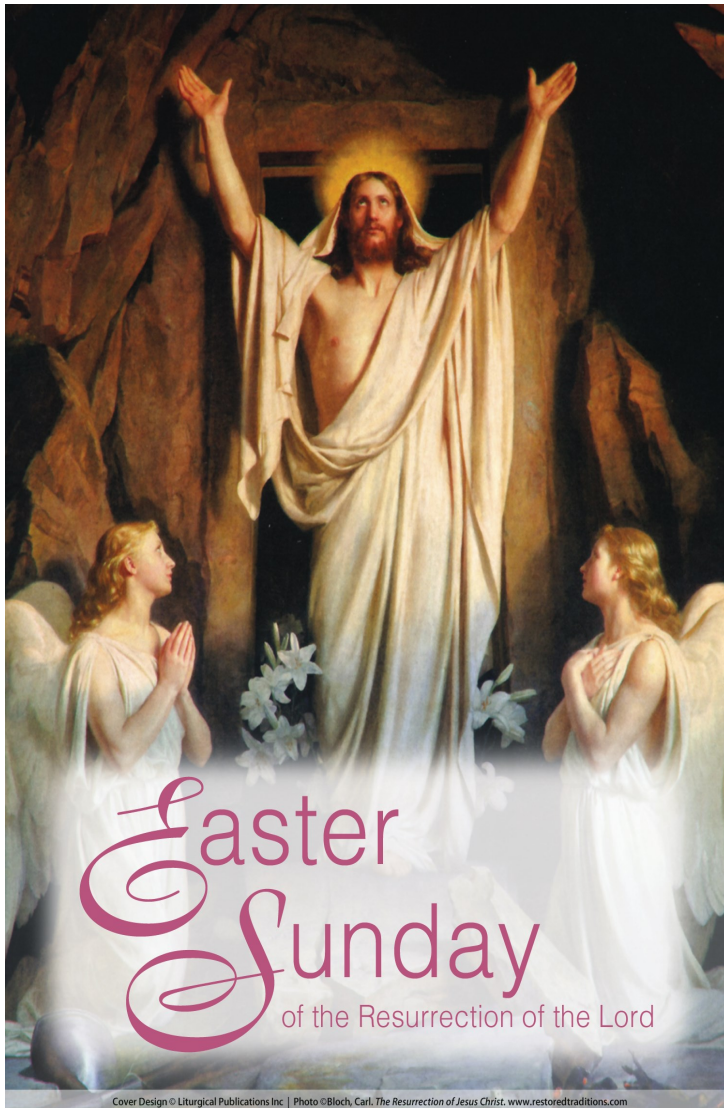


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
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

## THE EMPTY TOMB

That the Devil is strong is an understatement! Whoever says otherwise does so at his/her own peril. Take the events of Holy Week for example, when the room of the Last Supper was pervaded with doom and gloom.

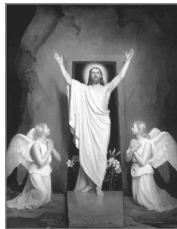


Move on to the Garden of Olives, where Jesus agonized for hours and pleaded with the Father to let the cup pass Him by. Then recall the painful betrayal by Judas, the false accusations from the High Priest and his Cohorts, the flogging, the bleeding, the torturous journey to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taunting, and finally the death. Think of the mood, as Jesus' loved ones brought Him down from the

Cross. In all these was the overshadowing sense of hopelessness among Jesus' family and friends.

They gave up and scattered everywhere, ready to return to life before Jesus came into their lives. That's the power of the Evil One. But when power meets power, the stronger power carries the day. The one that laughs last laughs most. The Devil is a loser! A sore one at that! So, Jesus returned, in His glory! He's risen! Alleluia!

There are times in our lives when we stare at the empty/sealed tombs. Life seems to be over. No door seems to open up! We cry out with Jesus: Father, why have You forsaken me? You, your loved one, or someone you know may be staring at an empty tomb at this time. Tell yourself, and tell them that yes the Devil is powerful, but the power of our Risen Savior is way beyond that of the Devil. In the midst of our fears and anxieties, the Risen Savior whispers, "It is I, do not be afraid."



May the Risen Lord bring hope and joy into your life and the lives of your loved ones during this Easter Season. Amen. Alleluia.

## THANKS &amp; PRAISES

\*\*To each of you, our beloved parishioners for being part of the entire Lenten & Holy Week & Easter celebrations. Your presence helped others in their own journey - it definitely helped me.

\*\*To all our Liturgical Ministers, the three Choir groups, Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Arts & Environment, for making our worship and worship space extra memorable and fruitful. Thanks to the Liturgy Commission members who coordinated all of this and also for a wonderful, well attended parish mission by the Franciscan Friars.

\*\*To our Social Ministry for the soup on Fridays, following Stations of the Cross.

\*\*Thanks to our St. Bart's Theatre Troup for helping bring the Passion story alive.

\*\*To all who donated towards the Easter Wish List and towards our Easter collection. If you have not yet donated, please help us reach our Easter budget goal. Thanks for your generosity.

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY REMINDER:

Please, be sure to sign up and take your pictures with your family. Even if reluctant, do it as gift to your parish family. We need everyone to be part of it. It will help me a lot personally. Thanks for being part of it. We will also be re-scheduling our group ministry pictures soon.

## MEETING / RETREAT

Fr. Anthony and I will leave for our annual MSP retreat/meeting in Houston. Keep us in your prayers. We'll return on Saturday.

**Easter Blessings on you and your loved ones.**

~ *Father Raphael*



# PARISH NEWS

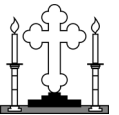



**My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen.**

The Pastor, the Pastoral Staff, and the Administrative Staff wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

**Father Raphael and Father Anthony will be heading out to Texas for their annual MSP meeting early this week. Therefore, there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. this Tuesday, through Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 6<sup>th</sup>. (On Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be the 7 and 9 am Masses)**

The ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of the Brusco and Nanoia families by Lou and Angela Brusco.



**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering

**On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> NOT THURSDAY APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>**

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:** This Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts.



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR:** The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St Bart's will be conducting the 89<sup>th</sup> blood drive in the 37 years since starting in 1981 this Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6679 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca @ 914 423-3592 for an appointment and tell your family and friends too.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 6th

RELAY FOR LIFE BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 15th after the 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Masses

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

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. Today is The Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord. Study: Forgiven, or Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 4, The Story of Salvation or Session 6, The Paschal Mystery. Watch: Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?, or Listen to: The Resurrection of Jesus, Fact or Fiction, The Christmas and Easter Story, The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin, My Beloved Son, The Fourth Cup, or Three Days that Changed the World. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

Fr Anthony Mbanefo has two new books on sale. One is PAUL OF TARSUS CHALLENGES US. It articulates the message of St Paul to the people of our time and how we could live by that message. A copy is \$15. The other is MODELS OF MERCY. It explores the scriptural foundations of the seven corporal works of mercy and seven spiritual works of mercy. It also extols the biblical heroes and heroines of these Judeo-Christian virtues. It finally unveils how Jesus Christ perfected these virtues in His words and deeds. A copy is \$10. You can either get them at the entrance of the church after Sunday Mass or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Prayer Books during Lent were donated by:

Vivian Cortes DelMoral in loving memory of Eleonora Caballero

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend April 6th to April 8th at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For more information, please call Janice at 845 490-7466 or Phyllis at 914 261-5812 or e mail at ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org.

Life Line Screening coming to St. Bart's on Friday, May 25th. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly \$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday \$5,516.65
Balance - \$1,483.35
\*(Envelopes \$5,151.65, Online \$365.00)

Amount Needed for Month off March \$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far \$23,408.10

"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., 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be NO Religious Education classes this Tuesday, April 3rd.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday 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.

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



April 1, 2018

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil  
March 31**

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Easter Sunday Of The Resurrection Of The Lord  
Sunday, April 1, 2018**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia families  
10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
11:30 AM Dina Legio +  
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**Monday, April 2**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM Richard Romer +  
9:00 AM Eileen Fitzpatrick +

**Tuesday, April 3**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Wednesday, April 4**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Victoria Chimenti (Living)

**Thursday, April 5**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

7:30 PM Fernando Chietini +

**Friday, April 6**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +

**Saturday, April 7**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

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**Saturday, April 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Anthony Giuriceo +  
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**Second Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 8, 2018**

8:30 AM Deceased Members Of Holy Name Society  
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Capuano & Lucchetti families  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of Petrus Mkhize family  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**April 1, 2018**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

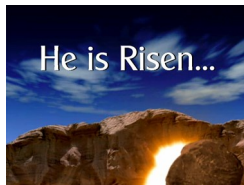
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Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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.
- .....



On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven,  
Love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace.  
Unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine for us  
To cleanse our sin,  
A perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God, the walking, talking Word.  
He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form,  
Dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe will also  
rise.  
To have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.

Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!  
*By Joanna Fuchs*