

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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator

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

LET THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE SUSTAIN IN YOU HOPE AS YOU MEET CHALLENGES

In the first reading, Moses reminds the people that God rescued them from bondage and led them to a "land flowing with milk and honey" (Deuteronomy 26:9). Left unsaid was any reference to their long, difficult journey across the desert before arriving in the promised land. During that time, the people grumbled that they were better off in slavery than starving to death in the desert. They complained against God and Moses and even built a golden calf and worshipped it. Difficult times and trying circumstances tempt us to give up or give in. Jesus is starving, as the Chosen People had centuries earlier, but He gives us a model for resisting temptation, relying on God to carry Him through hardship and suffering.



Note that Jesus is not alone in the desert for forty days. He goes there immediately after He is baptized, that is, after He receives the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit accompanies Him the entire time, through hunger, hardship, and temptation. We have been baptized, so we too are filled with the Holy Spirit, ready to help us resist temptation, endure hardship, and avoid despair. Our catechumens will receive the Holy Spirit when they are baptized at the Easter Vigil, enabling our parish community to witness the movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

The devil's three temptations match up pretty neatly with the three disciplines of Lent that Jesus spoke of in the Gospel that we just heard on Ash Wednesday. When we fast, we are likely to be hungry, to wish we could turn stones to bread to satisfy our hunger with something fresh and tasty. When we give alms, we give money that we could use ourselves to acquire more than we need, to live like royalty. When we pray, we are reminded that we are the supplicant, the one in need of God's grace and mercy, not the one who can command God to do what we want. May our Lenten practices help put our faith into action while building in us the ability to resist temptation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

During this Jubilee Year of Hope, what or who sustains me in hope through periods of trial?

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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to donate palms or the Paschal Candle.

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to You this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances You most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to You.

Amen.



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.



PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. (There are still 2025 Masses available also).

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.



IMPORTANT NOTE

Please remember to pick up 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.

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



HEALING MASS

Please note, we will be having a Healing Mass here at St. Bart's on **THIS** Wednesday, March 12th at 7 pm. Please join us!!



REFLECTION

The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have? The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than we all do.

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying?

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it. The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not *just* human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

FIRST 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

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



SAVE THE DATE

Our next Bingo will be Sunday, March 23rd. Doors open at 6 pm and games begin at 7 pm. Come and join us!!

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 23, 2025

Sunday collection: \$3,840.00
On Line giving: \$1,505.00
Total \$5,345.00

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.

PLEASE NOTE: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE SELLING EASTER AND RELIGIOUS ITEMS AFTER THE 5 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22ND AND AFTER THE 9:30, 11 AM AND 12:30 PM MASSES ON SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD. THE COUNCILS SUPPORTS ST. BART'S AND SURROUNDING PARISHES WITH THE MONIES COLLECTED.



March 9, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 8

5:00 PM Amedeo & Angie Lepore +

Sunday, March 9 First Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies George Del Moral +

11:00 AM Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday March 10

Lenten Weekday

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

Tuesday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Peter Potemri+

Wednesday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Esperanza David-Torres +
7:00 PM HEALING MASS

Thursday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Ralph Esposito +
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Friday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John Ruggiero and Deceased Family Members
7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, March 15

5:00 PM Gloria DeLuccy +

Sunday, March 16 Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Bernadette Raiola +
11:00 AM Archbishop John Kennedy (Living)
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

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

1st SUNDAY OF LENT

