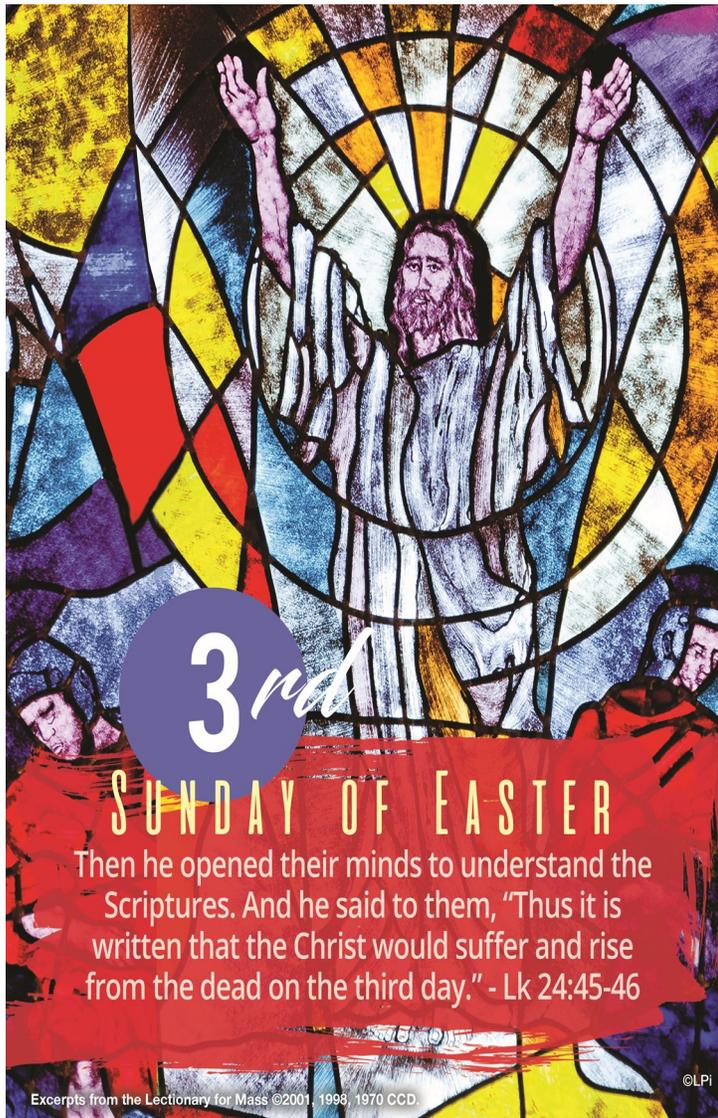


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

WE ARE WITNESSES OF THESE THINGS

Even though we do not hear any readings from the Old Testament during Easter, in a way we do hear what is written there. Both the first reading and the Gospel proclaim that God has brought the words of the prophets to fulfillment in the person of Jesus. Peter explained that the Messiah suffered just as the prophets had said he would. Jesus tells his disciples that everything written about Him had to be fulfilled, including His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Another commonality between Peter's and Jesus' speeches is that they called their audiences "witnesses." Obviously, they were, as these people had seen Jesus before His passion, had seen Him crucified, and at least some had seen Him firsthand after He had risen. But how can we be witnesses? How can we "who have not seen and have believed," as we heard last week, witness to what the early church had seen? It may be helpful to note that the early Christians had never met Abraham or Moses or Isaiah, yet they knew them intimately through scripture and preaching. So too do we learn about Jesus. But more than that, we know that Jesus is with us always, so we can always witness to Him.

A final constant of today's readings is repentance. Why is repentance emphasized strongly today, when the penitential season of Lent has ended? Perhaps because sin has not. As sinners, we are always called to repentance. Fortunately, as John says in his letter, Jesus is expiation for our sins and the sins of the whole world. Repent, and our sins may be wiped away.

Question of the Week:

How can I be a witness? How do I explain what the presence of Jesus in my life means?

(*Pastoral Patterns – Summer, 2018*)

Parish Tidbits:

** Thanks for your prayers, Fr. Anthony and myself had a safe trip down to Houston. It was great meeting the guys. We (MSP) have about 50 priests in the US, mostly working in parishes across 16 or so dioceses. A few are into hospital chaplaincy and studies. Here in the New York Archdiocese we have our priests at St. Frances of Rome in Wakefield (Bronx) also. You'll remember Fr. Francis Oroffá. He's there as an associate pastor.

**Many thanks again to everyone that helped to make our Lenten, Holy week and Easter celebrations great. I believe I left out the Wish List donors. Thanks a lot for your generosity, and may the Lord continue to bless you. Amen.

**Our prayerful condolences to Joe Chimenti, who lost his mother this past Tuesday. Cheryl Duda lost her mother-in-law (Walter's mom) before Easter. Her mother's health has been fluctuating these few days, as well as Joe's dad's. Please do keep them (the deceased, their families, the sick and their caregivers) in your prayers.

**Many thanks for your gifts at Easter. Our budget was around \$18,000 and we got a little over \$9,000. We were also about \$10,000 short in our Christmas budget. We are also still struggling in our Sunday collection. I know that the Renew & Rebuild Campaign affected these. However, please keep up with your normal Sunday gifts as we cannot access the Renew and Rebuild funds for ordinary expenses. Many thanks for your continuing support of St. Bart's.

Easter Blessings on you and your loved ones.~ Father Raphael



PARISH NEWS




Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, April 16th, at 7:00 pm in the school building. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Confirmation is Sunday April 29th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, and Sunday, May 6th our children will receive their First Holy Communion. Both Masses will be very crowded and will be longer than usual. You may wish to attend a different Mass on these days.

**BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL**

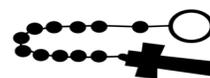
We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. Tomorrow we remember St. Bernadette of Lourdes. Watch: *Bernadette*, *The Passion of Bernadette*, or *Bernadette: Princess of Lourdes*. You can also listen to: *St. Bernadette of Lourdes*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for the tag sale on June 2nd. We need help setting up beginning on Wednesday, May 30th, Thursday, May 31st, Friday, June 1st and the day of the tag sale, Saturday June 2nd. We are asking for some able bodied men during these days especially for table set up and also on Saturday at 3 p.m. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676. As always your time and assistance is much appreciated!!



A **special thank you** to the donators of the Lenten Alms Giving program. The donations totaled \$3,292.00 and supported a water well in Africa as well as provided food in Kenya where there has been a severe drought. May God bless you for your generosity and support of our children.

**The Rosary Altar Society**

If you are doing spring cleaning and have any tea cups, saucers or teapots to donate for the Rosary Altar Society's upcoming tea party, please contact Liz Mulvaney at 914 403-8844. Donations will be gladly picked up.

Rosary Altar Society Tea Party

Saturday, May 12th after the 9 a.m. Mass. More details to follow in upcoming weeks.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

St. Barts Angels: RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST

This Sunday, April 15th after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Come and support this cause!!



PHOTOGRAPHY SESSIONS FOR FAMILY DIRECTORY

Thursday, April 19th, Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. Sign up via parish web site or call the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 29th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass

Save the Date: Sweepstakes Social is on Saturday, May 5th after the



5 p.m. Mass. Admission \$15 includes wedge, soda, coffee, tea, desserts and snacks. Great prizes. Must be 18 years old or older. Contact Barbara Troutman at 914 329-3067 or call the Parish Office.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR BLOOD DONORS

St. Bart's and Hudson Valley Blood Services express sincere appreciation to the 75 donors, 9 students and 6 adult volunteers who came down to the 89th Blood Drive on 4/6/18 to donate 73 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 6752 units of blood.



Once again, Hudson Valley Blood Services can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

8 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system. 57 donors gave a regular donation.

10 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 11 new donors and 20 walk-ins. 22 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 22 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 7747.



We have tentatively scheduled our next drive for the FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018 and look forward to continuing this much needed community service. Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson
914-423-3592

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass, Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant
The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018.



All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 14, 2018.

Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's

St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2018) are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. They will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. Please call the Parish Office, no later than Friday, June 1st to register your participation and tell us how many guests you might be expecting at the Reception.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,449.55), Balance (- \$ 550.45), *(Envelopes \$6,009.55 Online \$440.00)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of April (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$12,893.35)

The revised Easter collection totaled: \$9,683.40

"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!



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., 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, Frank Sanzo, Paul Pesavento, Isabel Medina, Larry Vandak and Lisa Villar.

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

GROUP MINISTRY PICTURES FOR OUR PARISH



FAMILY DIRECTORY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH AT 6:30 P.M.(ANY MINISTRY THAT MEETS CAN TAKE THEIR GROUP PICTURE AT THEIR STANDARD MEETING) PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL PROBABLY BE AT THE CHURCH FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. THANK YOU!!!

PASSION PLAY PIZZA PARTY: ANYONE IN THE PASSION PLAY IS INVITED TO MCMANUS CENTER ON SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND AT 2:30 IN THE GYM FOR PIZZA. WE WILL ALSO BE TAKING A PICTURE OF THE THEATRE GROUP FOR THE PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY. THANK YOU AND LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



April 15, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, April 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Charles Wighton +

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:30 AM Harold W. Smith III +

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Peter & Josephine Pisacreta +

Monday, April 16

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Dawn Flower (Living)

9:00 AM Tyler Marchase +

Tuesday, April 17

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Justin & Steven Colon & Angelica Blanco (Living)

9:00 AM Fr. Khong Ambrose+

Wednesday, April 18

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Duda +

9:00 AM Bridget O'Malley +

Thursday, April 19

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Elvira Tippins +

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Friday, April 20

Easter Weekday

7:00 AM Carol Kolnik +

9:00 AM Cynthia Mascetta King +

Saturday, April 21

Easter Weekday

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Saturday, April 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Carl & Lucille Rossi +

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 22, 2018

8:30 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

10:00 AM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

11:30 AM Lena Castaldo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

April 15, 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:

- _____
- 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.

LOCAL EVENTS

Sacred Heart High School Drama Club presents, FOOTLOOSE at Sacred Heart Church, Convent Avenue, Yonkers, NY on Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 22nd at 2 p.m. For information and tickets, please call 914 965-6953.

Jumbo Flea Market at St. Paul the Apostle Church, 77 Lee Avenue, Yonkers, NY on Saturday, April 21st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors Welcome, Lunch Available. Many different items. Call 914 965-9333 for more information.

Stepinac Theatre Presents, RAGTIME, The Musical on April 27th, April 28th, May 4th, May 5th at 7 p.m. and May 6th at 2 p.m., Archbishop Stepinac High School, 950 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY. Please call 914 946-4800 ext. 200 for more information.

Bereavement Support Group, St. Augustine Church, 18 Cherry Avenue, Larchmont, NY will meet every Monday, April 9th to June 4th from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call 914 834-1220, ext. 23 for more information.

CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS OF YONKERS, will hold their 26th Anniversary luncheon this Thursday, April 19th at 1 p.m. at Gianna's Restaurant, 1034 North Broadway, Yonkers, NY. Cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Reservations are required.