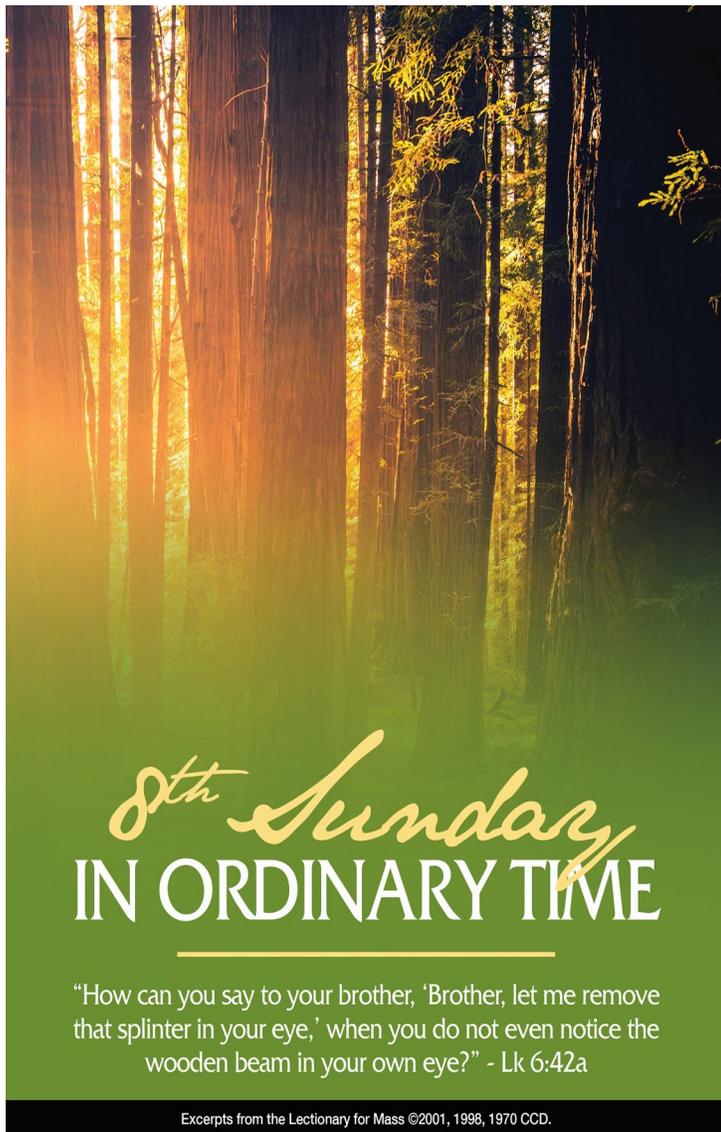


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
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

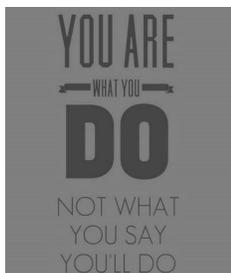
Trustees: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**DO AS I DO, NOT AS I SAY**

Over the last few weeks we have heard Jesus begin to teach His disciples—and us—how to see the world through God's eyes. Two weeks ago we heard Jesus tell us that the poor and hungry would be rewarded and that woe would come to those who are rich and satisfied.

Last week Jesus told us to love our enemies and to turn the other cheek. Today He tells us to remove the wooden beam from our judging eyes. This is a challenging worldview, for it flies in the face of how most people view the world. But it matches how God has acted throughout human history. Repeatedly, God has shown mercy to the sinner, blessed the needy, and forgiven the enemy. Jesus calls us to do the same.

Sirach and Luke each point out the importance of integrity and the danger of hypocrisy. What we say and what we do must be sincere. Otherwise, our words are those of a hypocrite. Do as I say, not as I do. People will ignore what we say if our words are empty.



How are we known? Sure, we're known by our role in our family, by our occupation, and by our age or generation, but how are we known as a person? Jesus tells His disciples, "Every tree is known by its own fruit" (Luke 6:44). Do we bear any fruit at all? At the end of the day, at the end of the week, what have we done that has affected someone else? What are we doing for our neighbor? As Christians, at the very least we want to be known as Christian.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

In what ways do I speak or act without integrity? What must I say or do at home or in my community to bear good fruit? Can I make a commitment to doing something fruitful through Lent?

*Blessings Fr. Raphael*

**PARISH NEWS**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

Ashes will be distributed at each Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Mass times are 7 a.m., 9 a.m. 12 Noon and 7:00 p.m. There will also be a short word service with the distribution of ashes at 4 p.m. With the exception of those who are ill, ashes will only be distributed at these Masses and Service.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent, beginning this Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. there will be Stations of the Cross in the Church and "soup" afterwards in McManus Parish Center. Please join us!



During Lent we are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We call these the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is giving to the poor and needy of our world. The money we save from our fast (what we give up) is meant to be used for almsgiving. (Giving to the poor).



**Religious Education**

Each year the Religious Education office picks a project to help the MSP Fathers (that's the name of the congregation that our Pastor belongs to) to donate their almsgiving monies.

This year we will donate to their Malawi Mission for a program of youth empowerment. As you may know, Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. According to Wikipedia only 25% of the population goes to high school.

This youth empowerment program is a six-month program in which youth are given the educational opportunity to improve themselves. Youth from various villages under the care of the MSP Mission are admitted into a program of skill acquisition where they can learn a trade and create a brighter future for themselves and their families. Please consider joining us with this almsgiving project by picking up an almsgiving box on Ash Wednesday for your family to save their donation and returning the box during holy Week. Your support in this effort is much appreciated.



**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** we are



providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.**

**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



**PARISH EVENTS**

**MARCH**

**Pasta Party:**

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass**

In Honor of Vincent J. Campisi

**PLEASE SEE THE HOLY NAME MEN AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS!!!**

*Sponsored by the Holy Name Society*



**Parish Mission:**

**Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.**



**Relay for Life Breakfast and Bake Sale:**

**Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> after the 8:30 and 10 a.m.**

**Masses in McManus Parish Center**

**\$5.00 admission**

**Please come and support this cancer awareness cause.**



**BE "INFORMED" FOR MARCH**

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

Not on formed yet? Go to [saintbartsparish.formed.org](http://saintbartsparish.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. On March 6<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Study: Lectio: *Prayer or Forgiven*. Watch: *What's the Deal with Ashes on Ash Wednesday?* Or Listen to: *Stations of the Cross* or *My Beloved Son: Meditations for Lent*. On the 7<sup>th</sup> watch: *the Passion of St. Perpetua* or *the Story of St. Perpetua*.

The 2019 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 2020 WILL OPEN ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE 9 A.M. MASS.**



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

Our **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.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,108.00
Balance	- <b>\$1,892.00</b>
*(Envelopes \$4,462.00, \$646.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of February	<b>\$28,000.00</b>
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$21,014.80

"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.**



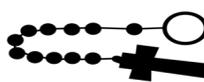
Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry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

**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.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.** (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



**MEETING:** The Rosary Altar Society meeting will be held this Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited to attend.

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*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, March 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Pisacreta Family  
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**Sunday, March 3, 2019**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Peter Klee +  
10:00 AM Elias Ocasio +  
11:30 AM Antonio Darretta +  
5:00 PM John Nieman +  
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**Monday, March 4**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

**Tuesday, March 5**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Dick Novak (Living)

**Wednesday, March 6**

**Ash Wednesday**

7 00AM Dec. Members of Capuano & Lucchetti families  
9:00 AM Paolo & Proserina Merli +  
12 Noon No Intention  
4 PM Prayer Service  
7:00 PM No Intention

**Thursday, March 7**

**Thursday after Ash Wednesday**

7 00AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anthony Prunella, Jr.

**Friday, March 8**

**Friday after Ash Wednesday**

7 00AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anne Rosaline Kakos +

**Saturday, March 9**

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Jr. +  
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**Saturday, March 9 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Linda De Muro Tyner +  
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**Sunday, March 10, 2019**

**First Sunday of Lent**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society  
and Rosary Altar Society  
10:00 AM Sabrina Zevon (Living)  
11:30 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, III +  
5:00 PM Sofia Vazquez & Jovita Romero +

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Each year, as you know, St. Bart's Parish donates to various charities through our Giving Tree.

We received the following thank you note from Immaculate Conception on Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY

*To the Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church, Yonkers, New York:*

*We want to "Thank You" so much for your generosity to our ministry. The items were definitely needed by our clients. They were very appreciative of the beautiful, warm clothing so necessary for this winter season...and the toys that they couldn't afford to buy for their children. You helped to put smiles on lots of faces and they felt the care and love in each item you chose. We are so very grateful to all.*

*Please accept our offering of thanks.*

*May God keep everyone in His Loving Care throughout the 'NewYear' with blessings of good health, happiness and peace*

*Your Sisters and Brothers of  
Helping Hands Ministry  
ICC, Gun Hill Road, Bronx, NY  
Fr. Meena Gudi, OFM, Cap.,  
Director*

In addition to the letter of thanks, Immaculate Conception Church, led by Fr. Meena, also had a Mass said for the Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Parish on January 16, 2019.

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**PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds Your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of Your love incarnate. Give me the grace to



enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to Your presence, let Your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of Your love.

*From Catholic Online*