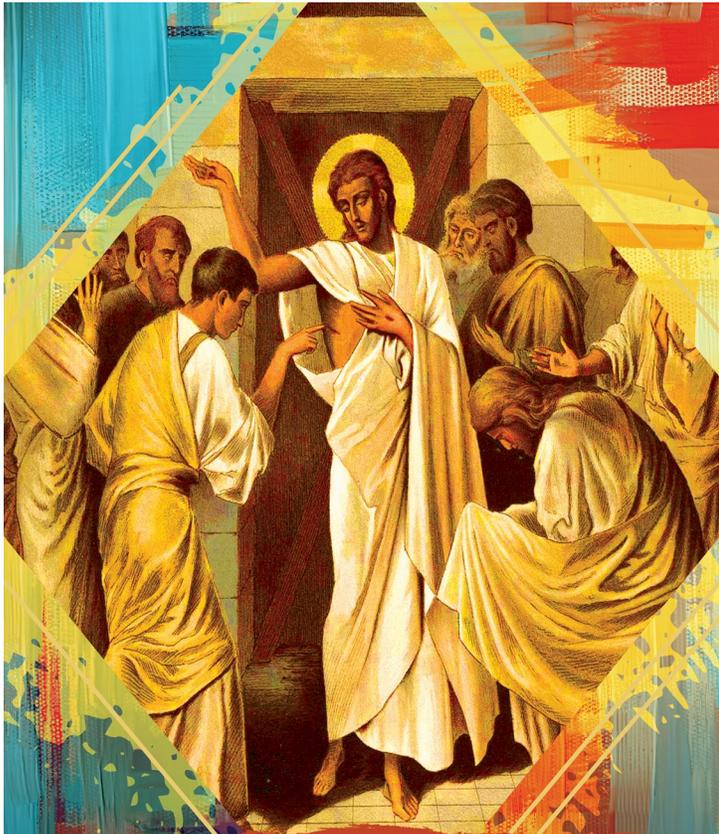


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

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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

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

A protestant pastor friend was invited to meet Pope Francis with a group of other pastors. He noticed the Pope's chair was especially ornate and set at the head of the group. He somewhat playfully said, "Holy Father, why do *you* get that special chair?" The group chuckled nervously.



The following year, the group was invited to return. They entered the room to find only simple chairs placed in a circle. Pope Francis entered, sat down in one of the humble chairs and, looking directly at my friend, with a twinkle in his eye, asked, "What do you think of my chair now?" My friend was stunned that the Pope remembered his concerns — and took the time to answer them.

Thomas the apostle was certainly stunned by the Risen Jesus displaying His wounds in person. But he also must have been equally shocked that Jesus knew and answered his particular questions, worries, and even demands related to his faith. How humbled — and perhaps a bit terrified — he must have been to realize God remembers his concerns and cares enough to answer them.

What questions or demands about Jesus do you find in your heart? Like Thomas, will you be bold enough to voice them this week? How wonderful to know that if we do so, God will remember and respond even to our most audacious desires.

**The Divine Mercy Chaplet** is a relatively recent but very popular devotion revealed by Our Lord to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun. On Good Friday, 1937 Christ appeared to St. Faustina and asked her to recite this chaplet for nine days, starting on Good Friday and ending on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday) and is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This chaplet is often recited during those nine days, but it can be prayed at any time of the year, and St. Faustina recited it almost unceasingly.

A standard rosary can be used to recite the chaplet.

- ◆ Make the Sign of the Cross
- ◆ Pray the Opening Prayers: "You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us." "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You." (3 times).
- ◆ Pray the Our Father
- ◆ Pray the Hail Mary
- ◆ Say the Apostles Creed
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "Eternal Father" on the Our Father bead: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. Amen."
- ◆ Pray the Prayer "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion" Ten Times on the Hail Mary Beads: "For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
- ◆ Repeat Steps 6 and 7: On each of the next four decades of the Chaplet, repeat Steps 6 and 7 (pray the Eternal Father, followed by ten "For the Sakes of His Sorrowful Passion.")
- ◆ Pray the Concluding Doxology Three Times after all five decades: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." (three times)
- ◆ Pray the Closing Prayer: "Eternal God, in Whom mercy is endless, and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."
- ◆ End with the Sign of the Cross



## 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.

Take Note

St. Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **107<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive** on **THIS FRIDAY, April 12, 2024 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.**

It is preferable to make appointments by using:

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/300234](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 April 12, 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 wish further information, check NYBC.org.

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

O Lord, our God.

We place our trust in You, Because you are mercy itself.

We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy.

We trust You to provide for our every need,

According to Your will.

Help us to forgive others as You forgive us.

We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers.



Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy.

We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs.

With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world.

Look upon us, created in your image and likeness.

Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy.

May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever.



**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:** The St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR April THIS Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and THIS Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**Eye Has Not Seen**

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



Since Christ Himself has said,  
'This is My Body,' who shall  
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

— ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

March 24<sup>th</sup>

*Sunday collection:* \$3,696.00  
*On Line giving:* \$1,610.00  
*Total:* \$5,306.00

**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](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).**



**LORD**  
**give strength**  
**to your people**

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, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, and Betsy McShane.

**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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April 7, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, April 6 VIGIL**

5:00 PM Jeri Michele Sugrue +  
Dr. Henry Frey +

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**Sunday, April 7  
Second Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Capuano &  
Lucchetti Families

Elizabeth Ameh (Living)

11:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Angelo "Chico" Velez +

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**Monday, April 8  
The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

**Tuesday, April 9  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Lucine & Zaven Adourian +

**Weekday, April 10  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Rosalie Chimenti +

9:00 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

**Thursday, April 11  
Saint Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Josephine & Michael Califano +

**Friday, April 12  
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John & Jerry Esposito +

**Saturday, April 13  
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Giovanni De Feo, Sr. +

Theresa Venturino +

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**Saturday, April 13 VIGIL**

5:00 PM Lucy & Carl Rossi

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**Sunday, April 14  
Third Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies

11:00 AM Marilyn Eskew Wassmer +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**April 7, 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 EASTER

