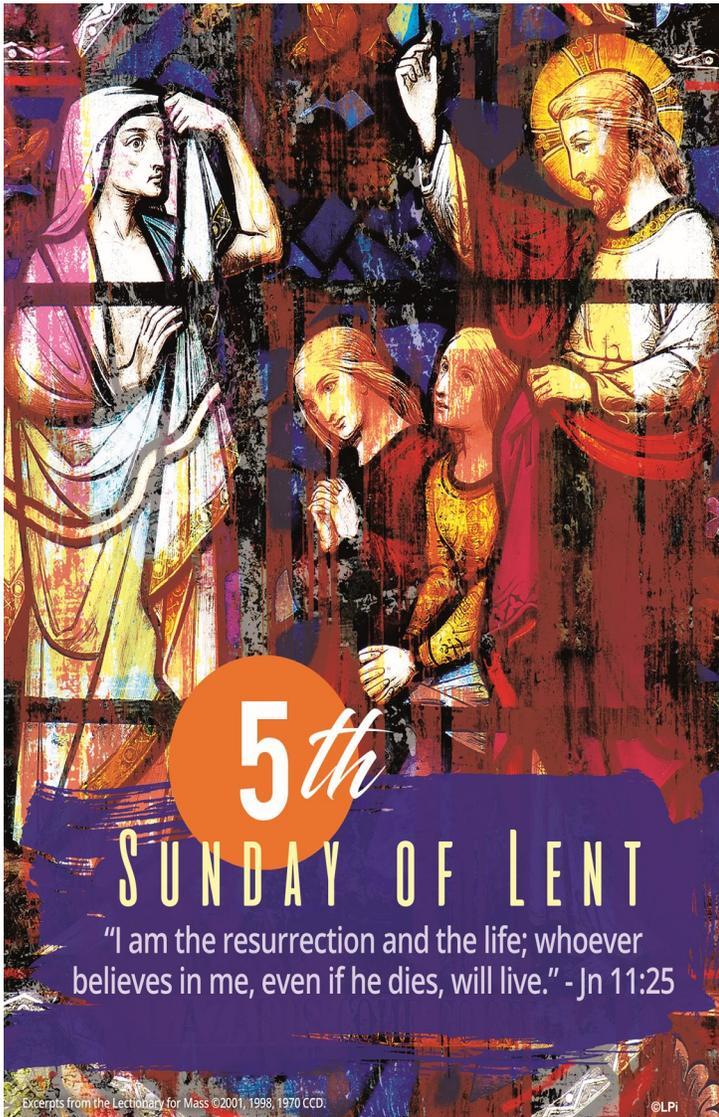


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
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

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);  
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, 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:** Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

In his Gospel, John emphasized that God is made manifest in even the most difficult and tragic circumstances. Over the last two Sundays, Jesus emphatically tell his disciples that neither disability nor death are obstacles to God's life-giving touch. In that era, blindness was thought to be the result of sin. The only question was whether it was his own or his parents." No, says Jesus, "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." (John 9:3). After Lazarus's sudden death, some of the townspeople all but accuse Jesus of failing to do something to prevent it. But Jesus had said that the illness and death "is for the glory of God" (John 11:4). Just as blindness was not the end for the man who came to believe in Jesus, death was not the end for Lazarus. Jesus made the divine manifest to both.



In this world nothing is more powerful than death. It cannot be undone. It happens to everything and everyone who lives. Whether plant or animal, baby or elder, it is absolute and it is final, in this world. But all the readings assert God's ultimate power over it. God will open our graves and have us rise from them. God will give life to our mortal bodies. God will bring us forth from the tomb. If God has this kind of power, how can any evil in this world conquer us? With the Spirit dwelling in us, even death is overcome.

Some of us may have had an experience that felt like being released from a tomb. Perhaps it was a tomb of alcoholism or addiction. Perhaps it was a tomb of despair or hopelessness. Perhaps in our tomb we felt as if death were the only answer. There is no better person to help those still buried in those tombs than someone who knows the way out. Heed Jesus' words and work to remove the stones and bands of those still buried.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I free myself from the burial bands in my life? How can I help others release their own?

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*Please know that I am concerned for all and have been praying for all of you, if anyone needs to talk to me, call me, please!!!*  
**Blessings** **Father Raphael**

**MASSES, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, CONFESSIONS AND ALL PARISH ACTIVITIES INCLUDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER EVERY WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M.**

*ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRAY FOR US*

**ST. BART'S MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED**

Sunday Mass at 10 a.m.  
 Weekday Masses at 10 a.m.



**It's easy,** just go to [www.saintbartparish.org](http://www.saintbartparish.org), GO TO THE UPPER RIGHT SIDE CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK ICON, This will bring you directly to the page and wait for the Mass to begin.

(You can also find the Live stream of Mass on the left side under the church picture. Click on Watch Mass—10 a.m.

**PARISH NEWS**



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE,** are donated in loving memory of Margaret Maccia by John & Karen McKenna.



**Religious Ed Students & Parents - An update from Cheryl Duda**



*Religious Education*

1. Please complete the second lesson in your take home lesson packet this week. Children should complete the chapter review on loose-leaf paper and give to you to hold so it is not lost. These will be collected when we return to classes so the child may receive credit for completing the work.
- 2 If you have not yet registered for Formed please go to the webpage now ([formed.org](http://formed.org)) and do so. We will be using resources from this site in future weeks.
3. Anyone needing to reach me please email me at <mailto:stbartsreled@aol.com>

**Formed.org**

Our parish has a free subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) which gives you 24/7 access to over 300 quality Catholic on line programs, 99+ movies, 101+ audios, & 98+ E-Books. To register for this free resource follow these easy steps.

Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org).  
 Click on "sign up".  
 Click on "I belong to a parish or organization".  
 Start typing name- St. Bartholomew Yonkers (You will see a number of parishes with this name).  
 Scroll to St. Bartholomew Yonkers NY.  
 Hit next, -create account with your name and email.

After creating your account the next time you want to go on simply type in your web browser [formed.org](http://formed.org) and it will bring you to the website. In the upper right corner you will then see sign in. Click that and you are set to enjoy all the wonderful resources. I would highly suggest during this time you sample some of the movies that they offer. Enjoy!

**THE FOOD PANTRY** is in need of the following items: tuna, canned fruit, and canned beans. Thank you for your generosity.

**Our Outreach Group** will be providing Easter Food Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. The items we are requesting to enhance the holiday spirit of our baskets are candy, fresh/canned fruits or fresh/frozen desserts. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>



In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a holy Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): **Paschal Candle and 5 bundles of palms.** – Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).

**The Blood Drive at St. Bart's scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. The below is a note from the Tony Sciacca, Chairperson**

This morning NYBC made the decision to cancel ALL remaining scheduled blood drives through April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Anyone wishing to donate may go to any of the donor centers (expanded hours) listed at the NYBC website:



<https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood/donor-center-locations-march-2020>

Key phone numbers for NYBC are:

Eligibility 800-688-0900  
General 800-933-2566

If you wish to credit your donation to St. Bart's, please use the group code 07747.

It is obvious that this is a critical time for donors to continue to donate. Those in need of blood have no control over that need. Please do your best to see that donations continue to meet that need.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive

### Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon

Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing Program. **We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:**

- **Mail in your envelope.**
- **Register for on line giving. IT'S EASY! (see below note).**
- **Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.**

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, **I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving.** Thank you!

### 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](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Sister Joan Mary Gleason, Dan Panik, Mary Drohan Barrett and Thomas Swetz.

**Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

March 29, 2020

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

***EVEN THOUGH MASSES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED,  
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE LOVED ONES BELOW AND FOR  
OUR PARISH, especially during our LIVE STREAM MASSES  
EACH DAY AT 10 AM.***

**Saturday, March 28 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +  
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**Sunday, March 29, 2020  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Carl & Elizabeth Laredo +  
10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +  
5:00 PM Susie & Vincent Strava & All Deceased  
Members of Strava Family  
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**Monday, March 30**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +  
9:00 AM Betty De Meo +

**Tuesday, March 31**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

**Wednesday, April 1**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Alexandra Plescia +

**Thursday, April 2**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Salome Lopez +

**Friday, April 3**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

**Saturday, April 4**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Bridget & Michael Talty +  
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**Saturday, April 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Carl Rossi +  
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**Sunday, April 5, 2020  
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:30 AM Victoria Argentino +  
10:00 AM Anthony Giuriceo +  
11:30 AM Anna & Anthony Faracco +  
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**March 29, 2020**

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A NOTE FROM CARDINAL DOLAN:

Dear Family of the Archdiocese of New York:

The coronavirus has attacked not only our city, state, nation, and world, but also our daily lives as we experience social isolation and quarantine. We pray with and for one another.

Like all families and households, the Archdiocese of New York has been adapting to these new protocols to ensure we can continue to practice the faith with our archdiocesan family. While public Masses at our churches have been cancelled during this crisis, our priests continue to celebrate Mass every day. Even though they are celebrated without any congregation present, many pastors have begun to live stream their Masses on Facebook and YouTube, and I understand more are planning to do so in the days ahead, and our churches are open for individuals to pray. You can also participate in the celebration of the Eucharist at Saint Patrick's Cathedral which is available on many cable systems via the Catholic Faith Network and its [website here](#), live streamed on the St. Patrick's Cathedral [website here](#), and broadcast on radio on The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

For us Catholics, not being able to attend Mass at our parish church is a real loss, particularly during this holy season of Lent. All of this leads to a sense of fear and uncertainty.

Although some of the visible work of the Church – like public worship and the sacraments – seems to have been “put on hold” during this crisis, the work of the Church in prayer, charity, and health care remains active and vibrant! Even more, the *invisible* work at the heart of the Church's mission continues. God's mercy and grace are just as abundant as ever, and our prayers and supplications are always heard!

As Jesus told us, “Fear is useless. What is needed is trust.” Trust in the God who created us, who loves us completely, and invites us to trust in Him!

Nothing is more important than the health and well-being of our people, soul, mind, and body. Please know that the archdiocese's healthcare agency, ArchCare has established a 24-hour hotline to assist with any aspect of the coronavirus. If you have questions or other health-related concerns, call their hotline at 877-239-1998. If you are experiencing other challenges, our Catholic Charities stands ready to lend assistance wherever possible. Do not hesitate to call them at 888-744-7900.

Now that our public Masses have been cancelled for an undetermined period of time, I am appealing to you to support your parish by continuing to share your gift of Sunday offertory. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish at this unprecedented moment in time. Your parish does so much more than offer Sunday Mass. It is there in the happiest moments in your life – wedding, baptisms, first communions – and is a source of comfort during some of the most challenging, during times of sorrow like the death of a loved one. There are prayer groups, food pantries, social activities, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! Please continue, at a minimum, with your current level of support. One easy way to do so is through your parish's online giving provider; a majority of our parishes use WeShare. Your parish's online giving account can be accessed through the parish's website. I know your pastors will be most appreciative and relieved to know that they can depend on receiving your continued offertory support each Sunday. I am not being alarmist when I say that without your support, your parish may be seriously undermined.

With renewed gratitude for all that you do for our Catholic family, and prayerful best wishes for a blessed Lent, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,



+ Jim. Card. Dolan