

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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4th Sunday of Lent

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light, because their works
were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates
the light and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed. - Jn 3:19-20

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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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
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, Anthony Martelli

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

OF INFIDELITY AND MERCY

Hmmm..... A substantial portion of the readings we have in one of the prayers we (priests) say everyday comes from the scriptures. Recently, we've been reading from the book of Exodus.



Coincidentally, we have been reading the same chapters and stories in our Bible study classes. As if that was not enough, the same readings have come up at the weekday Masses quite a few times. I have begun to enjoy and appreciate the stories even more. These opportunities have

offered me the chance to explore/reflect on them more deeply.

As I read the first reading of this Sunday (2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23), my thoughts got stuck on how "the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity." Then my thoughts went back to their first major infidelity against God. It's contained in Exodus 32: 1-35 – the story of how the Israelites asked Aaron to "make us a god who will be our leader; as for the man Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has happened to him". Give me a break! The man was gone for some forty days!

Now, that's a long time, of course. But let's remember all that had happened before then. God had single-handedly delivered the same people from the power of Pharaoh and the Egyptians, who were hell-bent on enslaving the Israelites for eternity. Any iota of doubt should have dissolved after witnessing how He did it. If anyone still doubted, such doubt should have dissolved after the miraculous deliverance at the Red Sea. Just in case, there was still any doubting Thomas, God fed them manna from heaven for years, and gave them water from the rock. To top it off, He led them by a thick cloud during the day and a pillar of fire by night. I really think that even Thomas would have believed by the end of God's act 2. But not the Israelites! They actually moved from their doubts to action – infidelity.

What makes all these so sad is that we're told that while giving them the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20), the people themselves witnessed "the thunder and lightening, the trumpet blast and the mountain smoking" and "they all feared and trembled" and stepped back, asking Moses to go ahead and meet the Lord while they themselves stayed back, lest they die from witnessing this awe inspiring God.

Now you get the background picture? Jump from Chapter 20 to 32, and you see a completely different people. They have completely turned around! It's over a 360-degree turn, if there's anything like that. And what a stupid turn around. To switch allegiance, admiration, worship from this God of miracles and who is so awe inspiring to a god made from your earrings? That's simply illogical, inexplicable, and absurd, weird, foolish, and so on. But wait a minute; they're not alone in this weirdness! You and I are doing the same illogical, inexplicable, absurd, foolish things, daily or once in a while. What's more, our religious leaders (myself included) and political leaders, and just about everyone (princes of Judah, priests and people), constantly "add infidelity to infidelity."

The Good News is that Our God is merciful, both then, now and forever. However, we must not take His mercy for granted. After all, the Israelites ended up in exile (First reading). Lent is a time to turn from the gods we have fashioned from our gorgeous earrings and return to the ONE TRUE GOD. Don't worry how many degrees you have turned. His grace will be enough for you, and for me.

Blessings And Peace

Fr. Raphael

PARISH NEWS



The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, March 12th after the Mission at 8:15 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on Tuesday, March 27th, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. **Please come support our own parish priests.** The round trip cost is \$24.00. Please call the Parish Office to make a reservation.



PARISH FAMILY DIRECTORY



Sign up to have your picture taken for the St. Bart's Parish Family Directory after the Masses, or sign up on line via our parish web site, www.saintbartsparish.org. and click on the link Photography Sign Up or call the Parish Office. Photography dates are March 21st, 22nd and 23rd from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity!!

ALL COMMISSIONS AND MINISTRIES, WE NEED YOUR GROUP PHOTOS. THESE WILL GO INTO OUR FAMILY PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY. ALL PICTURES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 23RD. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

OUR 2018 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 6 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday at \$60 each
- ◆ Easter Paschal Candle at \$350
- ◆ *New Devotional Candles Stands in the Church (3) if interested please call the Parish Office*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our Social Ministry 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 March 26th. The food pantry can always use pasta sauces, canned corn, juices and cereals. Thank you for your support.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

PARISH MISSION

Our Parish Mission begins on Monday, March 12th at 7 p.m. and will continue on Tuesday, March 13th and Wednesday, March 14th at 7 p.m. Please join us for this Lenten Mission of Mercy, led by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!!

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 26th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration During Lent

There will be Eucharistic Adoration, every Friday during Lent from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with the exception of First Friday Adoration which is from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Stations of the Cross During Lent

Each Friday during Lent, beginning at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!!



BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. March 13th is the anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Watch: *Francis: the People's Pope, Who is Pope Francis?* Or *Francis: Pope of the Renewal*. On March 17th Watch: *Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle* or Read: *St. Patrick's Summer*. Also enjoy the new Audio Drama: *The Trials of St. Patrick*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

BE A PART OF THE ST. BART'S PASSION PLAY

We need actors for the Passion Play. Come and show us your talents and be a part of this great Parish event. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



THE 63RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MCLEAN AVENUE Saturday, March 24, 2018 – Starting at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 10, 2018 - Annual Dinner Dance 6:30 p.m.

Good Time Room at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, 810 Yonkers Avenue, Yonkers, NY

The Parade Committee is proud to announce that former Irish Ambassador to the United States **Anne Anderson** is the 2018 Grand Marshal and she will lead the Parade, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Before the Parade, at 11:15 a.m., the Parade Committee will participate in a Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel. All are welcome. Please join us at the parade, either as a marcher or a spectator. If you are interested in attending the Annual Dinner on March 10th at the Empire City Casino, please contact Jean Tickell the Dinner Chairman at (914)



419-3611 or at paradedinner@gmail.com, or visit the Parade website at <http://www.yonkersstpatriksparade.org>.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,832.30
Balance	- \$1,167.70
*(Envelopes \$5,362.30,+ Online \$470.00)	

Amount Needed for Month off March	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,832.30

The Second Collection in support of Building and Grounds totaled: \$1,190.10.

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento and Isabel Medina.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. *Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.*

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, March 11th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

March 11, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Michael Castagnozzi +
11:30 AM Wesner Thenor-Louis, Sr. +
5:00 PM Sofia Vazquez and Jovita Romero +

Monday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Tuesday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Robert and Lillian Kurtz +

Wednesday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM No Intention

Thursday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Elizabeth Liga +

Friday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Jennifer Mitchell +

Saturday, March 17

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Walter Zigabarra +

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Gerard Monahan +

Sunday, March 18, 2018

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +
10:00 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)
11:30 AM Patricia Galik +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

March 11, 2018

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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:

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 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.
 I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.