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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9

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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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

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

FORGIVE AND SHOW MERCY

The Roman authorities were willing to tolerate the Jewish religion in their province of Judea, as long as the people submitted to Roman rule. Therefore, the Pharisees reacted strongly to Jesus' disciples publicly and loudly acclaiming Jesus as "king" as they approached Jerusalem. They feared the Roman authorities would assume an uprising was imminent. But Jesus did not enter the city riding on a steed or warhorse, as a conqueror or military hero would.



No, his entrance recalled Zechariah's prophecy of the Messiah's arrival: "Meek, and riding...on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zechariah 9:9). Note the similarity between the disciples' proclamation and the angels on the night Jesus was born: "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest" (Luke 19:38). Like Caesar Augustus over thirty years earlier, the religious authorities now misunderstand Jesus' kingship.

When Jesus entered the provincial capital of Jerusalem, He proclaimed that the very stones would cry out if the authorities tried to silence His disciples. But when Jesus was put on trial, no one spoke up for Him. Peter denied even knowing Him, the rest of the disciples fled, and the stones themselves remained silent. Was Jesus mistaken? Or was He speaking of a more distant show of support? Indeed, over the course of the last two millennia, millions of congregations such as ours have sung out virtually the same words as His disciples, recalling this very event. We are the ones who will not keep silent.

Paul points out the paradoxical way in which Jesus lived His life on earth. Though He was God, "he emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7), yet now, at His name "every knee should bend" (2:10). His complete obedience to the Father's will, which makes Him seem servile, gives Him the strength to face the physical and psychic torture He must endure. His complete obedience to the One with the power to "greatly exalt" Him and "bestow on Him the name which is above every name" (2:9) enables Him in the end to become the king that His disciples had proclaimed as they entered Jerusalem.

Luke's version of the Passion includes three examples of Jesus' mercy toward sinners that are not mentioned by the other evangelists. First, for Peter: Even as Jesus tells Peter that He will deny Him three times, He also tells Him that when He turns back, He must strengthen the other disciples. Implicitly He forgives Peter for the cowardice He knows that He will show under duress, going so far as to rely on this disciple who will show terrible weakness, to be a source of strength in the future. Later, Luke alone writes that when the cock crowed, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Without saying anything more, we know that Jesus did not look at Him in anger or disappointment, but with sympathy and mercy. Second, for those who played a role in His death sentence: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Finally, for the penitent criminal on the cross, whom He assures will be with Him in heaven. Right up until His final breath, Jesus offered unconditional mercy to those who needed it. We are those sinners in need now.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who can I forgive with the Lord's mercy this week?

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Karen and John McKenna.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please remember to return your Lenten Almsgiving Boxes if you have not already done so. This year, your donations will support a Missionary of St. Paul priest in their seminary. Please return them after Easter.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Adoration Until 10 p.m.



GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th

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



HOLY SATURDAY, April 19th

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8 p.m.



EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th

Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
And 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass).

There is no 5 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following families:

Rosalie and Sal De Chiara in loving memory of Antonio & Rosa Troia.



Mary Ann Cognatello in loving memory of the deceased members of the Cognatello & Gregorio Families

Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia.

Pauline Pasqualoni in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. & Joseph Pasqualoni, III.

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

The Traversa Family in loving memory of Vito Traversa.

Quincy Venturino in loving memory of deceased members of the Venturino & Martucci Families

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 14th 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Bartholomew's.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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



Our Outreach 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 THIS Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 12th or before THIS Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on April 13th. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 14th.



THIS Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on April 13th. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 14th.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Salvatore Coniglio, Rosalie Moynihan, Zbigniew K. Bocianski.



Rest in Peace

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A God Who Knows How It Feels

Christ could have spoken anything from the cross, so why did he choose to recite Psalm 22? And why is it so important that we recite that same Psalm at today's Mass?

"My God, my God, why have You abandoned me?"

We've never known the Jesus of the Gospels to doubt the will of God. We've never known him to be a defeatist or to give into feelings of despair. He's the hero who walks on water, the Savior who is welcomed to Jerusalem with a pathway of palms. And he knows how this story ends; he knows full well that his Father has absolutely *not* abandoned him.

So why does he say this? Jesus doesn't make offhanded comments, especially in his last hour. Today, when we repeat the words that he calls out in his darkest moment, we must remember that he wants us, very particularly, to consider them.

With his crucifixion, Jesus reminds us of his humanity. He is a man of flesh that can be torn and blood that can be shed. Somehow, in tandem with his divinity, he still possesses a heart that knows fear and pain and longing. And with this seemingly hopeless cry, he reminds us of that.

Let us never doubt that Jesus can relate to us in our brokenness. This is the week, friends. This is the week that reminds us that our God is a God who knows every pang, every trembling, and every uncertainty of human life. Our God knows what abandonment feels like. He knows what rejection feels like. He knows what it is to keep

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 30, 2025

**Sunday collection: \$3,533.00
On Line giving: \$1,195.00
Total \$4,728.00**

**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 (**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.



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, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, & Martha Cesaitis.

Please call the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Prayer for Holy Week



Dear Lord,

I open my heart to You, offering every day and night to You in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany You in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen.

April 13, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 12

5:00 PM Lucy & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies Theresa Venturino +
11:00 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Luis Verdugo +

Monday April 14
Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Tuesday, April 15
Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Fortune Macri +

Wednesday, April 16
Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Ricardo Marata, Sr.
9:00 AM Jorge Gutierrez +

Thursday, April 17
Thursday of Holy week
Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish
ADORATON AFTER MASS UNTIL 10 PM

Friday, April 18
Friday of the Passion of Our Lord

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM Passion Service of our Lord
7:00PM Passion Service of our Lord

Saturday, April 19
Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Blessing of the Bread (No Mass)

Saturday, April 19

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

9:30AM Joseph Paul Prior +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick & Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory

THERE IS NO 5 PM MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

PALM SUNDAY

