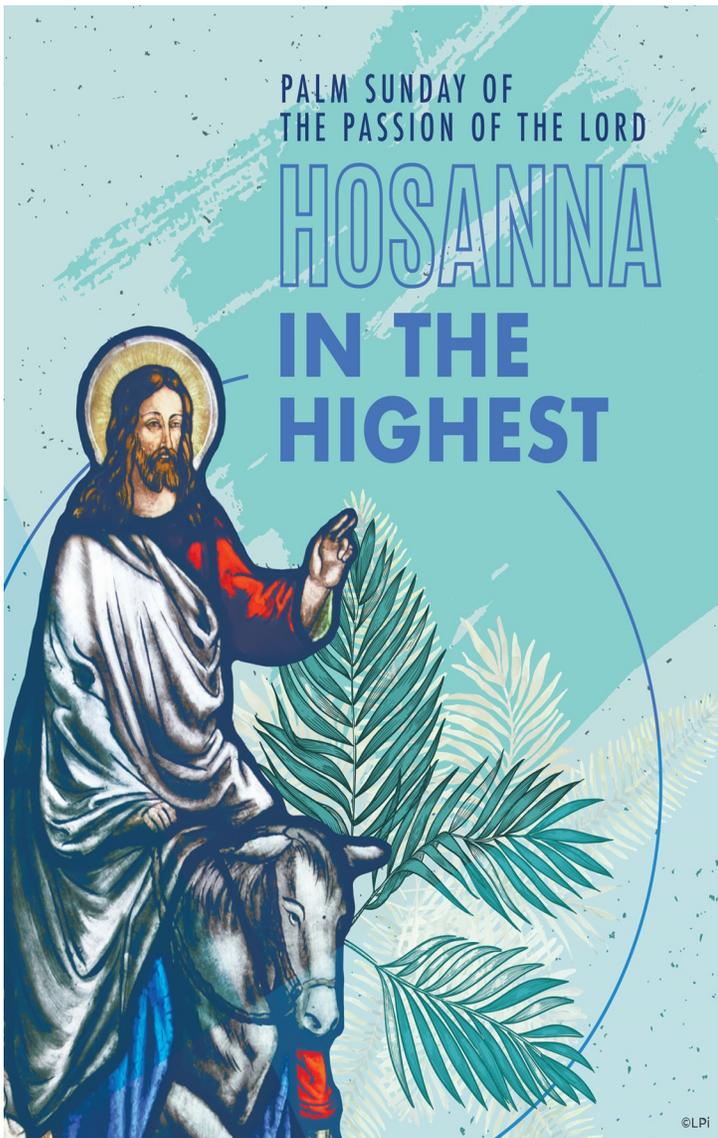


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 Ezech, 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

HOW CAN I HELP CARRY CHRIST'S CROSS?

It is iconic that the crowd throws cloaks and branches on the road before Jesus as he rides into Jerusalem. This was the custom when a conquering hero returned from victory in battle. But in His battle against sin and death, Jesus has not yet achieved His victory. Only after a similar crowd (possibly made up of some of the same people) insists that He be put to death does Jesus accomplish His victory. The crowd had expected a Messiah who would be the conquering hero here on earth for their people. It is their disappointment and outrage that Jesus did not lead this kind of revolution that causes them to turn on him, which ironically then leads to his ultimate victory.

Throughout his Gospel, Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses. Matthew alone begins his Gospel with Jesus' genealogy, linking him to the entire Jewish lineage back to Abraham. He also is the only evangelist to report that Herod ordered the murder of all the male infants, as Pharaoh had in Moses' time. Jesus' teachings are arranged in five lengthy discourses, a kind of new Torah, traditionally thought to be authored by Moses. In Matthew, Jesus is steeped in the tradition, the writings, and the laws of the Hebrew people. Now, through his ultimate sacrifice, He leads his people from the slavery of sin to the promised land of eternal life with the Lord. This new covenant, bound by Jesus' own blood instead of the blood of animals, is established by His death on the cross.

When Jesus first told his disciples what would happen to Him in Jerusalem and they reacted with shock and horror, He told them that everyone who wished to follow Him must also carry their own crosses. As Jesus was willing to carry His cross, shameful and horrible and lethal as it was, He calls upon us to carry our own painful and difficult crosses. Remember, the cross He carried was not for Himself. He carried His cross for everyone else—for Peter and Judas; for the woman at the well and the man born blind; for Pilate, Barabbas, and the revolutionaries crucified with Him; for you and for me. We are called to carry crosses for others as well, to ease the burdens on our neighbor. As Jesus gave of Himself for our benefit, we are called to give of ourselves for the benefit of those in need. We are challenged to see Jesus in our neighbor in need, for that makes clear to us that we are returning in some small way the debt we owe to Him who gave his life for us.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

In whom am I challenged to see Jesus? How can help carry Christ's cross by carrying my neighbor's cross?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

**REMINDER
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

THIS Monday, April 3rd
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
(Other churches may have different hours)



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

For Good Friday, please joins us for Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY: *The food pantry can use cereal, beans, pasta, and juices.*
May God bless you all for your generosity.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR April this Saturday, April 1st one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and this Sunday April 2nd, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



Our Social Ministry Group will also 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. Donations of hams would also be greatly appreciated and can be brought to the food pantry before this Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 1st or before this Sunday's 9:30 and 11:30 Masses on April 2nd. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 3rd.



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

Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy week, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise Him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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



MASSES
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****

Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following families:

Quincy Venturino in loving memory of Theresa Venturino the deceased members of the Venturino and Martucci Families

Joanne Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary and Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio and Christine Bellino

Mary Ann Cognatello in loving memory of the deceased members of the Cognatello and Gregorio Families

Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia

Sam & Margit Farraj in loving memory of M. Koehler & K. Farraj



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

As a Catholic, I am very grateful for the wonderful expression of the Mass. When united in this liturgical experience, we are not only present to the reality of the bread and wine becoming the real presence of Jesus, but are also connected spiritually to the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper and to the future heavenly banquet at the end of time. During the Eucharistic Prayer, this is a time to be truly as mindful as we can to what is happening in our midst. Our effort to completely surrender ourselves to the moment is a true act of stewardship.

When we hear the Gospel reading of the passion and death of Jesus at Mass, we are also being called to give of ourselves completely to the moment and to be truly caught up in the story. We should strive to be there at the events of over two thousand years ago, but also to what the reality of those events mean for us today. To do this effectively, we need to spend more time reflecting on the dynamics of the events of Jesus' passion. Hopefully, our Lent has been fruitful and we have spent time with devotions like the Stations of the Cross. Maybe we have taken time to read Scripture slowly and deliberately, taking time to let each aspect sink into our mind and spirit. If Lent has been instead a time of too much business and not much prayer and reflection, the good news is that it is never too late.

During this Holy Week, take some time to enter into the story of the Passion. Good stewardship calls us to not only give of that which can be seen, but also that which cannot be seen. Surrender your mind, body, and spirit to Jesus. He carries his cross before you and beckons you to follow him.

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 19th

Sunday collection: \$4,056.00
On Line giving: \$1,245.00
Total: \$5,301.00

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 donation s, 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 (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.



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 Knights of Columbus have sold their 50/50 raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at St. Eugene's School on April 2nd at 11:15 a.m. All are welcome as they are also hosting a blood drive on that day. **The Knights of Columbus were able to provide \$1000 to each of their 4 parishes (St. Bartholomew' included) for their CCD programs and they are working to contribute more throughout the year. We thank them for their efforts.**

If anyone would like to make a donation to their council, you can do so through:

Venmo...@kofc3995 in the charity category or PayPal...Donate to the Knights.



April 2, 2023

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, April 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Dr. Edward Casey +

Sunday, April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +
Sr. Esther, Sr. Joan Mary & Sr. Ann Marie +

11:00 AM Joane Obergfell +

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

Monday, April 3

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Tuesday, April 4

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

9:00 AM Kelly Mazzo +

Wednesday, April 5

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +

9:00 AM Rita De Sanctis +

Thursday, April 6

Thursday of Holy Week—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

For All the People of Our Parish

Adoration until Midnight

Friday, April 7

Friday of the Passion of our Lord—Good Friday

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Service— No Mass: The Lord's Passion

7:00 PM Service - No Mass: The Lord's Passion
with Passion Play

Saturday, April 8

Holy Saturday

9:00 AM Blessing of the Bread at 9:00 AM

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Of The Lord

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

Deceased Members of the Brusco &
Nanoia Families

11:00 AM Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +
Steven Fitzpatrick +

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

April 2, 2023

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, April 3rd
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EASTER TRIDIUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th
Mass of the Lord's Supper at
7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Adoration Until Midnight



GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th

- ◆ Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (7 p.m. Celebration includes the Passion Play)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8th

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9th

Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m.
There is no 5:00 p.m. Mass



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

PALM SUNDAY

