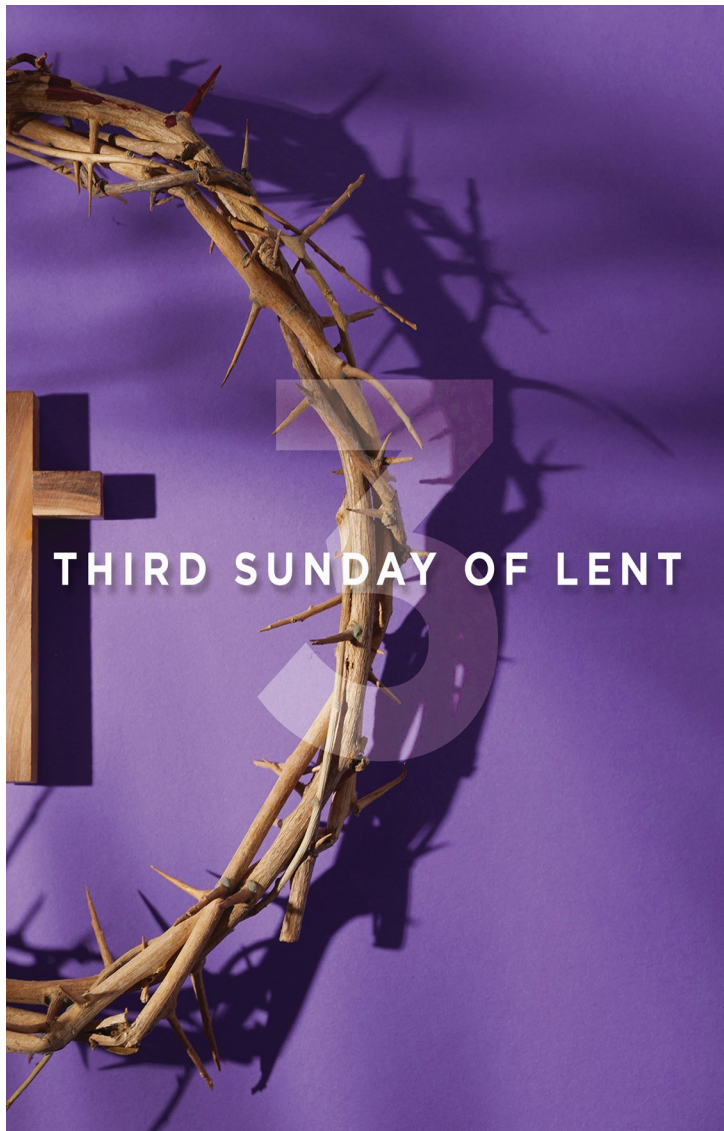


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and 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

THE LIVING WATER FOUND IN JESUS

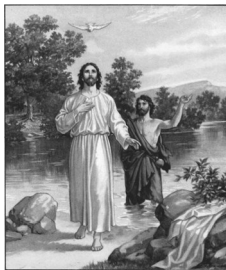


At first the woman was befuddled by this stranger. Why would this Jewish man speak to her, an unaccompanied Samaritan woman? And why did he come to Jacob's well without a bucket or jug? Then she was amazed. Somehow he knew her entire marriage history and that she was not married to the man she lived with. Finally, she believed. At first she recognized him as a prophet, then she realized he was the Messiah himself. Over the course of an extraordinary conversation, she came

to believe, and her newfound faith led her to go forth to testify to her neighbors about the Christ.

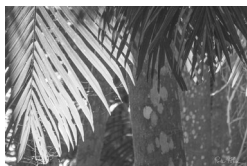
Today we celebrate the first of three Scrutiny Sundays. It is an occasion to look deeply and honestly into our own hearts to uncover and heal whatever is sinful and bring forth what is good so that it may be strengthened. When Jesus encountered the woman at the well, he looked deep within her and saw her history, and he also sparked that flicker of faith deep within her, faith in a Messiah who would tell her everything. Immediately she became his missionary, testifying to everyone she knew about what he had said and done, telling everyone that he really was the One. As these scrutinies lead our catechumens to the water of baptism in Christ, may they provide the opportunity for us to continue the mission of the baptized, to testify to everyone we know what Christ had done.

The waters of baptism cleanse us of our sins even as they quench our spiritual thirst. The water God provided for the Chosen People in the desert did as well. God could have punished them for disparaging Moses and questioning God. Instead, God provided water, giving them substance and forgiveness. Jesus could have shamed the woman for her many marriages, but instead he offered her living water, water to give her life eternal. Similarly, we do not deserve the life-giving we receive in baptism, but Jesus offers it to us, as Paul would say, while we are still sinners, in mercy and love.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What can I do or say that will show others the living water that I have found in Jesus, the water that satisfies my spiritual thirst? Will I make that my mission this week?



2023 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:

- Palms:** 6 bundles at \$60 per bundle
- Easter Paschal Candle:** \$400

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

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.



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. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



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



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use cereal, beans and pasta.*

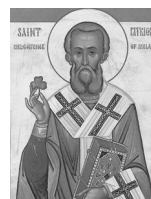
May God bless you all for your generosity.

REMINDER: Please support our Lenten Almsgiving Project

Each year during Lent, Catholics are called to pray, fast, and give alms to the poor. At St. Bart's we usually pick a Mission in a poor country that the Missionaries of St. Paul staffs (the order of Frs. Raphael and Victor). This year we have chosen as our project a parish in the Central African Republic. In 2018, the Missionaries established a mission in this extremely poor country.



There is no indoor Church here. Mass is said outside and there is no running water or electricity. This Republic is one of the toughest places in the world to be a child. Two thirds of the country's children do not attend school regularly or at all. Please consider joining us in helping the MSP priests that are there to minister to the many needs of their parishioners by taking an almsgiving box and returning it at Mass after Lent.



St. Patrick Day Prayer

God our Father,
you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers,
may all Christians proclaim your love to all men.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

NOTE: the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 17th for St. Patrick's Day. There will be only one Mass at 9 a.m.

The Parish Office will be open on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S HAS CHANGED AND IS AS FOLLOWS:



MASSSES
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**

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers Meeting

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on this **Thursday, March 16th**, at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at **12:30pm**. They will have guest speakers to speak about **Protecting the Elderly from Scams and Fraud**. Please be prompt. Members and guests welcome. For more information please call 914.423-5331 or email CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus

The **Knights of Columbus council** is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each: 1st prize-\$5000, 2nd prize-\$1500, 3rd prize-\$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing will be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council at 914-709-5090 or email kofc3995@gmail.com for information on how to purchase tickets.

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 26TH

Sunday collection: \$3,500.00
On Line giving: \$2,150.00
Total: \$5,650.00

**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.saintbartparish.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.



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, 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 and Richard Romanowski.

Please contact 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.

The 2022 Mass book still 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 THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. BOOK YOUR 2024 MASSES AT THE PARISH OFFICE ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, OR FRIDAY FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

March 12, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, March 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies

Anthony Di Paolo +

11:00 AM Tara Taylor +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Ralph Esposito +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Tuesday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Cristovalina Vidals (Living- For Healing)

9:00 AM Leonard Kurz +

Wednesday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Ellen Chimenti (Living)

9:00 AM Frank D. Gualdino +

Thursday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Louis Brusco +

9:00 AM Herbert & Edythe Kurz +

Friday, March 17

Lenten Weekday- Saint Patrick's Day

9:00 AM Edwid Vega +

Saturday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM Patricia Galik +

Saturday, March 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Gloria De Luccy +

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM Oscar Starkenberg +

11:00 AM Robert Campisi +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
(Spanish Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

March 12, 2023

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

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

