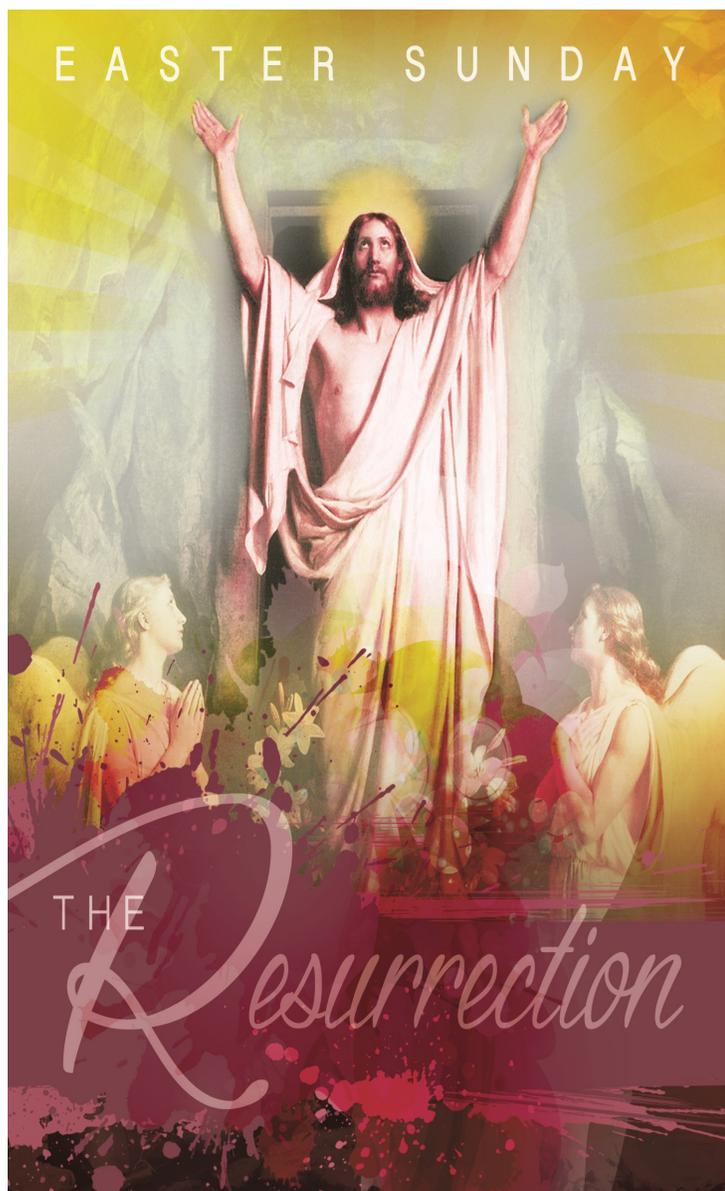


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

**WHAT CAN I MAKE NEW IN MY LIFE  
SO THAT I CAN ASSIST OTHERS?**

The disciple whom Jesus loved is a model for all of us, for he believed before he understood. After all, the Resurrection is an event beyond human understanding. Science and logic cannot explain the mystery that is fully known to God alone. But this doesn't mean that the mystery hasn't been revealed to us at all. Jesus revealed glimpses of the mystery throughout His mission. He raised up those who were put down or shut out by society, whether by sin, disability, or disrepute—those whom others were unwilling to engage. He raised the girl thought dead and Lazarus, four days in the tomb. He repeatedly told His disciples that He Himself would be raised on the third day. The disciple Jesus loved could not explain what happened, but He believed that it was true.



Again and again, over the last here years we have longed for a return to normal, a return to what it was like before COVID-19. It is an understandable sentiment, considering the difficult changes and traumatic losses we've suffered in our everyday lives. But let Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians point us in a different direction. "Clear out the old yeast," He told them, "so that you may become a fresh batch of dough," (1 Corinthians 5:7). Easter does not point us to the past, but to the future. The Resurrection is not a resuscitation, but a transformation. The disciples did not return to their lives from three years before, to fishing and collecting taxes and hanging around Galilee. No, their lives were transformed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they preached the gospel and made disciples of all nations. In them, new yeast rose.



Where were all the other disciples besides, Mary of Magdala, Peter, and John? Quite possibly they were in hiding, fearful that they could be prosecuted and jailed (or worse) if they were identified as friends of the agitator whom the authorities had just crucified. Locked in their hiding places, they were nearly as entombed as Jesus had been. They needed to be raised as well. God raised Jesus from the dead, then also soon raised the disciples from their self-imposed tombs. Once raised, they were able to continue Jesus' mission, preaching the gospel, baptizing the eager, and making disciples of all nations. This is our challenge as well. We may not be in hiding, but we may be overwhelmed by the darkness we may feel that the dawn will never come. We look to our God who raises the dead, the disciples in their hiding-place tombs as well as the literally dead, to restore us to life, to restore us to living.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community, in the world?  
*Blessings* *Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**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.



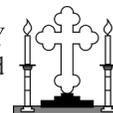
*My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen.*

*Fr. Raphael, Fr. Victor and the Parish Staff wish you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.*



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** is donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Nanaoia Families.

**THE ALTAR CANDLES AND THE SANCUTARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Nanaoia Families.



**Father Raphael and Father Victor will be heading out to Texas for their annual MSP meeting early this week. Therefore, there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. this Monday through Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>.**



**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use cereal, beans, pasta, and juices.*

**May God bless you all for your generosity.**

**EASTER WISH LIST**

In anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following Easter item in memory of a loved one:

**Easter Paschal Candle: \$400**



Please contact the Parish office for more information.



*Lord, I thank You for Your sacrifice on the cross and I thank You for Your resurrection from the tomb, and God, I pray that this truth becomes alive in every person's heart today, that people stand up and respond to Your truth, saying, 'Jesus, I thank You for what You did. Amen*

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:**



**MASSES**  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,**  
**12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM**

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

***Palms for Palm Sunday were also donated by:***

*Claire Campisi in loving memory of Vincent Campisi & Julieann Campisi Moroch.*



St Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **104th Blood Drive** on **FRIDAY, April 14th** from 12 noon to 6 pm, at St. Bartholomew's. Due to the conditions of the roof in the gym, the drive will be held in the parking lot using the Blood Center bus.

It is preferable to make appointments by using:  
[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/280910](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910).



NY Blood Center prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only if capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment. Covid policy and precautions will meet current FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be optional.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Tell your family and friends too.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS COME TO CHRIST**

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate. On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday collection:** \$2,703.00  
**On Line giving:** \$1,045.00  
**Total:** \$3,748.00

**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 donation, 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](http://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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, 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, 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 and Richard Romanowski.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**The 2023 Mass book still 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 THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPENED ON SH WEDNESDAY. BOOK YOUR 2024 MASSES AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

April 9, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, April 8**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 AM Blessing of the Bread at 9:00 AM

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Of The Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies

Deceased Members of the Brusco &  
Nanoia Families

11:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +

Steven Fitzpatrick +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

(Spanish Mass)

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**Monday, April 10**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

**Tuesday, April 11**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Josephine & Michael Califano +

**Wednesday, April 12**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM John Esposito & Jerry Esposito +

**Thursday, April 13**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Friday, April 14**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

**Saturday, April 15**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Maria Corsetti +

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**Saturday, April 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

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**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**Divine Mercy**

9:30 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &  
Capuano Families

11:00 AM Rosita Montelbano +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

(Spanish Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

April 9, 2023

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for the victory and power in your Name. Thank you that you hold the keys over death, that by your might, Jesus was raised from the grave, paving the way for us to



have new life with you. Thank you that you had plan, that you made a way.

We confess our need for you... fresh...new...

again. We ask that you renew our hearts, minds, and

lives, for the days ahead. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, reminding us we are safe with you and that your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

Thanks be to you God, for your indescribable gift! To you be glory and honor, on this Resurrection Day, and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

EASTER

