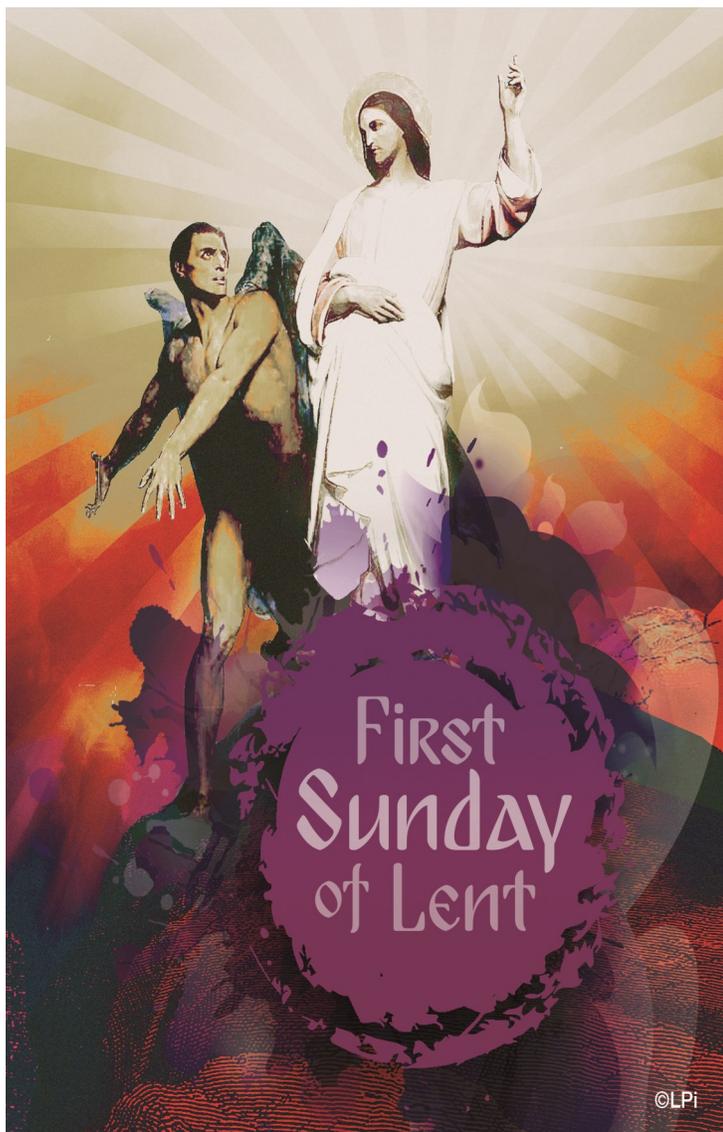


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

What Cross Do I Bear During this Lent?



Rainbows consist of light waves of differing wave-lengths reflecting and refracting off water droplets in the air, then dispersing at slightly different angles. Without the rain droplets, there would be no rainbow. The same rain that flooded the earth formed the rainbow that symbolized the promise that no such flood would ever occur again. The sun, which had been blotted out during the forty days of devastating rain, now shone brightly on the droplets of rain to produce the benign bow.

The covenant that God made with Noah and his family is unlike any other covenant or agreement ever made. In other cases, one party can break the contract and it will become null and void. Not so with God's covenant. It survived the tower at Babel to be renewed with Abraham. It continued despite the Israelites' grumbling and disobedience and was renewed with Moses. God renewed it with David and his descendants and fulfilled it in Jesus. Through all these generations, faithful or not, the covenant has kept God's people tethered to God.

Immediately after the Spirit descends upon Jesus when He is baptized this same Spirit drives Him into the desert to be tempted by Satan. Jesus withstands temptation, strengthening Him for His ministry, which He begins by proclaiming, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). We may have heard the same words just a few days ago when we were signed with the ashes that were traced on our foreheads in the shape of that cross that Jesus accepted and asks us all to do as well. May we be strengthened over these forty days so that we might carry our crosses.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What cross have I been avoiding that I should accept during this time in the Lenten desert?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

- DECEASED:**
 Charles Sullivan +
 Elizabeth Feroletto +
 Michael Castagnozzi +
 Mary Ann Karpinski +
 Rafael Padilla +
 Hermino Negron +
 Domenico Ruggiero +

EASTER WISH LIST

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a holy Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): Paschal Candle and 3 bundles of palms. Please contact the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially William Gorman. *Rest in Peace*

Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project

Imagine your child at the age of 10 being orphaned because of 20 years of war in your country. He is now scavenging through scraps that people throw away to find food and living in the streets. Homelessness among children is a particularly acute problem in South Sudan, with many children living in the streets, cemeteries, markets, etc. They are often subject to violence and exploitation.



Religious Education

Why am I telling you this? For the past 15 or so years, each Lent we sponsor a Lenten almsgiving project that benefits various missions run by the Missionary Society of St Paul, commonly known as MSP, which is the order in which the priests of our

parish belong. During Lent the money we save from what we give up is meant to be used to help the poor. This year we plan to help children in war torn South Sudan at an MSP mission.

In a small way, the MSP Fathers try to help these street children at their South Sudan Mission. They presently have rescued 25 young boys between the ages of 10 and 15 from the streets. The 25 boys rescued from the streets will receive an education at the MSP Fathers school program which is considered the best school in the state. They will have food to eat, a shelter where they can lay their heads at night and health care in a country where children die from diseases easily cured. Last year through our Lenten almsgiving we were able to provide the MSP Fathers will donations to care for five children for the year. It presently cost approximately \$450 per year for each child.

I am asking every family in our parish to consider joining us this year by either picking up an almsgiving container in the back of the church on Ash Wednesday or making your own at home from an empty can, plastic container, or zip lock bag. Each day place the change you saved by what you and your family give up for Lent in the container. At the end of Lent, right after Easter, return the container to us. 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6 to 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m., the Stations of the Cross, in the Church. Stations of the Cross will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.



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****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

PRAYER FOR FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Lord God on this first Sunday in Lent, we remember the trials and temptations of your son Jesus Christ in His journey through the wilderness, and how He triumphed over all.

In our prayers we think of the difficult journeys in life encountered by so many people in the world.

We pray that in their different times of need, they may find discernment to see their way ahead, and strength to overcome whatever problems they face.

We pray that faith may be deepened in this period of Lent, and all may walk in the light of the Lord.

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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.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, Jerry Esposito, 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, and James Burns.

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.

February 21, 2021

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, February 20(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 21, 2021
The First Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Charles Sullivan +
Elizabeth Feroletto +
Michael Castagnozzi
Mary Ann Karpinski +
Rafael Padilla +
Hermino Negron +
Domenico Ruggiero +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Angela Yanet Cuevas +

Tuesday, February 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Philip F. Morrissey +

Wednesday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Michael Wojtaski +

Thursday, February 25

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Faranda &
De Pole Families

9:00 AM Edward & Lorraine Groth +

Friday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

Saturday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

Saturday, February 27(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, February 28, 2021
The Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +
Caroline & Peter Klee +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
Lisa Alexis Villar +
Maureen T. Potter +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

February 21, 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.

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

