

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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 Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**DO I HAVE THE COURAGE TO TURN TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST?**



"The Lord looks into the heart," God tells Samuel (1Samuel 16:7), explaining why Eliab is not qualified for anointing despite his outward appearance. Wonderful news for David, but challenging news for all of us. Is our heart ready for such an examination? Or is it more comfortable in the darkness? Opening our hearts to the Lord, choosing to live as children of the light, helps us produce "every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth" (Ephesians 5:9). Then may we feel the Holy Spirit rush upon us.

Because of how difficult it was for the man born blind to live with this disability for his entire childhood and much of his adulthood, his ability to see was so much sweeter. For the Pharisees, believing they had perfect vision to begin with, seeing something that challenged their beliefs and attitudes was unpleasant. Believing that this man who does not keep the Sabbath came from God was difficult to accept. Believing that the man born blind could speak with any authority went so far. So they chose not to accept what they witnessed with their very eyes. They chose to remain blind to the truth because it was easier to live in the illusion that they already had perfect vision.

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). The Pharisees indignantly reject the testimony of the healed man. Ironically, however, they are right. What they fail to realize, however, is that we are all born in sin, with original sin, Adam and Eve's legacy. The Pharisees were born equally in sin, in the early Christian era, baptism was often called "illumination." In baptism, the believer is illumined by the light of Christ. We all come out of darkness. Let the light of Christ we received in baptism illuminate our lives.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Do I have the courage to examine my heart in the light of Christ and turn away from all that blinds me to goodness, righteousness, and truth?

**Blessings**

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*



**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

**Robert & Lillian Kurtz + Vincent J. Campisi +  
Ralph Esposito + Michael Castagnozzi +  
Deceased Members of Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies  
WE PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF:  
Sabrina Zevon (Living)**

**EASTER WISH LIST**

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a holy Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): **1 Paschal Candle, (\$175) 2 banners, (ordinary time), 2 banners (Pentecost) and 2 banners (Easter) (banners are \$145 each) and 2 bundles of palms (\$60 each).** Please contact the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Each Friday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6 to 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m., the Stations of the Cross, in the Church. Stations of the Cross will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.



St Bart's will be conducting the 98<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 40 years since starting in 1981 on TUESDAY, March 30<sup>TH</sup>, at the McManus Parish Center from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 7361 donations to date. It is preferable to make appointments by using: [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/280910](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910). NY Blood Center will allow WALKINS only if the room capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 or [tonscia@aol.com](mailto:tonscia@aol.com) for an appointment. Covid precautions will meet FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be mandatory.

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. Tell your family and friends too.

**Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project** Imagine your child at the age of 10 being orphaned because of 20 years of war in your country. He is now scavenging through scraps that people throw away to find food and living in the streets. Homelessness among children is a particularly acute problem in South Sudan, with many children living in the streets, cemeteries, markets, etc. They are often subject to violence and exploitation.

Why am I telling you this? For the past 15 or so years, each Lent we sponsor a Lenten almsgiving project that benefits various missions run by the Missionary Society of St Paul, commonly known as MSP, which is the order in which the priests of our parish belong. During Lent the money we save from what we give up is meant to be used to help the poor. This year we plan to help children in war torn South Sudan at an MSP mission.

In a small way, the MSP Fathers try to help these street children at their South Sudan Mission. They presently have rescued 25 young boys between the ages of 10 and 15 from the streets. The 25 boys rescued from the streets will receive an education at the MSP Fathers school program which is considered the best school in the state. They will have food to eat, a shelter where they can lay their heads at night and health care in a country where children die from diseases easily cured. Last year through our Lenten almsgiving we were able to provide the MSP Fathers will donations to care for five children for the year. It presently cost approximately \$450 per year for each child.

I am asking every family in our parish to consider joining us this year by either picking up an almsgiving container in the back of the church on Ash Wednesday or making your own at home from an empty can, plastic container, or zip lock bag. Each day place the change you saved by what you and your family give up for Lent in the container. At the end of Lent, right after Easter, return the container to us. If we each do our small part, collectively we can make the world a better place one child at a time. **Thank you. Cheryl Duda**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND

9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP

SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.\*

Reposition of the Blessed Eucharist (until 10 p.m.)



GOOD FRIDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.\*

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.\*

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 p.m.\*



EASTER SUNDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Masses will be at 9:30\* and 11:30 a.m.

\*These Masses and Services are live streamed.

PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Loving Father, So many times I turn away from You and always You welcome me back. Your mercy and love gives me confidence Thank You for the invitation to share, fast and pray so that You can form a new heart within me.



Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses leads me to ask for mercy and await with great hope the Easter joy You share with us. Amen

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use canned fruit, juice, paper towels, and paper napkins,



YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
• Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).
• Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost and Ken Shost.

Please contact 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.

March 14, 2021

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, March 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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Sunday, March 14 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +  
Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Vincent J. Campisi +  
Sabrina Zevon (Living)  
Ralph Esposito +  
Michael Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

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Monday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angelo Lucchetti +

Tuesday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Louis Brusco +

9:00 AM Sarah Lynch +

Wednesday, March 17

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Patrick Vincent Fox +

Thursday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Galik +

9:00 AM Edwin Vega +

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

Saturday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Joseph Alongi +

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Saturday, March 21 (Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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Sunday, March 14 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
Angie & Amedeo Lepore +  
Marie Hoffman +  
Michael & Josephine Califano +  
Juan Rosa Vazquez +  
Magdaleno Vazquez +  
Emilio Onofrio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

March 14, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).



My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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**Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.  
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

