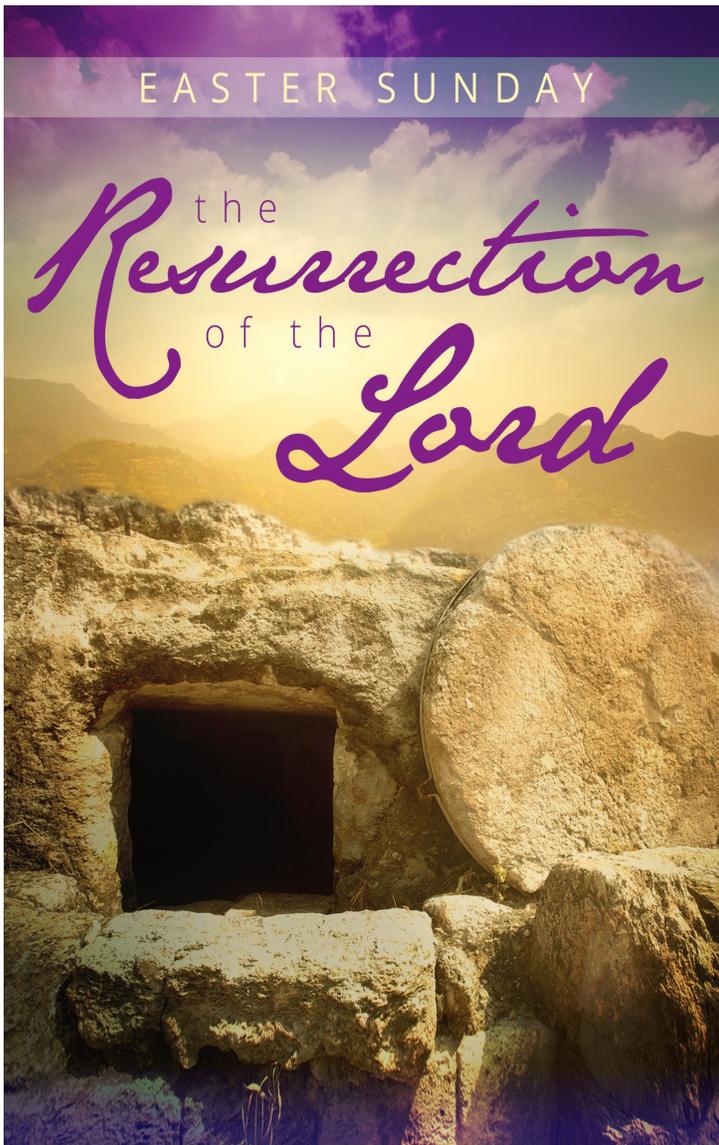


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 Ezeh, 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

HOW CAN I WITNESS TO RESURRECTION TIME?

We're used to using terms like B.C. and A.D. or C.E. (Common Era) and B.C.E. ( Before Common Era) to divide human history in two, but perhaps a more significant division occurred with the event we celebrate today. When raising



Jesus Christ from the dead, God ushered in a new era: Resurrection time. Resurrection time means sharing in the hope of eternal life with the Lord. It means that God has chosen to bring salvation to this imperfect world. It means that we are

called to bring new life, resurrected life, to our world. In the beginning God created the world and in the Resurrection, God saved the world. Because we are made in the image of God, we are challenged to be creative and salvific in the way we act. "Seek what is above," Paul commands us, for we "were raised in Christ" (Colossians 3:1). We look to the resurrected Christ, who joins the Father in heaven, but is also with us always. When we love our neighbor, when we help our sisters and brothers, we are not just doing the right thing, we are not just doing what Jesus asked us to do, we are also participating in the redemptive work of our Lord. We are living in Resurrection time.

In John's Gospel we get to hear of three different reactions to the empty tomb. It is dark, the woman is alone, and she immediately runs for help. Peter, the first to enter the tomb, is confused as well. He takes the time to see the burial cloths rolled up separately, not thrown or unrolled on the floor as they would be if the body had been dragged away. But he did not understand. Neither did John, "the disciple whom Jesus loved," but he saw and he believed. Perhaps it was the intensity of his love that led to his immediate belief. His heart moved faster than his head. He did not understand the Resurrection yet, but he so wanted the crucifixion of the one he loved not to be the end that but the beginning of eternal life..



The initial encounter of the empty tomb exposes a paradox. It is not the presence of Jesus that inspired belief in John, but his absence. Belief came without seeing, hearing, or touching. It came without proof. It came alongside doubt and confusion. But it came nonetheless. Different disciples took different routes to belief. We heard this today and will continue to hear it over the next two Sundays. We take different routes ourselves. In His presence, or in His absence, belief can rise in us.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I come to believe? How can I witness to "Resurrection time," to this era in which our lives have a deeper dimension and a greater purpose?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*



**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE EASTER VIGIL AT 7:30 P.M. AND THE EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS EASTER SUNDAY MASS, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

**MARGARET T. MACCIA**

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BRUSCO & NANOIA FAMILIES  
PATRICK & LENA CASTALDO**

**PARISH NEWS**



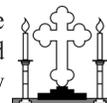
**THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.

**My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen.**

*Father Raphael, Deacon Bob and Parish Staff, wish you and your loved ones a safe and blessed Easter and may you truly welcome the Risen Lord into your hearts and home.*



**THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Nanoia Families by Angela Brusco.



**A Special Thank You**

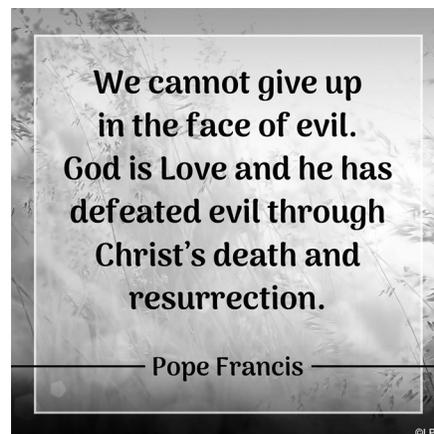
- The Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio by Anna Legio.*
- The Easter banner is donated in loving memory of Louis Steven Barcelo by Anne Marie Colon.*
- The Easter banner is donated in loving memory of Ferdinand Colon by Anne Colon.*
- The Pentecost Banner is donated in loving memory of Dorcas Albino by Roland Albino.*

**Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project** A REMINDER 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.



*Religious Education*

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**



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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\*\*\*\*

EASTER PRAYER

Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ. Lord, we lift our eyes to You. As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colors of promise in Your word. Lord, we lift our prayers to You. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, You sustain us, keep us and work within us always. And so, we lift our voices to You. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise You! Amen. —Author Unknown



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

STEWARDSHIP

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

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 and Ken Shost.

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.



April 4, 2021

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021**  
**Easter Vigil**

7:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Sunday, April 4 2021**

**Easter Sunday—Resurrection of our Lord**

9:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +  
Deceased Members of the Brusco &  
Nanoia Families  
Patrick & Lena Castaldo +

11:30 AM **For All the People of Our Parish**

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**Monday, April 5**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePole &  
Faranda Families

9:00 AM Alexandra Plescia +

**Tuesday, April 6**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +

**Wednesday, April 7**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Bob Webb +

**Thursday, April 8**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Daniel J. De Rosa +

**Friday, April 9**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Elsie Kocur +

**Saturday, April 10**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

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**Saturday, April 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, April 11, 2020**  
**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

April 4, 2021

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

**HOLY**  
  
**COMMUNION**

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.

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**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**

EASTER

