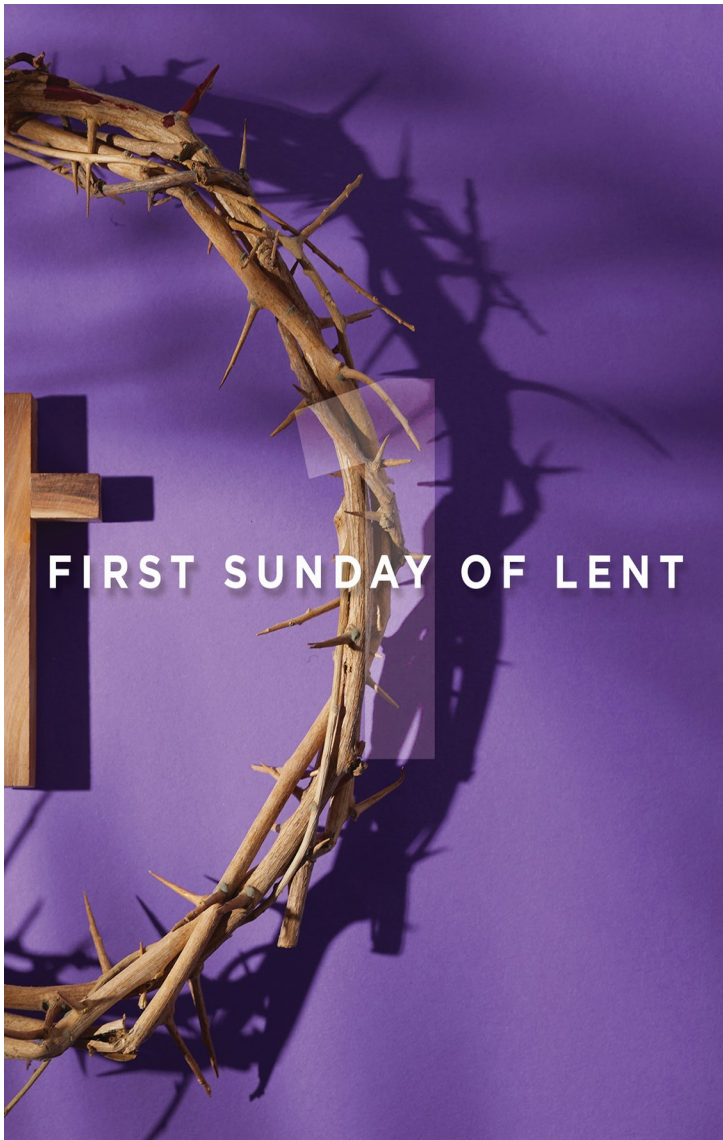


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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

RESIST TEMPTATION

It would appear that the evil didn't really know the Son of God too well. Each temptation would have been much more successful if he'd been dealing with a self-centered person instead. After days of fasting alone in a barren desert, a self-centered person would have been only too glad to see stones turn into bread. A self-centered person would have no qualms about umping off a parapet if angels would prevent any harm. A self-centered person would not do anything to gain all the kingdoms of the world.

The truth is that Jesus did accomplish all these things, but not because he gave in to temptation. No, He accomplished all these miraculous things because He did them on behalf of others. He offered his own body to be living bread to nourish the whole world. He threw himself at the mercy of the authorities and was lifted up on a cross - not to be saved by angels, but to save all of us. He did not gain all the kingdoms of the world for Himself, but he gained God's kingdom - more magnificent than any earthly kingdom - for us all. His obedience to his Father gained for us all what his disobedience would have gained for only Himself.

It may surprise you to realize that Jesus was not actually alone in the desert for forty days and forty nights. The Holy Spirit, who had just descended upon him like a dove as He was baptized, accompanied him every step of the way. The Holy Spirit descended upon us as well when we were baptized and accompanies us always, guiding us, strengthening us, supporting us. As we approach Easter and our rebirth in the waters of baptism, may we realize the presence of the Spirit, given to us at baptism and remaining with us forever.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When does my self-centeredness lead me to give into temptation? How can my Christian concern for others help me to resist that temptation?

LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God,  
 You have given the human race  
 Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility.  
 He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man  
 And giving His life on the Cross.  
 Help us to bear witness to You  
 By following His example of suffering  
 And make us worthy to share in  
 His Resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.



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



Each Friday, during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Prior to Stations, please join us for pancakes, this Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in McManus Parish Center at 6 p.m.!!!



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR MARCH** on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.**



**Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

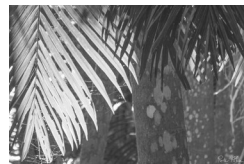
The 2022 Mass book still has Masses available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as 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.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPENED ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

LOOK FOR OUR 2023 LENTEN AND EASTER WISH LIST

in next weekend's bulletin where 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.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:

This **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>,** is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**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\*\*\*

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Mindful**

What is it that tempts you the most? Is it an action, a person, or a place? Is it something that seems innocent enough, like a food, a drink, or an event? When you really start reflecting, you find that there are many temptations all around. Even if you are strong and never succumb to a certain temptation, it is still there waiting for a weak moment in your life.

One difficulty in the life of a disciple trying to live a stewardship way of life lies in the temptations we never actually see. We are too busy thinking about past failures or successes, or we are fixated on what possibilities the future holds that we miss the important things going on in the present. Jesus could be standing directly in front of us, but we miss Him because we are looking everywhere except straight ahead.

Being mindful means that we are looking out for how and when God will call us this very day. Our decisions this day will have a huge impact on the future. If we only look to the future, we will miss those important calls to action. We may even find ourselves in a desert of sorts, looking for any way out we can find. However, God may need us to give of ourselves for a reason we cannot yet discern while in that desert. We need to stay awake, be aware, and look for His hand in all things. If we don't, we may even miss the pathway out of that desert when it presents itself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

**The Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus council is running a 50/50 raffle with 13 prizes. Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$50 each: 1st prize-\$5000, 2nd prize-\$1500, 3rd prize-\$500 and 10-\$50 consolation prizes. Drawing will be held no later than June 3, 2023. If interested, please call the council at 914-709-5090 or email [kofc3995@gmail.com](mailto:kofc3995@gmail.com) for information on how to purchase tickets.

**Employment Opportunity**

Sisters of Charity are hiring a full time LPN or RN at Mount Saint Vincent Convent. Please contact Sharon Dosin at [sdosin@scny.org](mailto:sdosin@scny.org) for more information or visit our website [www.scny.org](http://www.scny.org) for more information.

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sunday collection: \$2,730.00**  
**On Line giving: \$1,065.00**  
**Total: \$3,795.00**

**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, 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

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February 26, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, February 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Lisa Villar +

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**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

**First Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Caroline & Peter Klee +  
11:00 AM Anthony Uduebo (Living)  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
(Spanish Mass)  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, February 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Davide & Angela Ponzini +

**Tuesday, February 28**

**Lenten Weekday**

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Cristovalina Vidals (Living)  
9:00 AM Theresa Pisacreta +

**Thursday, March 2**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Janet Marsden (Living)

**Friday, March 3**

**Lenten Weekday—First Friday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Vito Jotso +

**Saturday, March 4—First Saturday**

**Saturday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM No Intention  
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**Saturday, March 4 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Elizabeth Marion Stewart +  
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**Sunday, March 5, 2023**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Carmela Legio +  
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish  
(Spanish Mass)  
5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**February 26, 2023**

**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 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**

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

