

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
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, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

**HOW CAN I IMITATE JESUS AND PROTECT AND COMFORT MY NEIGHBOR?**

Peter's call to the crowd in Jerusalem is the same as Jesus' when he emerged from the desert, as well as John the Baptist's before him: "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). This is the crowd's opportunity. The people did not listen to John or to Jesus Himself. Both of them have been put to death. So now it is Peter and the apostles making this plea. But Peter is able to offer more than John or even Jesus did. He explicitly tells them, "You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (2:38). The Holy Spirit who had just come down upon the apostles, will come down upon all who are baptized in God's name - in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Though this passage likely recounts events that happened over a period of time, the promise of the Holy Spirit led to thousands of converts willing to repent and be baptized.



The first reading ends with the line: "about three thousand persons were added that day"(Acts2:41). That's quite a flock. A flock that largely needs a shepherd. Not just a shepherd, but the Good Shepherd, a shepherd who will guide us in right paths, who will give us repose in verdant pastures and courage in dark valleys, a shepherd who will lead us to "have life and have it more abundantly" (John10:10). The Good Shepherd will satisfy our every need, even needs we do not realize we have.

In the part of this lesson that makes up today's Gospel, Jesus describes Himself as the gate to the sheepfold. The gate serves two purposes. Closed, it protects the sheep in the sheepfold from robbers and predators; open, it allows the sheep to come and go in response to the sound of their shepherd's voice. Imagine that instead of an iron or wooden gate at the opening of the sheepfold, there is only Jesus. Jesus is stronger than any gate, better able to protect the sheep from harm. And Jesus is more forgiving and loving than any gate, welcoming the lost and caring for the hurting.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I be that gate, in imitation of Jesus? How do I protect others from danger or trauma and how do I comfort those who are lost or in pain?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**MAY CROWNING**

Please join us for the May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the church on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm.



**Seniors Gathering:**  
This Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. Monthly gathering in the Gym with a light lunch.

**Movie Thursday:** May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am  
A Man Called Otto

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

**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.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS** that will be in the front of the altar for this week are donated by the **First Communion Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members and friends.

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR MAY on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.**



Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **THIS Saturday and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**FOOD PANTRY:** *The food pantry can use pasta, pasta sauces, and juices. **May God bless you all for your generosity.***



**The Rite of Christian Initiation** (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

**The 2023 Mass book still has Masses available.** 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 birthdays, 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. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 IS OPEN. BOOK YOUR 2024 MASSES AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**



**Mother's Day Novena Masses:**

Sunday, May 14<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 14<sup>th</sup>, and will finish on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</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 during the week on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:**



**MASSES**  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM  
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
**9:30 AM, 11:00 AM,**  
**12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM**  
\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM  
4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:**

This **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**Recognizing the Voice of Jesus**

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS lpi

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars and the Women Of The Waters present the Women's Retreat: The Parables – Treasures Jesus gifted us! May 6 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence Retreat Center, 180 Sargent Ave, Beacon, NY 12508. The parables of Jesus made the wisdom of God accessible. His teaching wasn't pretentious or unnecessarily complicated. Because of that, Jesus made the kingdom of God attainable for everyone. Join us for this day retreat and learn more about these abundant treasures Jesus gifted us! Registration fee includes the program, prayer services, continental breakfast, lunch, and Vigil Mass. Registration ends on April 28, 2023; register online at: <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/capuchinyfm/event/860902/>. For more info, visit <https://www.capuchin.org/cyfm/retreats/> or call (845) 424-3609.

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

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

**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*April 16th*  
**Sunday collection:** \$3,199.00  
**On Line giving:** \$1,210.00  
**Total:** \$4,409.00

**THE EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

**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](http://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](mailto: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, 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, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman and Richard Romanowski.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**



**Rest in Peace**

*Please pray for the souls of  
all the faithful departed  
especially Daisy Giner and  
Constance Revellese.*

April 30, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, April 29 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Joan Masella +

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**Sunday, April 30, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family

Elizabeth Liga +

11:00 AM Carole Ferraro +

12:30 PM Christina Baptista +

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, May 1**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Nancy Nguyen (Living)

**Tuesday, May 2**

**Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stephanie Peduto (Living)

**Wednesday, May 3**

**Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

**Thursday, May 4**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

9:00 AM Connie & Jim Foti +

**Friday, May 5**

**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ralph Capuano +

**Saturday, May 6**

**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Patricia & Gerard Hickey +

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**Saturday, May 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Fiore Brusco +

Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

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**Sunday, May 7, 2023**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Louis Loscalzo +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

Charity Ubawike +

12:30 PM George Del Moral +  
(Spanish Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**April 30, 2023**

**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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issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

