

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:6-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

## THE EMPTY TOMB

The Devil is indeed powerful! Whoever says or believes otherwise does so at his/her own peril. Take the events of Holy Week for example, when the room of the Last Supper was pervaded with doom and gloom. Move on to the Garden of Olives, where Jesus agonized for hours and pleaded with the Father to let the cup pass Him by. Then recall the painful betrayal by Judas, the false accusations from the High Priest and his Cohorts, the flogging, the bleeding, the torturous journey to Calvary, the crucifixion, the taunting, and finally the death. Think of the mood as Jesus' loved ones brought Him down from the Cross. In all these was the overshadowing sense of hopelessness among Jesus' family and friends.

They gave up and scattered everywhere, ready to return to life before Jesus came into their lives. That's the power or force of the Evil One. But when two strong forces come together, the stronger force carries the day. The one that laughs last laughs most. The Devil is a loser! A sore one at that! So, Jesus returned, in His glory! He's alive! Alleluia!

There are times in our lives when we stare at the empty/sealed tombs. Life seems to be over. No door seems to open up! We cry out with Jesus: Father, why have You forsaken me? You, your loved one, or someone you know may be staring at an empty tomb at this time. Tell yourself, and tell them that yes the Devil is powerful, but the power of our Risen Savior is way beyond that of the Devil. In the midst of our fears and anxieties, the Risen Savior whispers, "It is I, do not be afraid."

May the Risen Lord bring hope and joy into your life and the lives of your loved ones during this Easter Season. Amen. Alleluia.

Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters in Paris, especially the Catholic faithful who watched as their (our) beloved Notre Dame Cathedral almost burnt down. May the Lord strengthen them in their faith.

**In Thanksgiving & Appreciation:**

\*\*To each of you, for being part of the entire Lenten & Holy Week & Easter celebrations. Your presence helped others in their own journey

\*\*To all our Liturgical Ministers, Choir, Hospitality Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Arts & Environment, for making our worship and worship space extra memorable and fruitful. \*\*Thanks to the Liturgy Commission members for all your efforts, especially with the mission you coordinated.

\*\*To our Social Ministry for the refreshments that helped to keep body and soul together, especially for the Soup you served on Fridays of Lent. Extra blessings and thanks to our soup donors – the Alonso and Cortez families.

\*\*To all who donated towards the Easter Wish

List and towards our Easter collection – thanks a lot and may the Lord bless you abundantly.

\*\*If you have not yet donated, please help us reach our Easter budget goal. Thanks for your generosity.

**MEETING**

Fr. Anthony and I will leave this Monday for our annual MSP meeting in Houston. We'll be back on Saturday in time for the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass.

**EASTER BLESSINGS ON YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.**

*Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP*

## Pastor's COLUMN



# PARISH NEWS



My dear friends, Rejoice, for the Lord has truly risen.

The Pastor, the Pastoral Staff, and the Administrative Staff wish you a Happy and Blessed Easter.

**Father Raphael and Father Anthony will be heading out to Texas for their annual MSP meeting early this week. Therefore, there will be only one Mass at 9 a.m. this Tuesday through Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup>. (On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a 7 and 9 a.m. Mass).**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Alvin Kutka, Sr. & Josephine Kutka.



*Rest in Peace*



The Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp are donated in loving memory the Brusco & Nanoia families by Lou and Angela Brusco.



*Religious Education*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be Religious Education classes this Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*Thank you*

**The Paschal Candle**

*The Paschal Candle was donated in loving memory of Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio by Anna Legio.*

**Chasubles**

*2 Chasubles were donated in loving memory of Albert R. Popot and the Zeleznik Family by Mary Popot.*

*Chasuble was donated in loving memory of Khazneh Farraj and Maria Koehler by Sam & Margit Farraj.*

*Chasuble was donated in loving memory of the Martucci & Venturino families by Theresa & Quincy Venturino.*

PARISH EVENTS

April

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL  
THIS SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M.

(Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Great Prizes.....50/50.....Raffles

\$20 per ticket includes sandwiches,  
snacks, drinks and desserts

McManus Parish Center

For tickets contact Barbara at 914 329-  
3067 or call the Parish Office.

The theme is "Kentucky Derby" so have  
some fun with us and wear your best "hat".



May

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,  
SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM

MAY CROWNING, TUESDAY,  
MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 pm



RAS TEA PARTY, SATURDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>  
More details to follow

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

CONFIRMATION, SUNDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:30 AM

**BE "INFORMED" FOR APRIL**

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to  
[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).

Not on formed yet? Go to [saintbartparish.formed.org](http://saintbartparish.formed.org). Click Register, then enter your name, e-mail address and desired password. You are now registered to enjoy the free parish subscription which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, and 98+ E-books.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building.. *Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St\_Barts\_youth.*

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

*Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, OP at 646 794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website at [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.*



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,272.30
Balance	- \$ 1,727.70
*(Envelopes \$4,842.30, \$430.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$11,545.60

"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!

**It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, and Jeri Michele Sugrue.

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

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!!!! Go to: [www.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



April 21, 2019

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Saturday, April 20, Easter Vigil**

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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**Sunday, April 21, 2019**

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Brusco &  
Nanoia Families

11:30 AM Gino & Ann Louise Coniglio +

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**Monday, April 22**

**Monday within the Octave of Easter**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Maria Brusco +

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Barbara Mattioli +

**Wednesday, April 24**

**Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Christian Federico +

**Thursday, April 25**

**Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Carole Romanowski (Living)

**Friday, April 26**

**Friday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Claudia Lavigni +

**Saturday, April 27**

**Saturday within the Octave of Easter**

9:00 AM Kesniela Samarita (Living)

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**Saturday, April 27 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM William & Anna Groth +

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**Sunday, April 28, 2019**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Capuano &  
Lucchetti families

10:00 AM Angela Rush & Aristide Scipioni +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Florida America Tarcinale +

**April 21, 2019**

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**LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers** is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. They will hold their 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon at San Martino Restaurant, 12 Young Avenue in Yonkers, NY on this Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The cost is \$25 payable at the luncheon. Members and guests are welcome but reservations are required. Please call 914 423-5331.

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**FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:**

On this Saturday, April 27, 2019, EnCourage NY and Courage NY are sponsoring their 2nd Annual Spirituality Conference titled, "Divine Mercy and Families". This day-long conference will be held at Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, NY. Fr. Gerald Murray will be one of the keynote speakers, and Bishop Edward Scharfenberger (Albany, NY) will be the Vigil Mass Celebrant. Cost is \$25 per person and lunch is included. For further details, visit [www.enourageny.com](http://www.enourageny.com).

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**The Stepinac Theatre** presents the national high school premiere production of, A Bronx Tale, The Musical. Show dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and a matinee on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$18 for children under 12 and senior citizens. For tickets and reservations, please call 914 946-4800 ext. 200. For further information e mail [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org).

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**Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019** are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5 p.m.

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**Life Line Screening is coming to St. Bart's on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Call to schedule your appointment at 1 888 653-6450. Tell your family and friends.**

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**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Become a member of the Cardinal Hayes Council # 3995. You can join the K of C on line at: [Kofc.org/joinus](http://Kofc.org/joinus), or call **Ted Reiper at 914 457-3865** or **John Fucco at 914 774-0527**. Men 18 years and older are welcome to join. Monthly meetings are at St. John the Baptist Church, Yonkers, NY.

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**Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry.** If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith (Director of Human Resources and Volunteers) at 914 693-6800, ext. 571 or Yvonne at ext. 592.

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