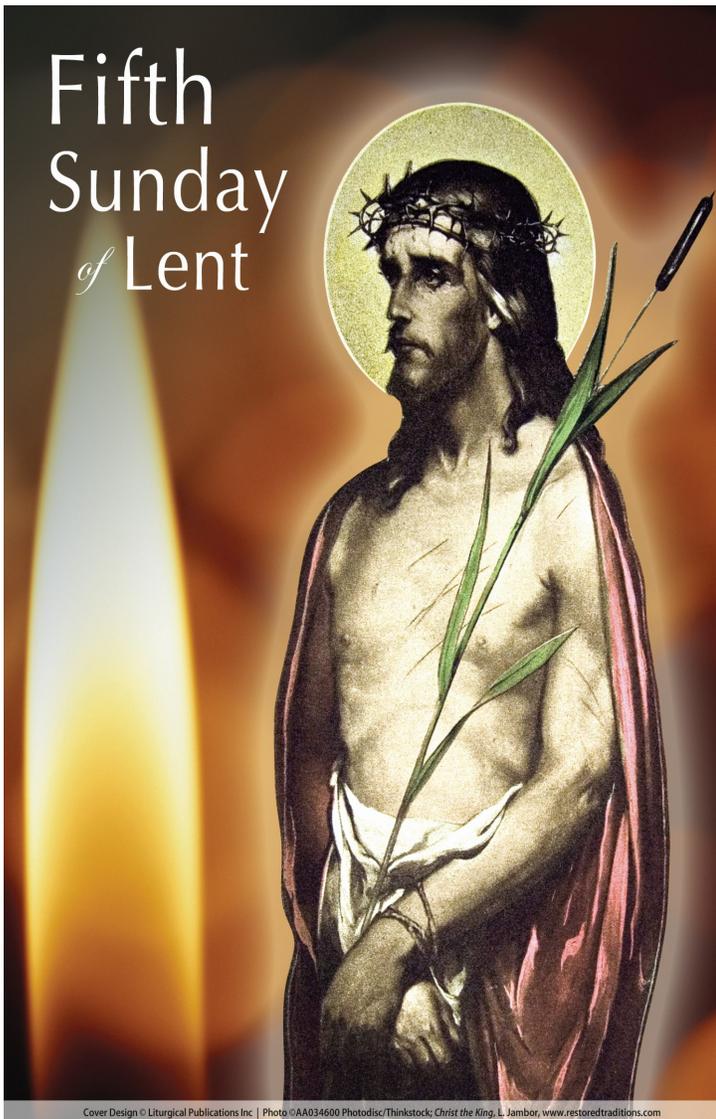


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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

**THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WITHIN US**

For five weeks, we have been making sacrifices and trying to live our lives conscious of this Lenten season. For fifty years the Jewish people of Ezekiel's time were forced to live in hostile nations, exiled from the Promised Land, Jerusalem having been destroyed. In proclaiming his vision of God bursting open the graves of the dead and bringing the people back to the land of Israel, Ezekiel helps people recall God's unconditional mercy. Ezekiel gives the people hope. If God has promised it, it will be done. Therefore, when the Lord says, "I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land" (Ezekiel 37:14), the people know that not even defeat, destruction, or death are unconquerable by God.



In John's Gospel, Jesus' miracles are referred to as "signs," actions that are performed so that others may believe in the power of God that Jesus displays. The raising of Lazarus from the dead after he had been in the tomb for four days is the greatest of these signs. Ironically, though, the same action that led many to believe also led the authorities to condemn. Doubly ironic, for the miracle that gives Lazarus life directly leads to the Sanhedrin's decision to find a way to put Jesus to death.

Paul assures us that "if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness" (Romans 8:10). Paul is not referring here to the Israelites in their graves or Lazarus in his tomb, but to his fellow Christians. As flesh-and-blood beings, we are sinful and we are mortal. But we are more than flesh and blood. We have the Spirit of Christ in us. With this power our sinfulness can be overcome. The bands that bind us to our own selfish instincts and interests can be released.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

What "burial hands" restrict the Spirit within me and need to be untied? Am I sometimes guilty of selfishness, prejudice, dishonesty, deceit, exclusion, or mean-spiritedness? Am I willing to overcome these barriers to the Spirit?

*Blessings And Peace*

*Fr. Raphael*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*We need volunteers to assist with the photography sessions for our Parish Directory on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact the parish office. We really need your help and we appreciate your support. Thank you!!*



**PARISH NEWS**



*Rest in Peace*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed

especially Deacon Vincent LeBlanc.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the school building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



**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 Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY**

Sign up to have your picture taken for the St. Bart's Parish Family Directory after the Masses, or sign up on line via our parish web site, [www.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.org). and click on the link Photography Sign Up or call the Parish Office. **Photography dates are March 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and also April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Don't miss this opportunity!!



**ALL COMMISSIONS AND MINISTRIES, WE WILL BE TAKING YOUR GROUP PHOTOS. THESE WILL GO INTO OUR FAMILY PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY. ALL PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> BEGINNING AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

**OUR 2018 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 the following liturgical items:

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

**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 the 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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. March 19<sup>th</sup> is the solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth* or *The Story of the Nativity*, or Listen to: *St. Joseph—Patron of the Universal Church*. 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 on 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.

**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.**

**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 being 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	\$5,508.45
Balance	- <b>\$1,491.55</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,973.45 Online \$535.00)	

Amount Needed for Month off March	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$11,340.75

**The Second Collection in support of American Bishop Overseas Appeal is \$1,186.90.**

"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., Deacon Jim Byrne, 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, Cynthia Mascetta King, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento and Isabel Medina.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ [St\\_Barts\\_Youth](https://twitter.com/St_Barts_Youth).

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gerard Monahan +

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**Sunday, March 18, 2018**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)

11:30 AM Patricia Galik +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Monday, March 19**

**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM Francis Do +

9:00 AM Deceased Mem. of the Salerno & Del Bene Families

**Tuesday, March 20**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Anna Nguyen +

9:00 AM Joseph & Maria Ngo +

**Wednesday, March 21**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Edison Blanco (Living)

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith III

**Thursday, March 22**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Peter Jr. & Peter Sr. Tran +

9:00 AM Johanna Sokol +

**Friday, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Edward Beers +

9:00 AM Joseph, Peter & John Ngo +

**Saturday, March 24**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Concetta Darretta +

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**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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**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
DURING LENT**

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
DURING LENT**

Each Friday during Lent, beginning at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!! Stations of the Cross on Good Friday is at 2 p.m.

**BLESSING OF THE PALMS ON  
PALM SUNDAY**



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We would like to emphasize that parishioners attending the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday or the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday are expected to gather at the McManus Parish Center where there will be a solemn blessing of the palms followed by a short procession to the Church. At all other Masses, Palms will be blessed and distributed in the Church.

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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