same gospel values as did the early church: share what you have, ensure no one is needy, take care of each other.



Besides missing seeing the risen Lord in the flesh, Saint Thomas also missed receiving the Holy Spirit on that first day of the week. Perhaps his doubt and disbelief stemmed from not having the Holy Spirit within him to guide him to the truth. We have each received the Holy Spirit in baptism, so we have an advantage Thomas did not have at the time. Let us allow the Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth.



We bestow mercy on someone when they have done something wrong, choosing to refrain from punishing them even when they deserve some penalty. But more than that, the mercy that Jesus taught in the story of the prodigal son, showed to the woman caught in adultery, and offered Peter after he denied Him three times is a mercy that is steeped in empathy, a mercy given to someone who is not able to forgive him—or herself. It is when we feel that we are beyond mercy that we stand most in need of God's divine mercy. It is when we have been wronged by someone who feels that they are beyond mercy that we are called to imitate our Lord in offering mercy. Not because he or she deserves it. Because without mercy, we are all lost.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
To whom do I need to offer mercy?

Blessings **Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Pope John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, and to ensure that the faithful would observe the day with devotion, he established special graces for participating in prayers and devotions honoring God's Divine Mercy. In his homily at the beatification of Sister Mary Faustina, he reflected on the reading of the Second Sunday of Easter, saying: "The message of the divine mercy is implicitly a message about the value of every human being. Each person is precious in God's eyes. Christ gave His life for each one, to everyone the Father gives His Spirit and offers intimacy. The Feast of Divine Mercy is both a celebration of God's merciful love and an example for us to follow. God's love for us is never more evident than when He forgives our sins. What a great gift of His Divine Mercy we receive through our priests, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We have a duty not only to praise this gift of His Divine Mercy, but also to be agents of mercy in the lives of other people by performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

PARISH NEWS

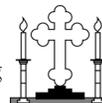


THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE, & ATLAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of John Esposito and Jerry Esposito by Josephine Smith.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in loving memory of Josephine Califano by the Martinez Family



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Daisy Bermeo who was Baptized, Confirmed, and received First Eucharist at our Easter Vigil. A special thank you to her family and sponsors for all of their support during her journey of faith.



A Special Thank You



TO THOSE WHO TOOK THE LENTEN CHALLENGE AND donated a tray of ziti or rice and beans, a total of 50 trays were donated to Immaculate Conception in the Bronx. We are truly grateful and may God bless you!!

A REMINDER

Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project that every family in our parish has been asked to consider joining us this year by donating the change that has been saved during lent and placing it in an almsgiving container. It is now time to return the container to us. The donations are for the street children of the South Sudan Mission sponsored by the Missionaries of St. Paul. If we each do our small part, collectively we can make the world a better place one child at a time. *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 11th AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Lucille & Carl Rossi
Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies
Deceased Members of the Lucchetti & Capuano Families
Anna & Anthony Farracco
Lucia Phillips



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
Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons. The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction. Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes? That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants. It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves? Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



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 (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 and Norah Murphy. **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.**

Dear God, Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth. May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too. Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen



April 11, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, April 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30 AM Lucille & Carl Rossi +
Deceased Members of the Holy Name
& Rosary Altar Societies
Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &
Capuano Families
Anna & Anthony Farracco +
Lucia Phillips +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, April 12

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira (Living)

9:00 AM John Esposito & Jerry Esposito +

Tuesday, April 13

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Wednesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira (Living)

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Thursday, April 15

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Josephine Califano +

Friday, April 16

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Roderick Lewis Hohl, Sr. +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Faranda & De Pole
Families

Saturday, April 17

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

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

April 11, 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

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

