# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator Dayle Vander Sande 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

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#### LIVE BY THE EXAMPLES OF PETER AND PAUL

Saints Peter and Paul each sees their faith rewarded in the readings we hear today. Peter, imprisoned after James had already been executed by Herod Agrippa and expecting to have a death sentence imposed on him as soon as Passover ended, is rescued



by an angel of God. Neither the soldiers nor the guards, neither the chains binding his wrists nor the iron gates of the city, can prevent God from setting Peter free. In the Gospel, Peter's faith that Jesus was indeed the Christ (the Messiah) leads to Jesus choosing him as the rock upon which He would build His Church and giving him the keys to the kingdom. For Paul, keeping the faith is reward enough for him. The Lord, he asserts has given him the strength to complete his mission to the

Gentiles and will now bring him safely to heaven. By keeping the faith through all his travels, he says he will be awarded the "crown of righteousness," as will all those who place their trust in the Lord (2Timothy 4:8). Like the members of the early church, who prayed fervently to God for Peter when he was imprisoned, we pray that our faith will see us through our hardships until the end of our days.

Obedience, both to the Lord and to their calling, was of paramount importance to Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter, entrusted with the keys to the Kingdom, treats his responsibility seriously, leading the early church, taking upon himself the authority to admit Gentiles as full members, and asserting his will at the church's first council. In the incident we hear narrated today, he obeys the angel of the Lord at every turn, enabling his rescue from prison. Paul, having been chosen by the Lord to carry His name to the Gentiles, made three lengthy missionary journeys across the known world in obedience to his call. He remained obedient through multiple imprisonments, allowing him to assert at the end of his life that he has kept the faith. These two apostles followed the Lord obediently enabling them to establish and extend the early church in lasting ways.

#### **QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How do the examples of Saint Peter and Saint Paul help me to respond to my call and give me hope despite my past actions.



Again we welcome Fr. Joseph who arrived on June 20th and will be the priest covering for Fr. Mark through July 10<sup>th</sup>.

WELCOME FATHER JOSEPH!!

A thank you to all our volunteers and our guests who came to play Bingo last Sunday. Our next Bingo is Sunday, July 27th.



Wishing you a happy, safe Fourth of July and a summer filled with good times, good friends, and good health of mind, body and spirit. There will only be one Mass on Friday at

Please note there will be NO Holy Hour and NO Divine Mercy Hour PLEASE! on Friday, July 4th and Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Holiday weekend.





#### THE NORMAL 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 2025 and 2026 Mass book 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.

Any couple who is not married in the Church and who wishes to have their Marriage blessed in the Church, please call the Parish Office to make an appointment to discuss with Fr. Mark.

#### BLOOD DRIVE - FRIDAY, JULY 11 - NOON TO 6 PM

New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a BLOOD



EMERGENCY following a sharp and sustained drop in blood donations. The number of local donors has declined significantly, and we've had to depend on blood from other states to meet patient needs - a stopgap measure that cannot be sustained for long, especially in a state with some of the busiest hospitals in the country.

With only 2% of New Yorkers donating blood, the state is short nearly 390,000 donors needed to meet patient needs, especially as summer

brings both increased trauma cases and a steep decline in donations. To stabilize the supply, NYBC urgently needs 5,000 additional donations, over 100 new blood drives, in the coming

#### This will be St Bartholomew's 111th Blood Drive since 1981.

It is preferable to make appointments by using:

https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/300234

Enter zip code, press Search and scroll down for St Bart's. Then press Schedule.

Check available appointment times and follow the instructions.

NYBC prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only as capacity permits.

If you have difficulty making an appointment, contact me and I will do my best to help you.

You can change your appointment time on the web site before July 5, as long as there is a slot available.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional.

If you have already given on your own recently, we thank you for your donation.

If you have already signed up, we thank you so very much!

If you have any family or friends that you think might be interested, please let them know.

If you have any medical eligibility concerns, you can contact NYBC at 800-688-0900.

#### Regards,

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson, St Bart's Blood Drive tonscia@aol.com (h) 914-423-3592

## THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR July on Saturday, July



5<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Travs will be available for those who wish

to donate food beginning **THIS** Saturday and Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and June 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### BENEATH THE SURFACE

People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, "Who do you say that Jesus is?" We know the answer. Will we speak up?

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question.

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say. We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating *loudness* of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, we know. But will we answer?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### 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 and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!

ALSO YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A PARISIHIONER ON LINE AT WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH REGISTRATON. FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

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

#### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

June 15, 2025

 Sunday collection:
 \$3,123.00

 On Line giving:
 \$1,125.00

 Total
 \$4,248.00

## IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE

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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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, and Ronald Pietropaolo..

Please call 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.

#### O God,



Bless the souls You have entrusted to our care. As You hear every one of their prayers, help us to hear them, too. Answer their prayer intentions and personal needs through us and our ministry, as we all seek to do Your will.

Amen.



#### Saturday Vigil, June 28

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

#### Sunday, June 29 Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

9:30AM Marie Paprocki + 11:00 AM Jane Esposito +

For the Healing of Faith Mathieu (Living)

12:30 PM George Del Moral & Jose Exposito + 5:00 PM Dr. Henry Frey & Jessica Frey +

Monday June 30

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Rose Marie Monteferrante +

Tuesday, July 1

Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)

9:00 AM For The Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)

Wednesday, July 2

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention 9:00 AM Michele Ricardo +

Thursday, July 3 Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez +

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Maria Ferreira (Living)

Friday, July 4—Independence Day

Weekday

9:00 AM Evangeline Yaskovic +

Saturday, July 5

Weekday

9:00 AM Janet & Bill Marsden (Living)

Saturday Vigil, July 5

5:00 PM Christine Bellino +

Michael & Paul Giandomenico (Living)

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#### Sunday, July 6 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM Aurora Mendoza +
Constancio Calazan +
11:00 AM George & Marie Hoffman +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All the People Of Our Parish

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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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 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 Parish Office. 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.

#### WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

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