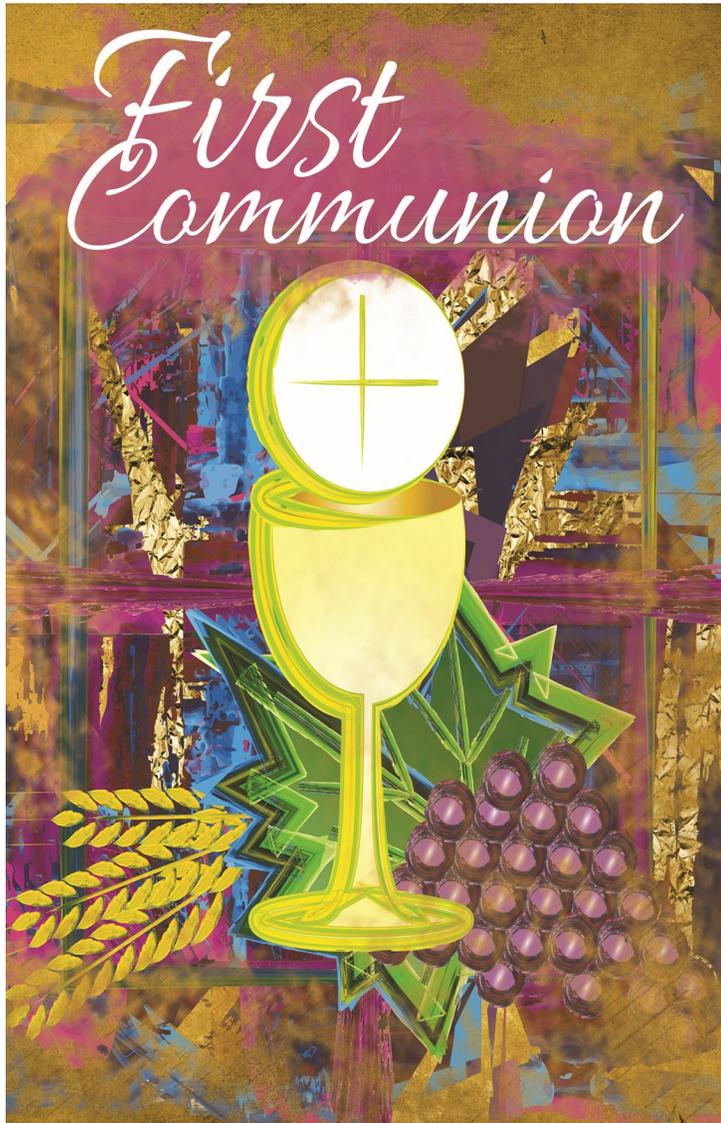


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

**Pastor's COLUMN**

In the Gospel, we see a number of Jesus' disciples returning to their old profession: fishing. It is noteworthy that they go out at night, and that they catch nothing. Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus told the disciples, "Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (John 9:4-5). That morning at dawn, they did not realize that it was "the light of the world" standing on the shore. They only recognized Him once they realized that He had led them to a catch of more fish than they could handle.

The religious authorities in the first reading wanted to keep the people of Jerusalem in the dark about Jesus. Peter identifies with them as believers in God ("the God of our ancestors"), but then he stands up to them, accusing them of murder ("you had Him killed" [Acts 5:30]). The authorities ordered them to stop preaching in Jesus' name, but they did not prosecute them. So in the end the apostles—and many others— chose to obey God and continue teaching and preaching in the name of the Risen Lord.

Earlier in John's Gospel, Jesus portrays Himself as the Good Shepherd, willing to lay down His life for His sheep. Here in the final chapter of His Gospel, Jesus tells Peter that he will now be the one to shepherd his flock. Peter will need to tend and feed his sheep. Also like Jesus, Peter will end up sacrificing his life for his sheep.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** Have I failed to recognize Jesus standing on the shore in the light of dawn, encouraging me to try it a different way? How do I respond to a kind, empathetic suggestion to change the way I am doing things?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts. The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving

and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me.

Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others. in my family, in my neighborhood, in my community,

and with my friends.

I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen



**PARISH NEWS**



**Altar Flowers, Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Lamp** are donated in loving memory of Fiore Brusco by Lou & Angela Brusco.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**This Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> our children will receive their First Holy Communion.** May God bless our children on this very special day.



The **ALTAR FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** are donated by the **Communion Class** in honor and memory of their living and deceased family members.



**Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass Sunday, June 2, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. At Saint Patrick's Cathedral**

His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Celebrant

The Golden Jubilee mass is for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2019.



All those who wish to attend must contact the Parish Office to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside of the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a special commemorative certificate. Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

Registration will close on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5p.m.

**Wedding Jubilee Mass and Celebration at St. Bart's**

There will also be a Mass at St. Bartholomew's for St. Bartholomew's couples who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime this year (2019). **Date to be announced in the upcoming weeks.** The couple(s) will be blessed and honored during the Mass which will be followed by a Reception in the McManus Paris Center. **Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you are celebrating this special anniversary!!!**



**MOTHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>**



**Mother's Day Novena Masses:** Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. Our Parish will have a Novena of Masses for all our mothers— living and deceased. The Novena of Masses will begin on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and will finish on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**There are cards and envelopes at the back of the church. If you want your mother, mother-in-law, or any mother remembered in the Novena of Masses, please fill out the envelope with your donation and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office during the week.**

*A Special Thanks*

A special thank you to Kelly and Pat and to all who made the sweepstakes social such a huge success and lots of fun.



PARISH EVENTS

*May*

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, MAY CROWNING, AT 6:45 P.M.

SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10 A.M. MASSES

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



*June*

SUNDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, COMMUNION BREAKFAST AFTER THE 10 AM MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>, CULTURAL NIGHT, MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>, OUR SECOND "POCKETBOOK" BINGO

SUNDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>, FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AFTER THE 8:30 AND 10 AM MASSES

SATURDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, TAG SALE, 9 AM TO 3 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, THE PARISH PICNIC, 12 NOON TO 5 PM



*Please take note that the RAS Tea Party, planned for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is cancelled and will be re-scheduled.*

**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.

*The Cluster Parishes of Christ the King, Sacred Heart, St. Anthony and St. Bartholomew's invite all to join them for:*

*Outdoor Rosary in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart, Mary's Field. Refreshments will follow.*



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.. **The Youth Group will not be meeting this Sunday, July, 1<sup>st</sup>.** 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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING  
Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$4,695.45
Balance	- \$2,304.55
*(Envelopes \$4,055.45, \$640.00 Online)	

Amount Needed for Month of April	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$22,421.95

**The Revised Total for the Easter collection is: \$8,961.00 (includes On Line Giving)**

"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, 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.**

*Father Raphael is planning a few more upcoming weekends for family pictures for the Parish Family Directory (after each Mass on this Saturday and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>). This will be the last call for you to have your pictures taken for the family directory.*



**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.

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

**Saturday, May 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +  
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**Sunday, May 5, 2019**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Constance & Adolf Steffens +  
10:00 AM Elias Ocasio +  
11:30 AM Susie & Vincent Streva & Deceased  
Members of Streva Family  
5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +  
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**Monday, May 6**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Fiore Brusco +  
9:00 AM Mary Bryce +

**Tuesday, May 7**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Lisa Alexis Villar +

**Wednesday, May 8**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Vincenzo Bomba +

**Thursday, May 9**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Yolanda Lee +

**Friday, May 10**  
**Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

**Saturday, May 11**  
**Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM John Nieman +  
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**Saturday, May 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Rosario Barbieri +  
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**Sunday, May 12, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +  
10:00 AM Frances Nanoia & Angelina Brusco +  
11:30 AM Novena For Our Living & Deceased Mothers  
5:00 PM Judith Casey (Living)

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**LOCAL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*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 [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@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.*

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**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).



**The Stepinac Theatre** presents the national high school premiere production of, *A Bronx Tale, The Musical*. Show dates are 10<sup>th</sup>, and 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 email [theatre@stepinac.org](mailto:theatre@stepinac.org).

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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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**St. Augustine Church, Larchmont, NY** announces its next Bereavement Support Group from May 6<sup>th</sup> to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. This group meets every Monday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information please call 914 834-1220, ext. 23 or [srmuriel@staugustineny.org](mailto:srmuriel@staugustineny.org).

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**Online Support for those struggling with Divorce/Separation**

For anyone struggling due to a divorce/separation in their family, there is a free on-line "Webinar-like" support/sharing group. Sponsored by St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith, this group meets every first Tuesday from 8-9 p.m. And it is on-going. Prayer, reflection, guidance by Church teachings, and attended by a Mercedarian friar from the Order of Mercy and the Organization's Director, the group allows for listening and (optional) sharing by an experienced facilitator. To learn more (or sign in): Visit the website: [www.nonnatus.org](http://www.nonnatus.org); visit social media at "PhillyNonnatus", or call 215 870-9913 or e mail [director.srnf@gmail.com](mailto:director.srnf@gmail.com).