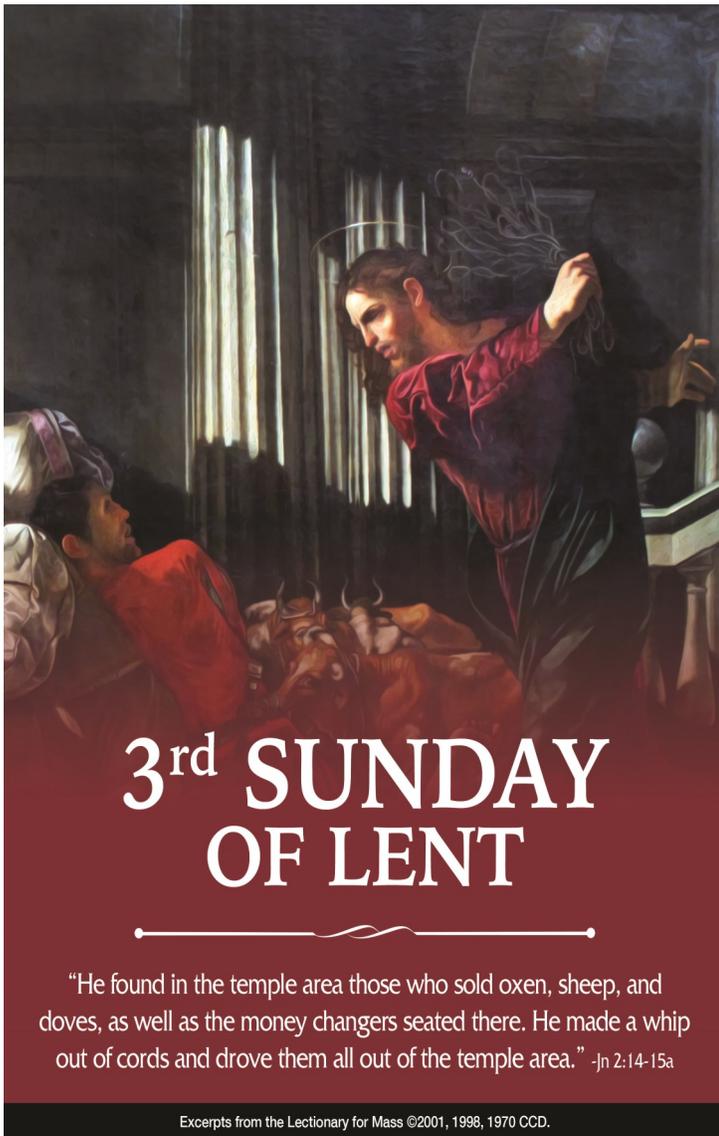


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 TREAT OTHERS AS IF THEY ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Over the last three weeks we have heard God repeatedly renew the precious covenant. God established it with Noah, his descendants and every living creature on earth, as we heard two weeks ago. Last week we heard God renew the covenant with Abraham and his descendants. Now we hear God deliver the commandments to the Chosen People, promising "mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments" (Exodus 20:6). We hear all these accounts in the context of this season of Lent, when we remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on our behalf in order to establish the new covenant.

After listening to the commandments God delivered to the Chosen People, we sing, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life" (John 6:68). The words of everlasting life are glorious, but they are also difficult. They challenge us to turn back to the Lord. They challenge us to change our lives. They challenge us to be better people. But along with that challenge, God's words also have the power to save us.

Elsewhere in his epistle to the Corinthians, Saint Paul wrote, "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you" (1 Corinthians 6:19). Like the temple in Jerusalem, we are also in need of cleansing from time to time. Is the Holy Spirit's home in me a place taken over by money changers and commercial interests: How can I get more money? What more can I buy for myself? What's in it for me? Also, not only am I a temple of the Holy Spirit, so are my family members, my coworkers, my neighbors. Everyone I come in contact with is potentially a temple of the third person of the Trinity. Do I treat others as if they are?



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I profane the temple of the Holy Spirit within me? Within others??

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 7TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Paolo & Prosperina Merli +
- Oscar Starkenberg +
- Ana Cabrera +
- Rafael Padilla +
- Hermino Negron +
- Julio Blanco +



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.



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.

The 2022 Mass Book is open. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. 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. You may call the Parish Office to arrange a Mass or come to the Parish office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are also Masses still available for 2021.

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.



Religious Education

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**



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****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — He's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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



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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 7, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, March 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, March 7 2021

The Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +
Oscar Starkenberg +
Ana Cabrera +
Rafael Padilla +
Hermino Negron +
Julio Blanco+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, March 8

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM John Hanrahan +

Tuesday, March 9

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePole &
Faranda Families

9:00 AM The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

Thursday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Jerry Esposito +

Friday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Anthony Di Paolo +

Saturday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, March 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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

March 7, 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.

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

3D SUNDAY OF LENT

