

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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande 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

ADD TO JESUS' HARVEST

A little background will help put today's first reading in context. The Chosen People's exile in Babylon ended in 538 BCE, but when they returned home they found the temple had been destroyed and the city burned to the ground. Grief-stricken and hopeless, they mourned the loss of their holy city. But Isaiah



sees it differently. He portrays Jerusalem as a nursing mother, comforting and restoring the health of its citizens, leading to a rebirth where prosperity flows like the bountiful milk she provides. Where the people see death and destruction, the Lord sees rebirth and rejoicing.

The cross manifests a similar contradiction. The cross was a symbol of ignominy and death. Even for Jesus, it was a sign of hardship and sacrifice.

In encouraging His disciples to carry their crosses, He taught them to sacrifice their own desires for God's will and their neighbors' needs. But Jesus' victory over the cross adds a completely different meaning. It is through the cross that we are redeemed, that we are given eternal life. Paul goes so far to say that he has no reason to boast of anything that he has done, but only of what Jesus did on the cross. His victory on the cross makes all things new. The world and all of us in it are a new creation.

Jesus does not make it easy for His disciples. Instead of sending them out in a group so that some could just tag along, He sends them out two by two. He sends them with no money or change of clothes, making them dependent on the people they meet (and on God). He sends them "like lambs among wolves" (Luke 10:3). But He gives them all that they truly need: the power to build the kingdom in His name. Jesus calls us to do the same. We can bring peace to a household with understanding and forgiveness. We can heal suffering with our presence and kindness. We can drive out the demons of hatred and discord, of injustice and oppression, by being the voice and hands of Christ in the world. Then may we rejoice as the disciples did, marveling at what we can accomplish in Jesus' name.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How am I willing to labor this week to add to Jesus' harvest?

Discernment—a special part of Stewardship

If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stop-light? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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 2025 and 2026 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.



BLOOD DRIVE – THIS FRIDAY, JULY 11 – NOON TO 6 PM

New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a **BLOOD EMERGENCY** following a sharp and sustained drop in blood donations. The number of local donors has declined significantly, and we've had to depend on blood from other states to meet patient needs – a stopgap measure that cannot be sustained for long, especially in a state with some of the busiest hospitals in the country.



With only 2% of New Yorkers donating blood, the state is short nearly 390,000 donors needed to meet patient needs, especially as summer brings both increased trauma cases and a steep decline in donations. To stabilize the supply, NYBC urgently needs 5,000 additional donations, over 100 new blood drives, in the coming weeks.

This will be St Bartholomew's 111th Blood Drive since 1981.

It is preferable to make appointments by using:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/300234

Enter zip code, press Search and scroll down for St Bart's. Then press Schedule.

Check available appointment times and follow the instructions.

NYBC prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only as capacity permits.

If you have difficulty making an appointment, contact me and I will do my best to help you.

You can change your appointment time on the web site before July 5, as long as there is a slot available.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional.

If you have already given on your own recently, we thank you for your donation.

If you have already signed up, we thank you so very much!

If you have any family or friends that you think might be interested, please let them know.

If you have any medical eligibility concerns, you can contact NYBC at 800-688-0900.

Regards,

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

tonscia@aol.com (h) 914-423-3592

JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT BINGO ON SUNDAY, JULY 27TH.
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM AND GAMES BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

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

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti

or rice and beans **will be collected FOR**
July on Saturday, July 5th one half hour
before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday
July 6th, one half hour before the 9:30
and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

**SOUP
KITCHEN**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. *"Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest... Carry no money... Eat what is set before you... Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand... Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."*

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

**YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A PARISHIONER ON
LINE AT WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON
PARISH REGISTRATON. FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND
SPANISH.**



✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 22, 2025

Sunday collection: \$2,108.00

On Line giving: \$1,425.00

Total \$3,533.00

**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, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, and Ronald Pietropaolo..

Please call 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.

As You reach out to the world, Lord, let us be Your hands!



As You answer those crying, send us.
 Let us be Your people, answer to prayers
 prayed, comfort to the afflicted.
 May we be laborers in Your harvest.
 Amen.

July 6, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, July 5

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +
Michael & Paula Giandomenico (Living)

Sunday, July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Aurora Mendoza +
Constancio Calazan +
11:00 AM George & Marie Hoffman +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

Monday July 7 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)

Tuesday, July 8 Weekday

7:00 AM Grace Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM Jan Stevenson (Living)

Wednesday, July 9 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Pasqualina Capriglione +

Thursday, July 10 Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Dominic Nguyen +

Friday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

7:00 AM Angelo Velez +
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Maria Ferreira and Family

Saturday, July 12 Weekday

9:00 AM Joan Laredo Liddell +

Saturday Vigil, July 12

5:00 PM John Paul Capuano & Family (Living)

Sunday, July 13 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Theresa Venturino +
11:00 AM Stephen Hickey +
12:30 PM Juan Touriz, Minerva Rodriguez,
Ercilia Moreno, Luis Artemo Luna,
Ana Luisa Luna & Beatriz Luna +
5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor 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

(14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

