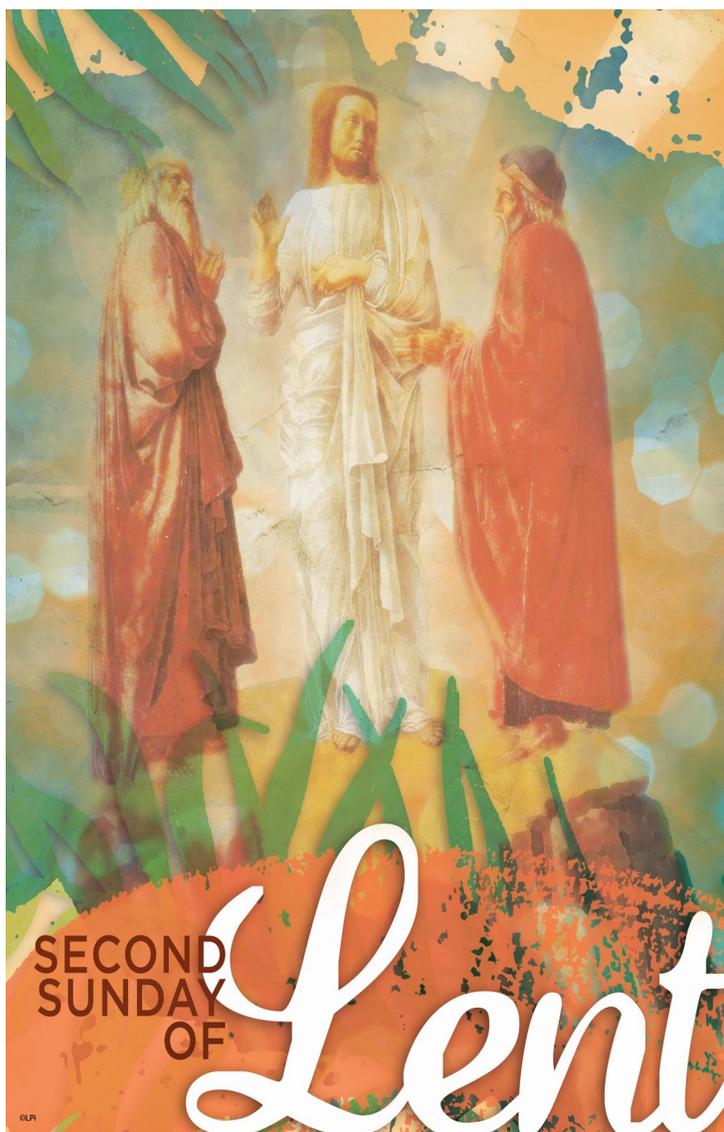


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

**TRANSFIGURE YOUR LIFE DURING THIS LENT**

Only Abraham's tremendous trust in God's plan made him willing to sacrifice his own son. It couldn't possibly have made sense. He must have asked himself how he could have descendants as numerous as the stars if his only son is dead. But he trusted in God and God transfigured an occasion of human sacrifice to one of animal sacrifice. Significantly, each time God calls Abraham in this passage, he answers at once, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1,11). This response in Hebrew is a single word: hineni. It is used again by Moses, by Samuel, and by Isaiah, when each of them is called by God, and is used even now in Jewish prayers. May we have such trust in God that we too respond, "hineni," when we hear God's voice, allowing our lives to be transfigured.



Whenever Jesus chooses a handful of disciples to accompany Him at a particularly special time, He selects Peter, James, and John. Today He takes these three up a mountain to see Him transfigured in glory and hear His Father's affirmation. Much later, after the Last Supper, He will take these three to the garden of Gethsemane with Him. There He will be "transfigured" in agony as He pleads with His father to spare Him. On that occasion, His closest friends - the only ones to witness Him in His glory - fall asleep, causing them to miss Jesus' final hours before He is arrested. What they couldn't have known then but what we know now is that Jesus will give all the disciples, including these three, the opportunity to see Him in His true glory, His risen glory, after His resurrection. This is how we all know His glory now.

Though we do not witness Christ's glory in as dramatic a way as Peter, James, and John do, we witness His risen glory in other ways, and most especially as we gather in this holy place, our church. After all, Jesus told us that when two or more are gathered in His name, He is with them in their midst. May we exclaim as Peter does, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here!" (Mark 9:5).

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do I think God will want my life to be transfigured in this Lent? Am I willing to say "hineni" to accept that change to my life?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*



**FAMILY BREAKFAST  
MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>**

***Serving Pancakes and Sausage!!!  
After the 9:30 AM Mass  
Please join us!!***

**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.



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 14<sup>th</sup>.**

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



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:**



This **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. **Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:**

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected for March on NEXT Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on NEXT Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be out this weekend of February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



**Prayer for Second Sunday of Lent**

*God of the covenant,  
in the glory of the cross  
your Son embraced the power of death  
and broke its hold over your people.  
In this time of repentance,  
draw all people to yourself,  
that we who confess Jesus as Lord  
may put aside the deeds of death  
and accept the life of your kingdom. Amen.*

**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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS

**When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane**

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

February 411<sup>th</sup>

<b>Sunday collection:</b>	<b>\$2,871.00</b>
<b>On Line giving:</b>	<b>\$1,466.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,337.00</b>

**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) (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, 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

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February 25, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, February 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +  
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**Sunday, February 25  
Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Castaldo Family  
11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Castaldo Family  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
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**Monday, February 26**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Justina Perez Castillon +  
9:00 AM Anthony Uduebo (Living)

**Tuesday, February 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Weekday, February 28**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Lukachen Mannattumakil +  
9:00 AM Lisa Villar +

**Thursday, February 29**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Chris Merenda (Living)

**Friday, March 1**

**Lenten Weekday—First Friday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joan Laredo Liddell +

**Saturday, March 2**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +  
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**Saturday, March 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Jeri Michele Sugrue +  
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**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 +

**February 25, 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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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**

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

