

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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

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

EXTEND THE MERCY GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU

As the scribes and Pharisees point out, Jewish law demanded death to a woman caught in adultery. But Roman law forbade Jews from sentencing anyone to death, as we will hear next Sunday (in the Passion). So Jesus is truly in a dilemma, forced to break one law or the other. He succeeds in both thwarting their test and treating the sinner with mercy by refocusing the question of punishment on those who would carry it out: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8: 7). When Pope Francis declared that the death penalty was morally inadmissible in every circumstance, he spoke not only of the fundamental dignity of the human



person, but also our belief that even the most heinous sinner can repent and change.

If we put ourselves into the position of one of the people in the crowd, we can appreciate how Jesus' words not only deter us from condemning others, but also force us to look at our own failings. Our failings may not seem as great as those whom we condemn, but they still require God's mercy and forgiveness to restore our relationship with God and with others. One hopes that no one from this crowd, now cognizant of their own sinfulness, are part of the crowd whom we will hear next Sunday calling for the death of Jesus.

In the first reading, Isaiah uses the image of water to describe God's grace. Like water, God's grace is necessary to sustain us. God causes it to flow where it is needed the most, like "water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland" (Isaiah 43:20). So it is with God's mercy. Just as we plead for and receive mercy from the Lord at the beginning of every Mass ("Lord have mercy"), we are called to extend that mercy we have received to those in need of forgiveness and compassion. We honor God when we direct the flow of God's mercy where it is needed most.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

This week, to whom can I extend the mercy that God has extended to me?

*A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended my installation ceremony last Saturday. Your presence, prayers, and generous gifts made the occasion even more special. I am truly grateful for your support and kindness as I continue this journey with you. May God bless you all abundantly!*

Thank You



**IMPORTANT NOTE**

Please remember to pick up your Lenten Alms-giving Boxes if you have not already done so. This year, your donations will support a Missionary of St. Paul priest in their seminary. Please return them after Easter.

**EASTER WISH LIST  
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!**

*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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to donate palms or the Paschal Candle.*



**PARISH NEWS**

**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.



**PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY. (There are still 2025 Masses available also).**

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.



*Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in the Church. On Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross are at 2 p.m.*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR April on THIS Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on THIS Sunday April 6, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**EASTER TRIDIUM**

**HOLY THURSDAY,** April 17<sup>th</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.  
Adoration Until 10 p.m.



**GOOD FRIDAY,** April 18<sup>th</sup>

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.

**HOLY SATURDAY,** April 19<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 8 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY,** April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
And 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass).

There is no 5 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday





FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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



**Our Outreach Group** will 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 NEXT Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 12<sup>th</sup> or before NEXT Sunday's 9:30 and 11:00 Masses on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 14<sup>th</sup>.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Make a Way**

What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.  
*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI*



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**March 23, 2025**

**Sunday collection: \$4,441.00  
On Line giving: \$1,480.00  
Total \$5,921.00**

**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 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!!!! **IT'S EASY!!!** Go to: [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**Please call the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

**Prayer of Community**



O God,  
Help us to see each other as You see us, not by our faults or failings, but by our identity as Your own. Give us Your eyes to see, Your heart to love.  
Amen.

April 6, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 5

5:00 PM Sam Farraj + Richard De Rosa +

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Sunday, April 6 Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30AM Rita De Sanctis +
11:00 AM Richard M. Cunningham (Living)
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Dr. Henry Frey +

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Monday April 7 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Reverend William B. Duggan +
9:00 AM Peter Potemri +

Tuesday, April 8 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez +
9:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti +

Wednesday, April 9 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Christopher Milano
Clem & Larry D'Arienzo +

Thursday, April 10 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Patricia Hicks +
9:00 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

Friday, April 11 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Jane Esposito +
9:00 AM Josephine & Michael Califano +
7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 12 Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory

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Saturday, April 12

5:00 PM Lucy & Carl Rossi +

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Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies
Theresa Venturino +
11:00 AM Mary & Vincent Hickey +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Luis Verdugo +

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly 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

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



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