

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566,
Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto



Fifth Sunday of LENT



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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.

Pastor's COLUMN

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF DEATH AND NEW LIFE

Fr. Bill's topic on the first night of the Mission was on new hope and new life. All the readings this Sunday touch on the same theme. Israel's exile into Babylon was like death, and their return to their homeland was like a new life, a spiritual renewal (Ezekiel 37:12-14). In his letter to the Romans, Paul speaks of the Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and that that same Spirit is at work in each of us (Rom 8:8-11).



Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

The Gospel (John 11:1-45) gives us a more visual image of a new life in the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus shows us that He's the Lord of life and death. Lent is about dying to our sins and ourselves so that we can rise to a new (renewed) life at Easter. In these remaining days of Lent, may we intensify our efforts to die to our old selves, or mainly focus on what we've been doing so far. May we truly experience renewal at Easter. Amen.

IN THANKS AND PRAISE

- * Thanks once again to Fr. Bill Gaffney, CSsR, for a wonderful and very fruitful mission. We were indeed spiritually fed.
- * Thanks to the Social Ministry group who made the nights extra wonderful by feeding our stomach so as to keep body and soul together.
- * Thanks to all who volunteered to bring food for Fr. Gaffney. At one point our fridge was completely filled with a variety of dishes.
- * Finally, thanks to everyone of you who came out. Attendance was wonderful and steady all the nights. You may not always be aware of it, but your presence is always a big encouragement to your brothers and sisters.

Blessings on each and every one of you.

OUR YOUTH COORDINATORS

As announced last Sunday, this weekend at all Masses, we'll inaugurate the first of our new ministries (Youth Coordinators) and introduce the members to you. We continue to thank Fr. Daniel and Ellen Chementi for all they do for our Youth. Fr. Daniel continues to be their Spiritual Director; and Ellen is the Youth Director. Joining them officially are Margie Cruz, Kelly Foley, Romina Hernandez, Joe Monroig and Elvis Valdez.

At each Mass, they will say a few things about themselves. Our goal is for the parish, especially our parents, to see those who will be working with their kids. Each of them has great experience working with the youth.

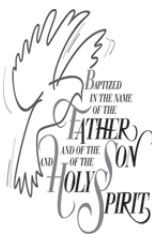
We sincerely thanks them for volunteering to use their talents among us.

WELCOME INTO ST. BART'S FAMILY GIANNA PAGANO

Congratulations to you and your parents, Cal and Christina Pagano. May the Lord continue to bless you as you grow among us. Amen.

Have A Blessed Week.

Father Raphael Ezech, MSP



PARISH NEWS

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



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Carol Swetz by Tom Swetz.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week will be lit in loving memory William Wassmer.



CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to the Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in April. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir and the Folk Group will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with their friends and classmates during the Mass.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or wishing to prepare for Confirmation should contact the Religious Education Office for information about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. (RCIA) Call 914-476-6676 for further information.



CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, April 15th**, at 4 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Every parishioner is encouraged to attend this beautiful ceremony, where we celebrate with the Archbishop of our Archdiocese and witness our priests renew their vow to serve God's people with the humility of a good shepherd. Please support our parish priests. Our bus is full; to be placed on a waiting list, please call the Parish Office during business hours.



✠ **ORDERS**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: This Friday evening the devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to participate together. We will also have the Stations of the Cross at 2 p.m. on Good Friday, April 18th, just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service.



Fifth Sunday of Lent

WELCOMING OUR NEW PARISHIONERS

We especially want to welcome these individuals and families who joined or returned to our Parish family since October:

Kevin Albanese	Samantha Angrand
Marianette Cancio	Theresa Chappory
Ronald and Deana Futia	Carol Jennings
Romina & Amauris Hernandez	Teresa Lockwood
Milagros Olmo	Janet Rayside
Ed Sheeran Jr.	Josephine Taveras
Amber and Bryan Tiano	Kara and Richard Walker
Mae Dumalag & Jerry Carrasquillo	

Please feel free to speak to our pastor or any of the pastoral staff if you need any assistance. Your presence in our parish family means a lot to all of us. Once again, welcome!

OUR 2014 LENTEN & EASTER WISH LIST



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a joyous Easter feast, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items needed for the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies:

- ◆ 1 Paschal (Easter) Candle @ \$450
- ◆ 5 bundles of Palms for Palm Sunday @ \$60 each
- ◆ 50 *Passion Play* costumes, ranging from \$20 - \$60

Please, note that any of the above items can be donated in memory of your loved ones; and will be so noted in the Easter Bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: An all day excursion to the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA to see *Moses* on Friday, August 1st, is planned. The bus leaves at 9 a.m. and returns at 10 p.m. The outing also includes an *All You Can Eat* buffet. **Seating is limited; reservations are required now.** For information and reservations, call Cheryl Duda (476-6676).



PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES



Bible Studies will held this **Friday, April 11th**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the school building. The sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible

YOUTH GROUP: Because of the practice schedule for the Passion Play and Easter, **during the month of April** the Youth Group will meet this Sunday, April 6th, at 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on Sunday April 27th, after the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Last Weekend's Contribution Comparison

	3/31/13	3/30/14	Difference
Adults	\$4,805.55	\$6,153.80	+\$ 1,348.25
Children	\$ 348.60	\$ 132.55	-\$ 216.05
Total	\$5,154.15	\$6,286.35	+\$ 1,132.20

Our Collection in support of Catholic Relief Services totaled \$1,594.20.

"The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not your money, but you ... for God."



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Joe Forlini, Michael Treacy, Rosemarie Petti, Marie Murtha, and Teresa Buoninfante.

THE PASSION PLAY


Performed by some of our very own **St. Bart's Parishioners Youth Group**

When: **Palm Sunday**, April 13th, at 2 p.m.
and

Good Friday, April 18th, at the 7:30 p.m. service

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Gertrude Ann Woska.  *Rest in Peace*

April 6, 2014

Mass Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Fontanello & Pagliocca Families

Sunday, April 6

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM 40th Wedding Anniversary Rich & Ellen Califano

11:30 AM Anthony Giuriceo +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, April 7

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Carol Swetz +

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Tuesday, April 8

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Johanne Kaminski (living)

9:00 AM Daniel DeRosa +

Wednesday, April 9

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Rita Bolduc +

9:00 AM Clementine & Larry D'Arienzo +

Thursday, April 10

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello +

Friday, April 11

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Tiffany Nguyen (living)

9:00 AM William Wassmer +

Saturday, April 12

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Mary C. Ellis +

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +

Sunday, April 13

8:30 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

10:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Pasquale Alessi +

