

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
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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.

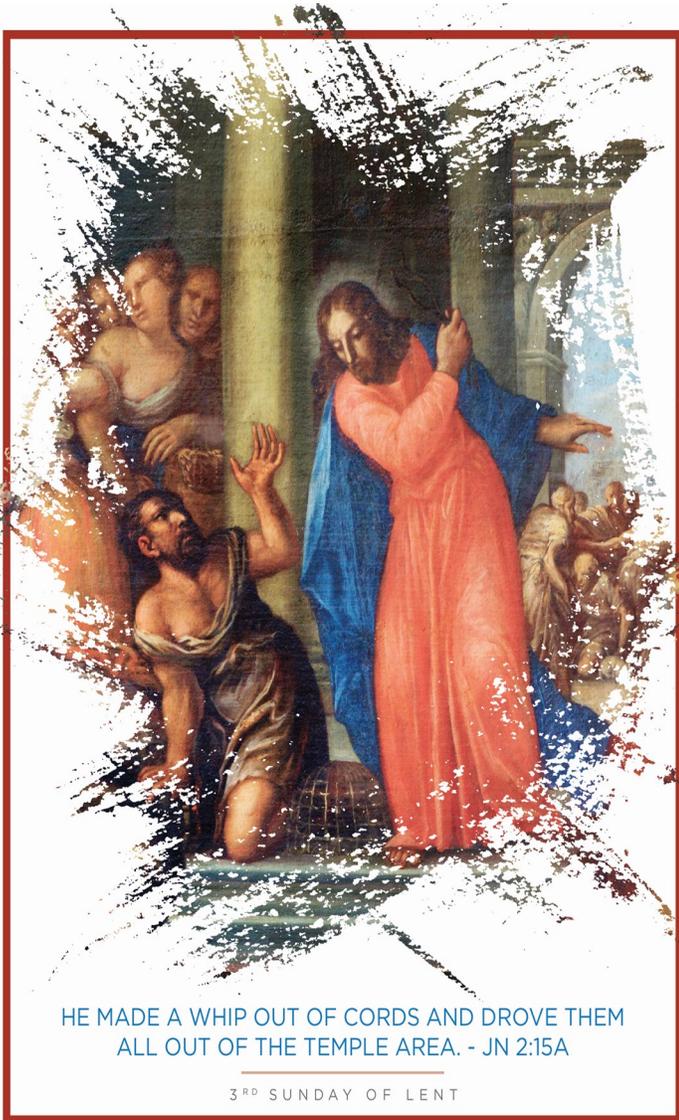
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

SHARE THE WATER AND BRING LIFE TO SOMEONE ELSE

Of all the physical features of the landscape that could potentially hold water, a rock has got to be just about the least likely. A rock is dense, dry, and nearly impenetrable. Even if it were possible to crush a rock, there would be nothing with any moisture inside. Yet God directs Moses to a rock and from it flows enough water for the entire camp. The psalmist speaks of dense substances as well when speaking metaphorically about our hearts. We may recall a time we saw someone respond as if they had a stony heart; perhaps others have seen that in us at some time. Let us pray that when we hear the Lord's voice – and it could be at any time – we soften our hearts and allow the living water that can penetrate the stoniest of hearts to flow through us and out of us to satisfy all those whom we meet.



There are many reasons why the woman at the well may have been visiting it alone. Certainly, not many folks would voluntarily choose to draw water in the middle of the day when the temperature is elevated. Perhaps she was shunned because of her many marriages. Perhaps she was pitied because each of her husbands left her widowed and poor. Whatever the case, she came alone and isolated, but after leaving Jesus she immediately interacted with the people of the town. Whether they'd shunned her or pitied her or just left her alone, she now reconciled with them, for now they listened to her and followed her to the Christ. Jesus healed her relationship with her neighbors.



Jesus challenges us to follow His lead and break down the barriers to acceptance and relationships. He approaches and strikes up a conversation with an unmarried Samaritan woman – both of them would have considered the other heretical and unclean – and softens her reluctance to accept Him. When we isolate ourselves from another person, whether due to race, class, gender, or any other such category, we refuse in a significant way our solidarity with all God's children. May Jesus' actions inspire our own.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I share the water that brings me life with someone else? With whom can I break through a barrier to satisfy their thirst?

Blessings

Father Raphael

2024 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

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.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Adoration at 6 p.m. And Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected for March on THIS Saturday, March 2nd one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on THIS Sunday March 3rd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



The 2024 Mass book 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: THE 2025 Mass book opened on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

CAN YOU RECITE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS BY HEART?

Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S
IS AS FOLLOWS:



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

Join us for our Parish Mission on Monday,
March 18th and Wednesday, March 20th at 7
pm in the Church.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS
Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — he's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Loving Father,
So many times I turn away from you
and always you welcome me back.
Your mercy and love gives me confidence
Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray
so that you can form a new heart within me.
Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses
leads me to ask for mercy
and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✉

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 18th

Sunday collection: \$3,726.00
On Line giving: \$1,705.00
Total: \$5,431.00

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 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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

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.

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March 3, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, March 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Jeri Michele Sugrue +

**Sunday, March 3
Third Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Barbara Fandel +
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. &
Joseph Pasqualoni III
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Helen Schavarian +

**Monday, March 4
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM For All The Souls In Purgatory
9:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr.

**Tuesday, March 5
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Paul Burge +

**Weekday, March 6
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez +
9:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

**Thursday, March 7
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Victoria Argentino +
9:00 AM John Smith +

**Friday, March 8
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePole
& Faranda Families
9:00 AM Vincent Burns +

**Saturday, March 9
Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Amedeo & Angie Lepore +

**Sunday, March 10
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
Theresa Venturino +
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

March 3, 2024

Our warmest welcome to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you!

Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.



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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check (X) the appropriate box below, or you may also use the Registration Form found on the table at the rear of the Church; and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Comment: _____

- I am interested in parish membership.
- I am a visitor.
- Change of Address / Telephone Number.
- I am moving out of the Parish.
- I am going to the hospital.
- I would like to be visited by a priest / minister.
- Please send me the Catholic New York.

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

3D SUNDAY OF LENT

