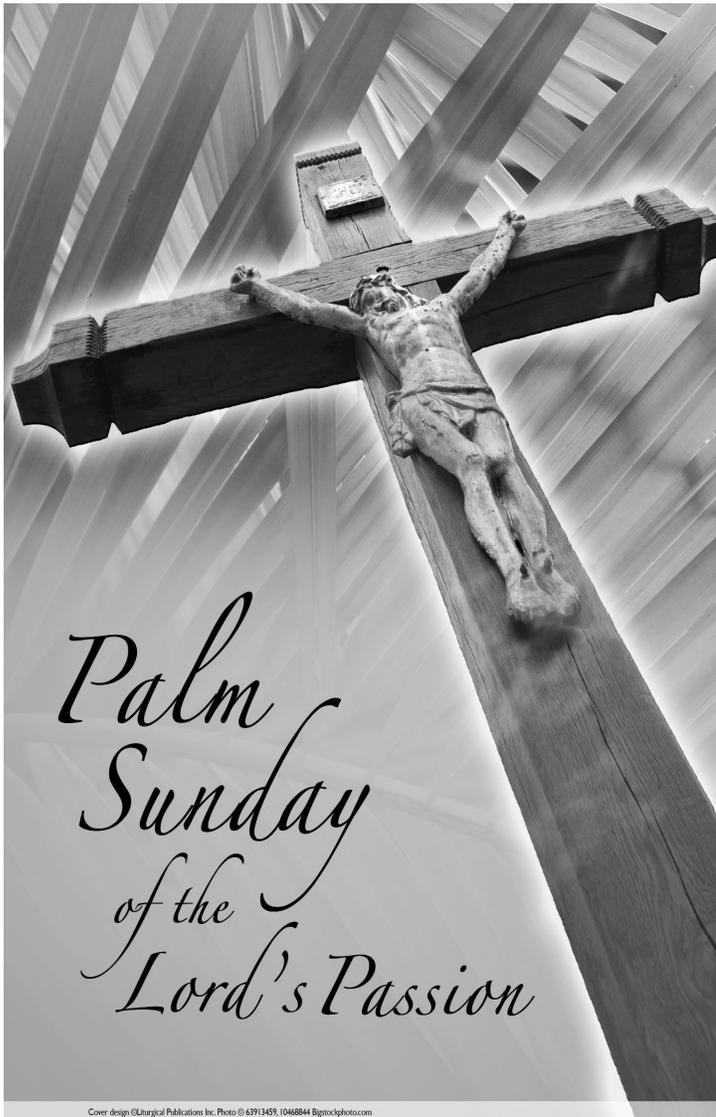


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

OF SUFFERING, FAITH, VICTORY



As Holy Week begins, the “whole city” (Jerusalem then, our world now) asks the pivotal question, “Who is this?” (Matthew 22:10). Who is Jesus for us – for me? The crowds reply, Jesus, the prophet” (21:11). Even modern non-believers acknowledge Jesus as an important teacher. But we disciples know the infinitely deeper truth proclaimed by Roman soldiers towards the end of Matthew’s Passion: “Truly, this was the Son of God!” (27:54). As Jesus enters Jerusalem, “the whole city was shaken” (21:10).

But no matter how poor our discipleship, how grievous our sins, Jesus’ coming should not frighten us. For, to the dismay of zealots hoping for revolution, to the disappointment we too sometimes feel when Jesus declines to intervene dramatically in the world, the Church, or our lives, this King rejects coercive violence and political power plays. Demonstrating that God’s redemptive power springs instead from poverty and peace, “King” Jesus comes “meek and riding on an ass” (21:5). Jesus will judge us on our practical charity toward those in need, hungry, thirsty, without clothing or shelter, the infirm and imprisoned.

Beautiful lessons from the readings:

Israel’s lament to a seemingly silent God, “Why have you forsaken me?” (Matthew 27:46) on the lips of Jesus, God’s suffering and self-emptying servant, signals abandonment, but not despair. Though the specter of separation haunts their Last Supper, Jesus’ promises that he will “drink (the wine) new” with his disciples in the Father’s kingdom (26:29).

In his agony then, and in the Church today, Jesus pleads, “Remain here and watch with me” (Matthew 26:38). Shrinking from suffering’s cup, Jesus nevertheless prays as he had taught us, “Your will be done!” (26:42). Faced with armed foes, Jesus practices what he preached: loving his enemies, rejecting violence, and renouncing retaliation. While Judas’ despair leads to self-destruction, Peter lets Jesus turn his remorseful tears into forgiving streams, to which all have access once “the veil of the sanctuary is torn in two” (27:51).

Far from ending bleakly, Matthew’s Passion comforts the Church, wounded by betrayal and denial, scarred by scandal and sin, and us, always falling and rising, sinning and repenting. For, although Jesus seems dead – tomb secured, seal fixed, guard set – his silent Abba (and ours) is already stirring nature, stirring hearts. An earthquake signals creation’s seismic shifting, and even the dead rise. True, hostility to Jesus will never be lacking, but neither will courageous discipleship, sometimes where least expected: Gentile soldiers profess faith, a wealthy elder reverently caring for Jesus’ body. Even we, disciples who too often “look on from a distance” (Matthew 27:55), respond to Christ’s Passion today by profession of that timeless faith: He “rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”

This week, as I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus’ victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus’ gentle, loving way of bringing about God’s kingdom into my corner of the world?

Blessings and peace.

Fr. Raphael




HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the parish are invited.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Margaret T. Maccia.



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** are donated in loving memory of Carmine and Margaret Maccia by John and Karen McKenna.

First Communion and Confirmation Classes: Register **NOW** for next year’s Religious Education program. Call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.

Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service. It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, April 10th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Confessions will also be heard on Holy Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**PLEASE BRING BELLS FROM HOME**

Participate in the age-old tradition of ringing bells during the Gloria on Holy Thursday, April 13th, and for the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15th.

EASTER DINNER BASKETS are being distributed on April 12th. If you would like to contribute any desserts, canned fruits or candies, to enhance their Easter celebrations, please drop off these items in the Rectory by Wednesday, April 12th in the morning.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**PARISH CLUSTER MISSION
REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY**



**ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE MISSION AND
EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM
PARISH CLUSTER MISSION**

The archdiocese of New York will launch an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day.

The three day program will be led by Father Kenan, Peters, from the Passionists who specializes in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with Adoration, followed by the mission. Each cluster parish will host one day :

St. Bartholomew's will host Monday, May 1st

St. Anthony's will host Tuesday, May 2nd

Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, May 3rd

Come join us!



Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following families:

Quincy and Theresa Venturino in loving memory of the Venturino and Martucci Families

Joanne Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary and Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio and Christine Bellino

Ed, Martha and Madeline Cesaitis in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs Joseph Cesaitis and Mr & Mrs. Simon P. Lovett

Carmella Del Bene in loving memory of the Salerno and Del Bene Families

Richard and Maria Scardino in loving memory of the Scardino and D'Arienzo Families

Mary Ann Cognatello in loving memory of the Cognatello and Gregorio Families

Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia

The Paschal Candle for Easter is donated by an Anonymous Donor

Due to Holy Thursday, Bible Studies will not be held this Thursday, April 13th.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,649.55
Balance	+ 649.55
*(Envelopes \$6,309.55, Online \$1,340.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 7,649.55

The Second Collection in support of our building and grounds totaled \$1,396.20

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro and Anthony Guarente.

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 Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. They will not be meeting on the Third Sunday, which is April 16th, Easter Sunday. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

BLOOD DRIVE: St. Bart's will be conducting the 86th blood drive in the 36 years since starting in 1981 on Friday, April 21st at McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6,430 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.

April 9, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo+

Sunday, April 9

8:30 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +

10:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +

11:30 AM Josephine Confalone +

5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

Monday, April 10

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

9:00 AM Benjamin Pelliccio +

Tuesday, April 11

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM For All Souls

9:00 AM Jerry Scarpati +

Wednesday, April 12

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Albert R. Popot +

9:00 AM Bernard Mistal +

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday– Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

7:30 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Friday, April 14

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Service - No Mass

7:30 PM Service - No Mass

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM Deceased members of Brusco & Nanoia families

10:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

11:30 AM Victor Orsini +

April 9, 2017

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 complete 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!

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

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EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.

- ◆ Washing of the Feet
- ◆ Reposition of the Blessed Eucharist

GOOD FRIDAY, April 14th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, April 15th

Easter Vigil starts at 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ There will only be one service on this day.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 16th

Masses will only be at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass

