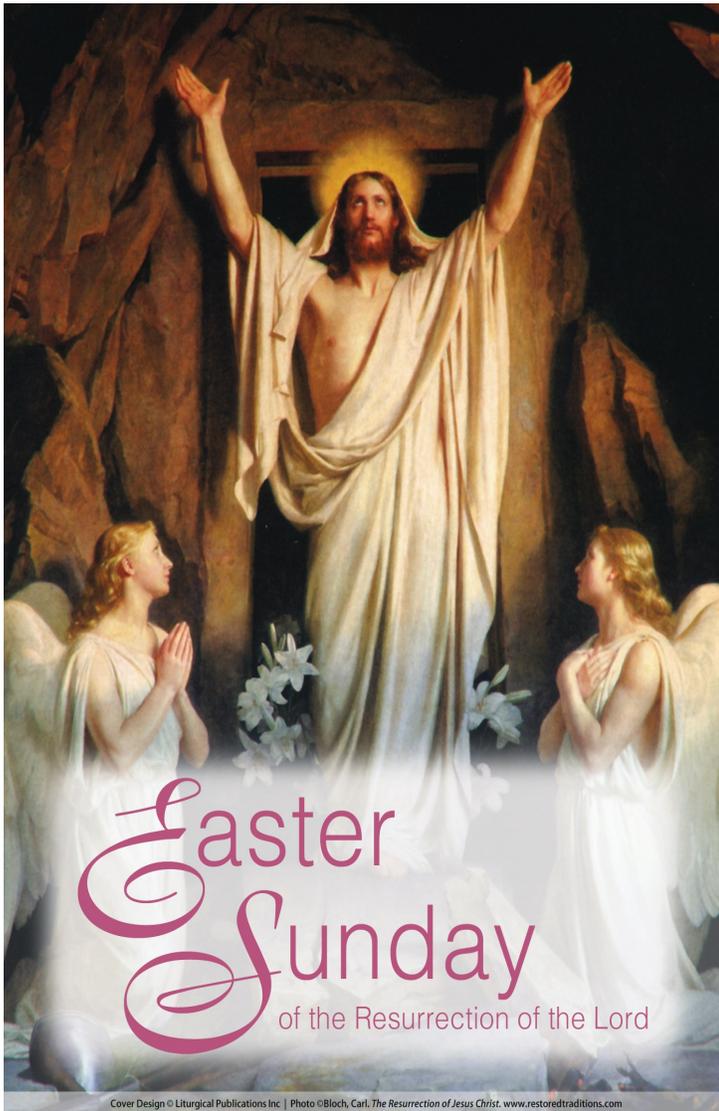


St. Bartholomew's

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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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia

OF BELIEVERS AND DOUBTERS



In John's account, all of us – believers and doubters – are present at the empty tomb. Mary of Magdala instinctively concludes, as the authorities had warned Pilate, that someone has removed Jesus' body. Even for this loving disciple, the empty tomb does not "prove" that Jesus is risen, or that his body is missing. When Peter enters the tomb he sees no Jesus, but only what Jesus left behind: signs of death that are not yet, for Peter, signs of life. When the beloved disciple enters, "he saw and believed," but not clearly, for the Gospel concludes, "they did not yet understand" (John 20:8-9).

Thus, in a comforting paradox, Easter morning's Gospel proclaims not Jesus' presence but Jesus' absence; yet despite that absence, belief begins to blossom. What joy for those among us who serenely believe! What comfort for those among us who wrestle with doubt! What peace even for those who rarely worship! Let us recall Pope Francis' continual challenge that we who worship weekly be especially welcoming to visitors who may not simply wonder about it at all.

Luke's Emmaus Gospel, appropriate for an afternoon or evening liturgy, models the Eucharist: two disciples trudging life's path are joined by Jesus (gathering); Jesus interprets the scriptures (Liturgy of the Word); the disciples invite Jesus to join them at table (preparation); Jesus says the blessing, and breaks the bread among them (Liturgy of the Eucharist); they glimpse Jesus, Jesus vanishes, they go forth to witness (Communion and dismissal). The experience of every generation of disciples, each Lord's Day, from the first Easter evening until this.

How will I bring the reality of having met the Risen Jesus in word, Eucharist, and others to those who may never have encountered the transforming power of his compassionate love?

(Pastoral Patterns, 2017)

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, 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. Thanks to Clemencia Wong who is growing into her role (Chair of the Commission) so well.

**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 - Dolly DeRosa, Rich Califano, Maria Lewis, Vivian Cortez, and Jennifer Batac, and those that organized the efforts - Christine Fitzpatrick, Ellen Califano, and Vivian Cortez. As Rich Califano quipped: Blessed are the soup makers (he never completed it though!)

**To all who donated towards the Easter Wish List and towards our Easter collection. If you have not yet donated, please help us reach our Easter budget goal. Thanks for your generosity.

MEETING/VACATION/FUNERAL

I will leave this Monday for our annual MSP meeting in Houston. Fr. Anthony will not be coming to the meeting because he'll be leaving for Nigeria for his uncle's funeral and then proceed to Europe for pilgrimage and retreat as part of his Silver Jubilee. He'll leave when I return from Houston.

Easter Blessings on you and your loved ones. Fr. Raphael




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.



The **ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of the Brusco and Nanoia families by Lou and Angela Brusco.



First Communion and Confirmation Classes: Register **NOW** for next year's Religious Education program. Call Cheryl Duda at 914 476 -6676 for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be Religious Education classes this week, Tuesday, April 18th.

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. It is open to adults who: have never been baptized and would prepare for all three sacraments; were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination and are interested in becoming Catholic and would prepare for Confirmation and First Communion; or were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion and would prepare for the sacraments they have not yet received.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday April 30th at the 11:30am Mass, 35 of our children will receive their First Holy Communion. The Mass will be very crowded and will be longer than usual. You may wish to attend a different Mass on this day.



BLOOD DRIVE

St. Bart's will be conducting the 86th blood drive in the 36 years since starting in 1981 **on Friday, April 21st at McManus Parish Center from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** St. Bart's parishioners and friends have made 6,430 donations to date. We are traditionally asked to run drives during the holiday periods when the need for blood is great and donations are usually down. **If you can donate, please call Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 for an appointment** and tell your family and friends too.



The Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) Meeting is cancelled for April. The next meeting will be in May.



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

PARISH CLUSTER MISSION
REVIVE FAITH EVERY DAY



ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE MISSION AND
EVANGELIZATION PROGRAM
PARISH CLUSTER MISSION

The archdiocese of New York will launch an exciting mission and evangelization program called Revive: Faith Every Day.

The three day program will be led by Father Kenan, Peters, from the Passionists who specializes in preaching missions. It will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday beginning with Adoration, followed by the mission. Each cluster parish will host one day :

- St. Bartholomew's will host Monday, May 1st
 - St. Anthony's will host Tuesday, May, 2nd
 - Sacred Heart will host Wednesday, May 3rd
- Come join us!

SWEEPSTAKES SOCIAL



Friday, May 12th, Admission is \$15. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676

TAG SALE

Donations are needed for our annual tag sale on Saturday May 20th. We will begin to take donations on Monday May 8th. All donated items should be in fairly good condition and working. Please no books or stuffed animals. TV's are accepted only if they are flat screen TV's. Jewelry, kitchen items, clothes in good condition, baby items such as strollers, high chairs, play pens, etc. are among the items that are particularly attractive to buyers. For further information, please call 914-476-6676.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. They will not be meeting this Sunday, April 16th, Easter Sunday, but will meet next Sunday, April 23rd. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,407.85
Balance	+ 407.85
*(Envelopes \$6,892.85, Online \$515.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 15,057.40

"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!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Al Dio Dati, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro and Anthony Guarente.

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

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study, will not be held Thursday, April 20th or Thursday, April 27th but will resume on Thursday, May 4th.

The family of Margaret Maccia (Karen's Mom) would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time.

ALLELUIA, CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS RISEN



April 16, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, April 15

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 16

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM Deceased members of Brusco & Nanoia families

10:00 AM Michael & Loretta Kennedy +

11:30 AM Victor Orsini +

Monday, April 17

Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:00 AM Joseph, Maria & Teresa Nguyen +

9:00 AM Lawrence Girsch +

Tuesday, April 18

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Venturino family

Wednesday, April 19

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Romeo Sticca (Living)

Thursday, April 20

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Cecile Marra +

Friday, April 21

Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Sr. Mary Patrice Whalen, RSM +

Saturday, April 22

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 AM Carol Swetz +

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 22 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ann Marie Selvaraj +

Sunday, April 23

8:30 AM Deceased members of Lucchetti & Capuano families

10:00 AM Joseph Paul Prior +

11:30 AM Living Members of Casey & Chimenti families

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

April 16, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.
 - I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
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CHRIST IS RISEN

On Easter we celebrate love, love coming down from heaven,
Love blanketing the earth in a transforming embrace.
Unique and infinite love, giving more than we can imagine for us
To cleanse our sin,
A perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God, the walking, talking Word.
He is teacher, role model, friend, this God in human form,
Dying, then rising from the dead, proving all who believe will
also rise.
To have eternal life, with Him, Lord of all.

Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!
By Joanna Fuchs