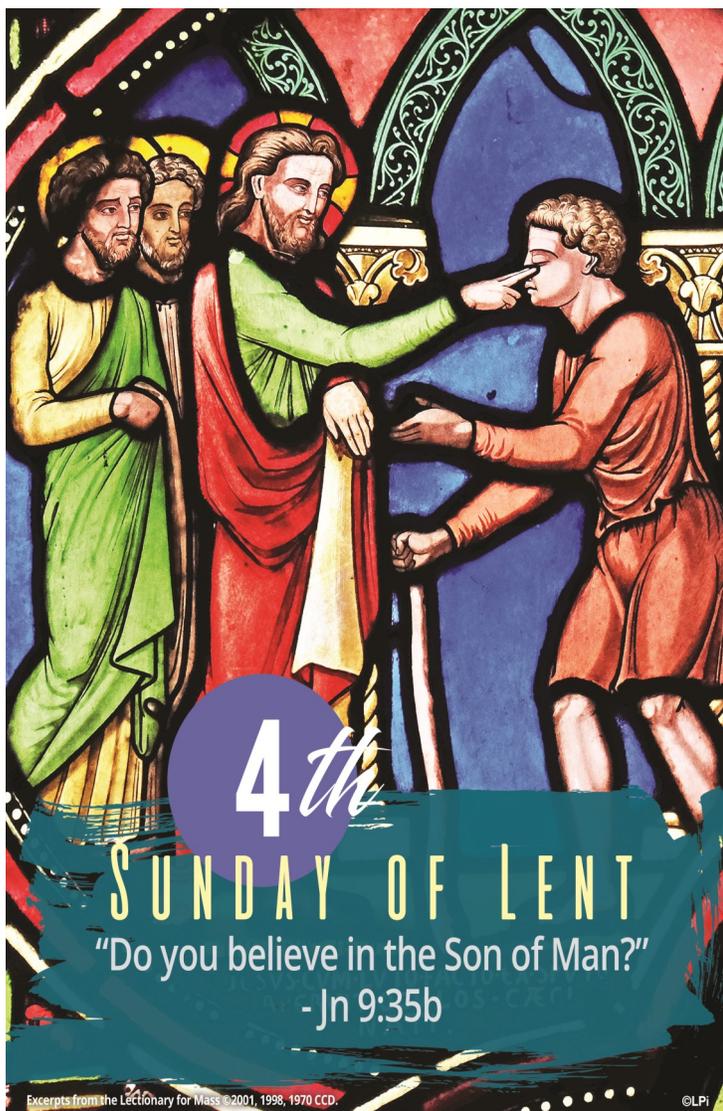


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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);
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, 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

CHRIST ILLUMINATING OUR WAY

Samuel was one of the great leaders of ancient Israel. Called by God while he was still young, he was recognized as a prophet and a seer before becoming a military and political leader. Yet he expected that God would select one of Jesse's older sons as the new king. If not even this eminently wise and capable leader has the insight required to choose his successor, how much more must we depend on God for the decisions we must make. If nothing else, we must resist the urge to make a snap judgment based on appearances alone.



"Like night and day," we say when speaking of two things that are completely different. Paul would approve of that idiom, for he contrasts light and darkness in the reading we hear today: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8). While in darkness (whose "fruitless works" can still tempt them) the Ephesians were unable or unwilling to realized goodness, righteousness, or truth. With the light of Christ they gained insight. In the early Christian era, one of the traditional names for baptism was "illumination." As baptized Christians, let us shine forth the light of Christ to illuminate our world.

The intellectual laziness of the Pharisees is exposed today. Rather than take the time to use good judgment, they immediately dismiss Jesus as a sinner. He did not keep the Sabbath! It did not matter that He cured a blind man. It wouldn't matter if He had conquered death; keeping the law made it easier for them. Illuminated by Christ's light, we are called to make the effort to shine a light on all aspects of a person, event, or issue, so we can make a good and true judgment.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When have I judged someone unkindly without taking the time to look deeper? What can I do to remember to allow Christ to illuminate the way?

Blessings

Father Raphael

Lenten Prayer

O gracious Master, infuse in our hearts the spotless light of Your Divine Wisdom and open the eyes of our mind that we may understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, so that having curbed all

carnal desires, we may lead a spiritual life, both thinking and doing everything to please You. For You, O Christ, our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies; and to You we render glory, together with Your eternal Father, and with Your all holy, life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and forever. Amen



PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES and SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Oscar Starkenberg by Joan Laredo Liddell.



SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT

During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).



Religious Education

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies. This year we will donate to their South Sudan Mission.

The Missionaries of St. Paul took under their care 22 street children. The cost to feed and educate these children is \$412 per child per year.

So, please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box for your family to save their donation and returning the box during holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.

MASSES, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

OUR LADY, UNDOER OF KNOTS, PRAY FOR US

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US



THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of the following items: tuna, canned fruit, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Outreach 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 April 6th

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): *Paschal Candle and 5 bundles of palms.* - Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



The **2021 Mass book** is now open and the **2020 Mass Book** also still has some dates available.

Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in your life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Masses are \$15). You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

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

- **Mail in your envelope.**
- **Register for on line giving (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.**

"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!

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!!!! **Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).**



The Blood Drive at St. Bart's scheduled for April 5th has been cancelled. The below is a note from the Tony Sciacca, Chairperson

This morning NYBC made the decision to cancel ALL remaining scheduled blood drives through April 5th, 2020.



Anyone wishing to donate may go to any of the donor centers (expanded hours) listed at the NYBC website:

<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/donor-center-locations-march-2020>

Key phone numbers for NYBC are:

Eligibility 800-688-0900
General 800-933-2566

If you wish to credit your donation to St. Bart's, please use the group code 07747.

It is obvious that this is a critical time for donors to continue to donate. Those in need of blood have no control over that need. Please do your best to see that donations continue to meet that need.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

Father,

Bless and heal the world, Father. Come, Lord Jesus. May Your love comfort every soul as only You can. Bring hope to the hopeless and unity where there is conflict.



Motivate us by love to work together, gathering souls for Christ. Show us our place, Father, and embolden us to obey Your direction. While our world is crumbling, You remain the same loving, defending, and protecting Father. Amidst the rebellion and destruction, You reached down to restore us to the light of Your presence through Jesus.

Amen



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, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik and Mary Drohan Barrett

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

March 22, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

***EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN
CANCELLED, PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED
ONES BELOW AND FOR OUR PARISH***

Saturday, March 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

**Sunday, March 22, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +
10:00 AM Rosa & Antonio Troia+
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Juan Rosa Vazquez & Magdaleno Vazquez+

Monday, March 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM David Marinelli, Jr. +

Tuesday, March 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +
9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

Wednesday, March 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +
9:00 AM Betty De Meo +

Thursday, March 26

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Marcello +
9:00 AM Arnaldo De Sanctis +

Friday, March 27

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Carmen Arzola +

Saturday, March 28

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

Saturday, March 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fiorante & Teresa Venturino +

**Sunday, March 29, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Carl & Elizabeth Laredo +
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish
11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +
5:00 PM Susie & Vncent Strava & All Deceased
Members of Strava Family

March 22, 2020



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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

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.

