

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
DAY!

MARY IS  
THE MOTHER  
WHO WATCHES  
OVER US,  
HER CHILDREN,  
ON OUR  
JOURNEY  
THROUGH LIFE,  
OFTEN WEARY  
AND IN NEED,  
ANXIOUS THAT  
THE LIGHT OF  
HOPE NOT FAIL.

CHRISTUS VIVIT, NO. 48



Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

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.

**SHEPHERD OTHERS AS CHRIST DID**

We love getting an "exclusive invitation" to join a group. It makes us feel special. Some folks in Antioch in Pisidia may have felt that way, for Acts says "they were filled with jealousy" when "almost the whole city gathered" to hear Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:44-45). The apostles' practice of preaching in synagogues was drawing the wrong element to their spiritual home! It's a natural instinct, but it's not the one Jesus desired. Not only did Jesus reject exclusivity, He commanded His disciples to make disciples of all nations. In Revelation, John's vision too features a great multitude "from every nation, race, people, and tongue" (7:9) standing before the Lamb on the throne. We are called to welcome, not exclude.

Jesus was just a few weeks old when the same passage from Isaiah that Paul and Barnabas quote was proclaimed in His presence. Then it was the elderly visionary Simeon, who, taking Mary's baby into his arms, called him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32). Paul and Barnabas have taken up that mantle, becoming instruments to spread salvation to the ends of the earth.

How appropriate that we hear this Gospel passage on Mother's Day. Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd, guiding and protecting us. He promises the sheep of His flock that He will forever hold them securely in His hand. How fortunate we are who have had mothers who have guided us, protected us, loved us, and held us, who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I be the kind of person to shepherd someone else?  
**Blessings** **Father Raphael**

*Please pray for our children who will be receiving their First Communion NEXT Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at a special 1 p.m. Mass*



**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts.

The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion

is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving

and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me.

Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community,

and with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



**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.



*May God bless all the mothers of our Parish on this very special day! In this month of May, set aside for a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother; we ask for her intercession and protection for all our Mothers. We also pray for our deceased Mothers, that they may rest in peace.*



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS AND BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.



**THE ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are lit in loving memory of Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco by Angela Brusco.

It's time to register for next year's Religious Education classes. Classes will begin in September. Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re-registration forms this week while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin. Adults wishing to inquire about becoming Catholic or wishing to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion or Confirmation should also contact Cheryl at this time.



*Loving God, You wrap your arms around Your people, and show Your everlasting love in the same way a Mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love You have taught us through the Mothers in our lives: Our own Mothers who brought us into this world, the Mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, our Grandmothers who took time for us, and the Mothers who have helped us, even though we were not their children. Bless all Mothers of this world today, may they know the fullness of love they have shared and be blessed every single day of their lives. And grant our deceased Mothers eternal rest in Your Kingdom. Amen.*



**SAVE THE DATE,**

June 6<sup>th</sup> Rosary Altar Society Dinner, \$30 per person.

Fogarty's in Bronxville. All women of the parish are invited. If you plan on attending, please send check to the parish office **no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>** made out to St. Bartholomew's Rosary Altar Society



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Consider joining the Seniors Group. There is no age requirement, you only have had to use the expression, "I'm having a senior moment" to join us.



Please contact Rich Califano at (914)643-0498 (call or text) if you'd like to participate.

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> Movie Thursdays - 10 am in the school gym

Pray the Rosary, then view Not Without My Daughter, with light refreshments. The movie is about an American woman trapped in Islamic Iran by her brutish husband who must find a way to escape with her daughter as well. (1 h 56 m, rated PG-13)

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR MAY THIS Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



MOTHER'S DAY IS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

Mother's Day Novena Masses: Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers- living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, and will finish on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.



There are cards and envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of

Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office no later than Monday, May, 9th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as "sheep" if we think they haven't sufficiently questioned authority or if they're too willing to go along with someone else's plan. We say someone has "the wool over their eyes" if they aren't willing to see what we think is very obvious. "A wolf in sheep's clothing" is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you've really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it's no wonder that nobody wants to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can't protect themselves. They're vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we're shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don't have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep - at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God is trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: You don't have to do this on your own.

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 24th

Table with 2 columns: Collection type and Amount. Sunday collection: \$4,113; On Line giving: \$1,095; Total: \$5,208

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.



LORD give strength to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, 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, and Megan Weingarten.

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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our faithful departed especially Diana Najarro.

Please note that a Memorial Mass will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. for all our loved ones laid to rest in Mount Hope. Mass will be celebrated by Father Gabriel of St. Matthew's, Hastings-on-Hudson.

May 8 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

**Saturday, May 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +  
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**Sunday, May 8, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +  
Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +  
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
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**Monday, May 9**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Aristide Scipioni, Angela Rush &  
Dominik Sinopoli +

**Tuesday, May 10**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Shirley Dolan +

**Wednesday, May 11**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM John Nieman +

**Thursday, May 12**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Frances Cecera +

**Friday, May 13**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Saturday, May 14**  
**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

9:00 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
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**Saturday, May 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +  
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**Sunday, May 15, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +  
Norah Murphy +  
11:30 AM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers

**May 8, 2022**

**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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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**

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

