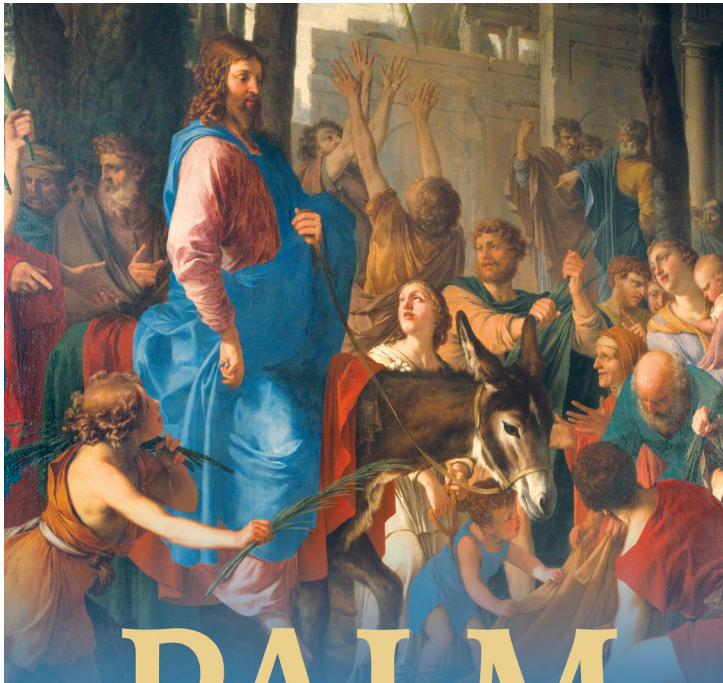


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## PALM SUNDAY

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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  
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);  
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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

**RELY ON GOD DURING ALL YOUR TRIALS AND HARDSHIPS**



“The whole city was shaken” (Matthew 21:10). If the beasts of burden, the tree branches all over the road, and the shouted hosannas weren’t enough of a sign, when Jesus passes through the gates of the holy city the very earth quakes. Among all the evangelists, the Greek verb *eseisthe* is unique to Matthew. He uses it three times: here, in the moment Jesus dies (27:51), and when the angel appears outside the empty tomb (28:4). It is a sign of a the epiphany, a manifestation of God on earth. The final two times the witnesses react immediately with the recognition of God’s presence, but for now the city is ignorant. “Who is this?” is a far cry from “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (21:10, 27:54). The earthquake tells them that something momentous is happening, but they don’t yet realize that in seeing Jesus they have seen the Lord

Jesus is on His own. Everyone had abandoned Him. Judas betrayed Him, His closest friends fell asleep, all His disciples fled after His arrest, Peter denied even knowing Him. Pilate believed Him innocent, but washed his hands of Him in frustration with the riotous crowd. Those passing by the crucified Jesus openly mocked Him, observing that God had obviously deserted Him. Finally, Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). In His agony, Jesus wondered if even His Father had left Him to die all alone.

The psalmist feels abandoned as well, as we might if we are persecuted and find ourselves on our own. Gloom and despair close in like a pack of dogs, from which there is no escape. Like one defeated, the psalmist loses all his belongings, right down to what he is wearing. But he continues to call on God, continues to place his faith in God, continues to praise God. God’s power and mercy are greater than the forces of the entire world around him.

For many of us, most of the time we live a very comfortable life. We are blessed with a wonderful family, a decent job, good health, and a nice place to live. God is smiling upon us. We aren’t even conscious of our good fortune. But then a spouse leaves, or we lose our job, or we find out we have cancer, or disaster strikes, like what we are going through now with the corona virus. Now where is God? Isaiah, taking on the persona of the Suffering Servant, never doubts that God is right there with Him. Therefore, no matter how excruciatingly difficult it is for Him, He is willing to face it head on. Despite the violence He is forced to endure, He takes refuge in the knowledge that God is stronger and will save Him.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I rely on God during my trials and hardships? How will this help?

**Blessings**

**Father Raphael**

**PARISH NEWS**



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of deceased members of the Brusco & Nanoia families.



**Religious Ed Students & Parents - An update from Cheryl Duda**



*Religious Education*

1. Please complete the **Third Lesson** in your take home lesson packet this week. Children should complete the chapter review on loose-leaf paper and give to you to hold so it is not lost. These will be collected when we return to classes so the child may receive credit for

completing the work.

2. If you have not yet registered for Formed please go to the webpage now ([formed.org](http://formed.org)) and do so. We will be using resources from this site in future weeks.

3. Anyone needing to reach me please email me at <mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com>

**Formed.org**

Our parish has a free subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. To register for this free resource follow these easy steps.

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org). Click on "sign up".

Click on "I belong to a parish or organization".

Start typing name- St. Bartholomew Yonkers (You will see a number of parishes with this name).

Scroll to St. Bartholomew Yonkers NY.

Hit next, -create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser [formed.org](http://formed.org) and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items: tuna, canned fruit, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.



Our Outreach Group will be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh/ canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**MASSES, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US**

**ST. BART'S MASSES, STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND EUCHARIST ADORATION ARE LIVE STREAMED**



Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.  
Weekday Masses at 10 a.m.  
Eucharistic Adoration, this Tuesday at 6 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross, Friday, at 5 p.m.

**IT'S EASY**, just go to [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org),

GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE

CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON, This will bring you directly to the page and wait for the Mass to begin. If the video does not come up at 10, **REFRESH**. (You can also find the Live stream of Mass on the left side under the church picture. Click on Watch Mass—10 a.m.

For anyone who is not on Facebook and needs help setting up an account, please contact the Parish Office or Cheryl Duda.

We would like to start two prayer lists for the Corona Virus. The first list will be for people who currently have the virus and need prayers. The second list will be for those working in the hospitals directly with the Corona Virus patients.



Please send your names to [stbartsreled@aol.com](mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com) and state whether the person is sick with the virus or is a medical person working in the hospital with corona virus patients. Send all information to: [stbartsreled@aol.com](mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com)

**Pray the Rosary with St. Bart's Seniors Group**

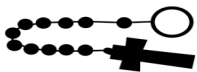
Monday-Friday at 9:15 a.m.

Free dial-in phone number

1-805-309-011

Access code: 883623#

All Are Welcome!



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday - 10 a.m. Mass (Palms will not be distributed, the Archdiocese will announce information about Palms and the celebration of Palm Sunday at a later date).

Penance - Father is thinking of Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the school but will announce updated information.

Masses Monday through Wednesday - 10 a.m.

Holy Thursday - Father will advise

Good Friday - Father will advise

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil - Father will advise

Easter Sunday - 10 a.m.

Father will announce updated information on [SaintBartholomewParish](https://www.facebook.com/SaintBartholomewParish) facebook page or by robo call to parish members.



**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](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) 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, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLucy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik, Mary Drohan Barrett and Thomas Swetz.

**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.**



**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Virginia Graham. And Antoinette Irene Guadagno.



April 5, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

***EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED ONES BELOW AND FOR  
OUR PARISH, especially during our LIVE STREAM MASSES  
EACH DAY AT 10 AM.***

**Saturday, April 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

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**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30 AM Victoria Argentino +

10:00 AM Anthony Giuriceo +

11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, April 6**

**Monday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +

9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

**Wednesday, April 8**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

9:00 AM Jennifer Carole Romanowski +

**Thursday, April 9**

**Thursday of Holy Week - Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper & Eucharistic Adoration: time  
will be announced through facebook page or robo call.

**Friday, April 10**

**Friday of the Passion of the Lord = Good Friday**

Stations of the Cross and Service: time will be announced  
through facebook page or robo call.

**Saturday, April 11**

**Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil**

Information will be announced through facebook page or  
robo call.

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**Sunday, April 12, 2020**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
(Live Stream Mass at 10 a.m.)**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
and Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia  
Families

*April 5, 2020*

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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 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.

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***REMINDER FOR THOSE WHO STILL WANT TO DONATE BLOOD***

Anyone wishing to donate may go to any of the donor centers (expanded hours) listed at the NYBC website:

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/donor-center-locations-march-2020>

Key phone numbers for NYBC are:

Eligibility 800-688-0900  
General 800-933-2566



If you wish to credit your donation to St. Bart's, please use the group code 07747.

**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

It is obvious that this is a critical time for donors to continue to donate. Those in need of blood have no control over that need. Please do your best to see that donations continue to meet that need.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive