

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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.

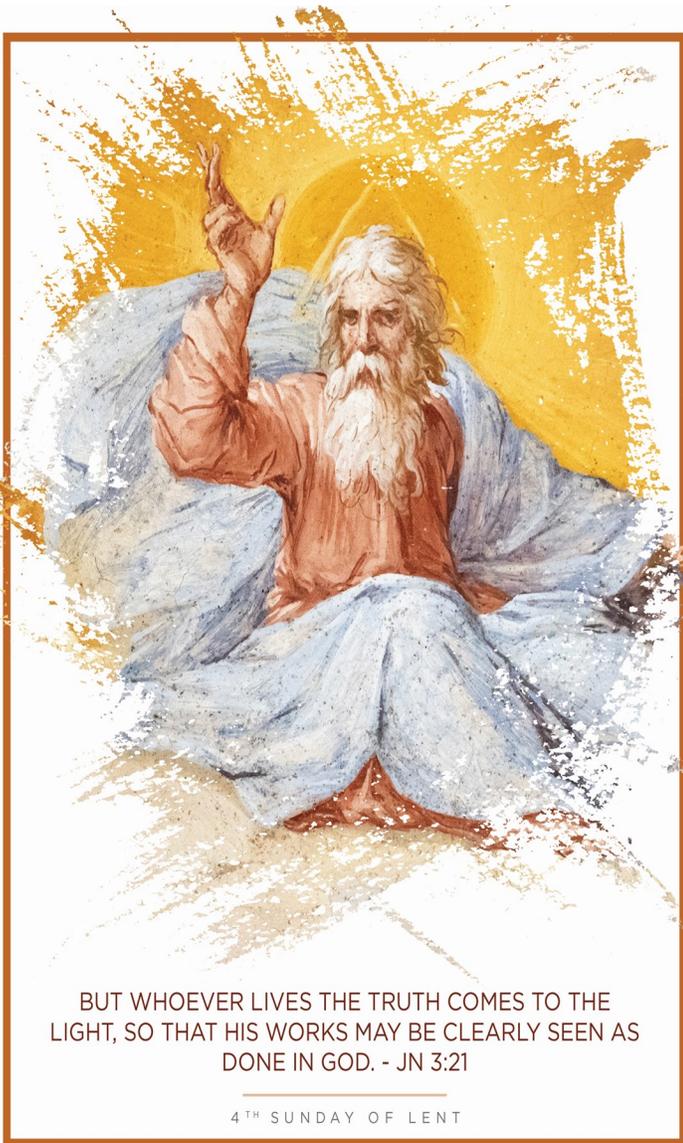
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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



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.

LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH



On Christmas Eve, we heard the prophet Isiah's words that a great light has come to shine through the darkness. We believe that the light is Jesus, the Messiah, who came into the world on that holy night. Today we hear John say that some people preferred the darkness. After all, they were used to it. They didn't have to worry about their actions in the darkness. They could do things that, if exposed to the light, would be seen as wrong. But we are called to value what is good and true and holy, and so we come to the light, to the Christ, so that our works may be seen, may be imitated, and may lead others to God.

Nicodemus would be such an example. We hear Jesus address him in the Gospel today but what we don't hear is that this monologue happens when Nicodemus comes to the Lord after night fell. Why did he come at night? Not because his works were evil, but because he was a member of the Sanhedrin and he feared that his position would be in danger if he was seen meeting with Jesus. So Jesus, the light of the world, was directly addressing him with his words. How did Nicodemus take Jesus' challenge? Well, we will see Nicodemus again in a couple of weeks, on Good Friday. It is he and Joseph of Arimathea, both secretly disciples (not any of the Twelve) who dare to ask Pilate for permission to remove Jesus' body from the cross, anoint it with myrrh, and bury it in a newly made tomb. "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his (or her) works may be clearly seen as done in God" (John 3:21). Nicodemus chooses to live the truth and come to the light.



While exiled in Babylon, the Chosen People found it challenging to continue to worship the Lord and live holy lives. Whether out of fear or shame or convenience, many people chose to forget their faith as they tried to survive in a pagan land. But not the faithful ones. Hence the psalmist plaintively recalling their native land, even as their songs and memories are fading.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Am I willing to live out my faith in the light of day, even when it makes me uncomfortable because I am ridiculed or rejected by much of society?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

2024 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 Lenten and Easter items in memory of a loved one. Contact the Parish Office for further details.



Join us for our Parish Mission on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Church.

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.



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Adoration at 6 p.m. And Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church.

The 2024 Mass book 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: THE 2025 Mass is open!!!!**

**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.



Donations of hams would also be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the food pantry before the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and before the Sunday 9:30 and 11 am Masses on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be distributed the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

in advance for your generosity.

**Seniors Movie Thursday**  
Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Contact Rich Califano if interested!



4th Sunday of Lent

Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.



How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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



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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**Awake, O Sleeper!**

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



*Loving Creator of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near.  
I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter  
and the promised reconciliation with you.  
Teach me to follow the example of your Son,  
to be worthy of being called one of His  
people:  
a Christian.*

*Help me to live each day as He did  
turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.  
I await the new life with eagerness, faith  
and a deep gratitude.*



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 25th  
Sunday collection: \$3,230.00  
On Line giving: \$1,435.00  
Total: \$4,665.00

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).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

**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.**

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March 10, 2024

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, March 9 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Amedeo & Angie Lepore +  
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**Sunday, March 10  
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Theresa Venturino +  
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +  
12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
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**Monday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +

**Tuesday, March 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anthony Di Paolo +

**Weekday, March 13**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Thursday, March 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

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

**Friday, March 15**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Nora Kelly +

**Saturday, March 16**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM John Smith +  
Herbert Kurz +  
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**Saturday, March 16 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gloria De Luccy +  
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**Sunday, March 17  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Patrick V. Fox  
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
Patrick V. Fox +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**March 10, 2024**

**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.

**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

