

St. Bartholomew's Church



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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.

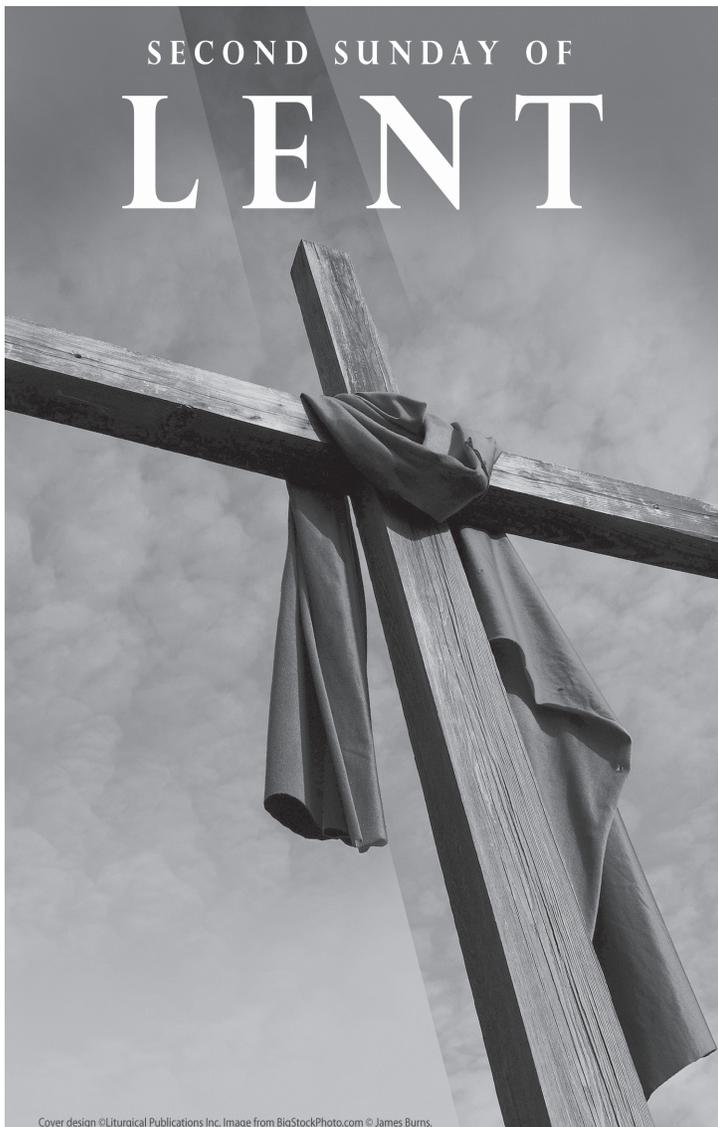
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



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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.

CONSIDER A MINISTRY



As we gear up towards strengthening existing ministries and establishing the proposed new ones, please consider volunteering your time and talent in one of the ministries. Often we shy away from joining a ministry, citing various reasons, mostly not really good reasons. Below are some of the common reasons and a little help in resolving them.

TOP "5" MYTHS About Volunteering at Church

Think of a ministry at St. Bart's. One you really value or appreciate. Perhaps it's the Social Ministry group who are always there to help with various parish functions such as family breakfasts, our Christmas luncheon etc. Or perhaps it's the Youth Ministry who just completed a very successful Youth Week. Now name all the people who volunteer to make that ministry happen. If your own name does not appear on that list, think about the reasons why (and say five Hail Mary's while you are at it).

Myth #1: "I'M NOT GOOD AT ANYTHING"

When we think of volunteering at Church, we often think of the ministries like singing in the choir or reading at Mass. But it doesn't take a Julliard graduate to be an extraordinary ministry of Holy Communion, and there are plenty of people who are really good at being married Catholics who never think to volunteer for the local marriage preparation program. If reality television has taught us anything, it's that America's got talent. Take the shade off your light and let it shine.

MYTH # 2: "THEY DON'T NEED MY HELP"

In a strong faith community, an amazingly efficient staff plus a handful of very dedicated volunteers are its greatest asset, and its greatest threat. The problem with parishes where everything seems handled is that everything seems, well, handled. New volunteers don't come forward because it seems as though they're not needed—sometimes it's hard to feel welcome. But slowly and quietly staff turns over and volunteers burn out. Do yourself (and your fellow parishioners) a favor and get involved even when it seems like they could do it without you.

MYTH # 3: I DON'T HAVE TIME

Saying we don't have time to do something simply means that it's not important to us. And there are lots of people who make time to teach religious education classes every week. Even if there aren't enough hours in the day, there is time to cook a meal for the Sharing Community. There's time to be one of the first familiar faces new parishioners look for at a Mass. It's your parish, make it important to you.

MYTH #4: "I GAVE AT THE COLLECTION PLATE

The parish is exceedingly grateful for your financial offering—especially in economic times like these. But our churches aren't built on money, they're built on people. The three T's, as the saying goes, are time, talent and treasure. Putting an envelope in the collection on Sunday is a good start, but if money were all anyone gave, we'd gather each week in beautiful buildings with a roomful of strangers. We need to warm up those other two T's and get our hands dirty.

MYTH # 5: I'M TOO (WHATEVER YOUR EXCUSE) TO VOLUNTEER

When the bulletin on Sunday's reads, "Volunteers Needed", that means "us". When the announcements include a call for help, that's us too. Volunteers aren't expected to be perfect. There's no requirement to be the strongest, the smartest, the best looking, the most holy, or the most "worthy" (whatever that means). As Jesus said when He called His disciples, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners" (Matthew 9:13). That's us. And if that were qualification enough to be an apostle, it's probably more than enough to serve coffee and donuts on Sunday morning.

Blessings and Peace

~ Reverend Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, February 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE**, for this week have been donated for the intentions of Justin Colon by Mildred Blanco.



The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent, we have the devotion of the Stations of the Cross in the Church at 7 p.m. (On Good Friday, Stations will be at 2 p.m. just prior to the 3 p.m. Good Friday Service). It is a Lenten tradition. Families are encouraged to participate together in preparation for Easter.

CHRISM MASS: Mass of Chrism will be celebrated this year on **Tuesday, March 22nd**, 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 come support our own parish priests. To help plan an appropriate size bus, please call the Parish Office ASAP if you plan to attend.**

Cardinal's Appeal—2016

The Cardinal's Appeal helps spread the Good News. The Appeal supports the many programs that nurture our faith through each stage of spiritual development in 12 Ministry Offices which include: Adult Faith Formation, Family Life/Respect Life, Hispanic Ministry, Black Ministry, Liturgy, University Apostolate, Prison Apostolate, Young Adult Outreach, Youth Ministry and Hospital Apostolate. Please help sustain these vital programs by making your pledge to the Appeal. Your commitment will help us reach our parish goal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



OPENING OF THE 2017 MASS BOOK

The Mass Book for 2017 opened on **Ash Wednesday, February 10th**. There are also some 2016 Masses still available. You may come to the Rectory Office during the week from 8:30 to 4:30 to have Masses offered for yourself and for your loved ones, whether living or deceased.



A special thank you to all who participated in making Youth Week a beautiful and very spiritual experience.

The **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. They will meet this Sunday, February 21st in the school building. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

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

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.

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

ST. BART'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Mission

Monday March 7th—Wednesday March 9th

Life Line Screening

Friday March 11th McManus Center

Holy Name Pasta Night in memory of Vincent J. Campisi
Saturday, March 12th

Sweepstakes Social
Saturday, April 9th

St. John the Baptist Card Party

St. John the Baptist Rosary Altar Society presents a “*Night on Broadway*” **Card Party** on Saturday, February 27th, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. For more information, please call Robyne Liberatore at 914 325-6373.

✠ 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*

	2/15/15	2/14/16	Difference
Adults	\$5,078.00	\$4,488.15	-\$ 589.85
Children	\$ 63.15	\$ 74.40	+\$ 11.25
Total	\$5,141.15	\$4,562.55	- \$ 578.60

The collection for Peter's Pence totaled \$1,064.00

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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or use the forms 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, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Pat Troy, Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack and Mary Bryce.

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

ADOPTION: Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls from ages two & up. Older parents & single women are welcome. For more information, call Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



He redeems your life from destruction.” There is so much in modern life to erode the love in marriage/holy orders. Come away and renew your sacrament on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or upcoming dates, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3 or visit www.wmearchny.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic “experience” and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

Sunday, February 21

8:30 AM Michael Castagnozzi & Mary Ann Karpinski +

10:00 AM Alice Jacob +

11:30 AM Andrea Henna +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 AM Justin Colon (Living)

9:00 AM Joie Maggio +

Tuesday, February 23

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Bolduc & Savard families

9:00 AM Eileen Casey Verdeschi (Living)

Wednesday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Carrie D'Angelo +

9:00 AM Andrew & Elizabeth Yaskovic +

Thursday, February 25

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Idella Kelly +

9:00 AM Quang Nguyen +

Friday, February 26

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Monsignor Joseph F. Tracey +

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Sr. +

Saturday, February 27

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Daniel & Anna Kelly +

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 27 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Helen Syso +

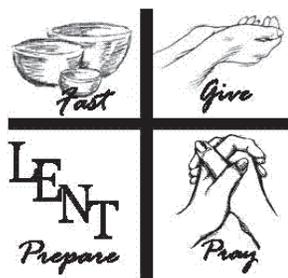
Sunday, February 28

8:30 AM Leonore Erb +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Charles Sullivan +

5:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Kelly (Living)



Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong
in faith and active in good works.
May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness,
open my heart to Your love,
and prepare me for the coming feast
of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of
grace.

Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, forever.

Amen.