

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## PALM SUNDAY

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;  
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, Anthony Martelli

**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

## SUSTAINED BY THE FATHER

Isaiah's Suffering Servant is resolute, with a confidence that enables him to face anything. Listen to what he has to face: being spat upon, being assaulted, being beaten. But he did not fight back, he did not run, he did not even lift his arms to defend himself. How is he able to do this? He has the words of God and so relies on God for help. We too have the words of God available to us. Can we have the same confidence in using them in an unsupportive or even hostile environment?

As Isaiah humbled himself and allowed himself to be persecuted, so too did Jesus. Furthermore, as Paul points out, Jesus could have avoided this altogether by asserting His divinity. But He chose to empty himself, humble Himself, "becoming obedient to the point of death" (Philippians 2:8). It is because of this awesome sacrifice that we are redeemed and He is exalted. Can we empty ourselves of our human desires and passions and follow more closely the will of God?

There is quite the contrast between the male and female friends of Jesus in Mark's account of the Passion. All of the apostles fail Jesus. One betrays Him, one denies Him, the closest ones fall asleep. They all desert Him when He is arrested, one going so far as to run away naked. On the other hand, the account of the Passion begins with a woman anointing Jesus, over the objection of the men at the table. After the apostles abandon Him, it is Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and Salome who watch the crucifixion from a distance, probably the closest they could get, then watch to see where He is buried. After the Sabbath was over, it is these three women who go to the tomb to anoint Him. In Mark, it is the women who display loyalty, courage, and love.



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As we enter the final days of this Lenten Journey, am I ready to respond to the Christ in others with loyalty, courage, and love in whatever condition I find them, through whatever difficulties they may have undergone?

*Blessings And Peace*

*Fr. Raphael*


**PARISH NEWS**

*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Helen Duda, Cynthia Mascetta King, Reverend Antimo Fiorillo and Reverend Carlos Lopez-Acosta.

**CHRISM MASS:** Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please come support our own parish priests. **The round trip cost is \$24.00. Please call the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**



***Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following families:***

Quincy and Theresa Venturino in loving memory of the Venturino and Martucci Families

Joanne Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary and Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio and Christine Bellino

Richard and Maria Scardino in loving memory of the Scardino and D'Arienzo Families

Mary Ann Cognatello in loving memory of the Cognatello and Gregorio Families

Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia

Dan & Fatima Panick in loving memory of Susan Panik and Amadeo Ferreira

***Prayer Books during Lent were donated by:***

Giovanni and Antoinette De Feo in loving memory of Pietro and Olimpia De Feo and Carmela and Giuseppe Pisacreta

***The Paschal Candle for Easter was donated by:***

Sam and Margit Farraj in loving memory of Khazneh Farraj and Maria Koehler

**OUR 2018 EASTER WISH LIST**

Our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items.:

*New Devotional Candles Stands in the Church (3), if interested please call the Parish Office.*

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

Fr Anthony Mbanefo has two new books on sale. One is **PAUL OF TARSUS CHALLENGES US**. It articulates the message



of St Paul to the people of our time and how we could live by that message. A copy is \$15. The other is **MODELS OF MERCY**. It explores the scriptural foundations of the seven corporal works of mercy and seven spiritual works of mercy. It also extols the biblical heroes and heroines of these Judeo-Christian virtues. It finally unveils how Jesus Christ perfected these virtues in His words and deeds. A copy is \$10. You can either get them at the entrance of the church after Sunday Mass or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord. Watch: *Holy week in Rome* or Listen to: *The Resurrection of Jesus Fact or Fiction*, *The Christmas & Easter Story*, *Jesus the Bridegroom*, or *Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross*. During Holy Week, Watch: *Mary of Nazareth* or *Shroud of Turin* or Listen to: *The Lamb's Supper*, *The Fourth Cup*, *Three Days that Changed the World*, Or *Love-Sacrifice-Trust*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St Bart's will be conducting the 89<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 37 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6679 donations to date. 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. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.



**PASSION PLAY**

**The Passion Play will take place this Palm Sunday at 6 p.m.** (It was originally scheduled for 2 p.m. but has been changed). **It will also take place on Good Friday, during the 7:30 p.m. Service.** Come



and see your fellow parishioners perform.

**Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley** is offering a healing weekend April 6<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup> at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information, please call Janice at 845 490-7466 or Phyllis at 914 261-5812 or e mail at [ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org](mailto:ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org).



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00  
Actual Received Last Sunday \$6,550.70  
Balance - \$ 449.30  
\*(Envelopes \$5,325.70 Online \$1,225.00)

Amount Needed for Month off March \$28,000.00  
Amount Collected Thus Far \$17,891.45

**The Second Collection in support of snow removal is \$1,052.30**

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina and Larry Vandak.

**Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Sign up to have your picture taken for the St. Bart's Parish Family Directory via our parish web site, [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org). and click on the link Photography Sign Up or call the Parish Office. **Photography dates are April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.** Don't miss this opportunity!!

**Life Line Screening coming to St. Bart's on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.**

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord  
Saturday, March 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +  
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**Sunday, March 25, 2018**

8:30 AM Peter Klee +  
10:00 AM Albert Gregorio +  
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Juan Rosa, Magdalena Vazquez & Julio Blanco +  
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**Monday, March 26**

**Monday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM Nicholas Marcello +  
9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Nguyen +

**Tuesday, March 27**

**Tuesday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM Anthony, Maria & Teresa Hoang +  
9:00 AM James Kelly +

**Wednesday, March 28**

**Wednesday of Holy Week**

7:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Anna Nguyen +  
9:00 AM Alice Olsen +

**Thursday, March 29**

**Holy Thursday—Mass and Eucharistic Adoration**

7:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Friday, March 30**

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

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM Service—No Mass  
7:30 PM Service—No Mass

**Saturday, March 31**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 AM Blessing of the Bread (No Mass)  
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**Easter Vigil**

**Saturday, March 31(Anticipated Mass)**

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018**

8:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Brusco & Nanoia families  
10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
11:30 AM Dina Legio +

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Holy Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

## EASTER TRIDIUM

**HOLY THURSDAY, March 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30**  
**p.m.**



- ◆ Washing of the Feet
- ◆ Reposition of the Blessed Eucharist

### GOOD FRIDAY, March 30<sup>th</sup>



- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.
- ◆ St. Bart's Passion Play at the 7:30 p.m. Celebration

### HOLY SATURDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection  
at 8:00 p.m.



### EASTER SUNDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Masses will only be at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and  
11:30 a.m. There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass

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## TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

**IS SOMEONE YOU LOVE UNABLE TO JOIN US AT CHURCH DURING THIS EASTER?.** For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessing of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in Catholic Mass on TV or watch online:

Easter TV Mass  
WRNN channel 48 at 8:00 a.m.

Or

ONLINE VIDEO  
[www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org)

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**Our Social Ministry 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 this week of March 26<sup>th</sup>. The food pantry can always use pasta sauces, canned corn, juices and cereals. Thank you for your support.

