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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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

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FORGIVENESS TO ALL

Food is one of the most basic human needs. We would not last



long without it. In the desert, lack of it drove some to rage and others to despair. Only after God provided manna were the Chosen People able to complete their journey to the promised land. There, as we hear in the first reading, they can eat of the produce of the land of Canaan. Whether directly or indirectly, God's providence supplies a famished people with food. In sacrificing His body and blood, Jesus provides a spiritually famished people with

sustenance.

The prodigal son is starving just the same as the chosen People in the desert. He is willing to eat as poorly as one of his father's hired worker. Instead, his father spends his own wealth (for he'd

already given his son half his legacy) to provide a feast for him, a banquet of reconciliation. The prodigal son sinned in every way possible, spurning his father and living a dissolute life. Yet the father welcomes him back with open arms. We recall this feast as we approach the Eucharistic table as sinners today, which itself foreshadows the banquet of reconciliation we are prom-



ised when we at last are united with God.

We can likely relate to each of the characters in this parable in some way. At times we have sheepishly returned to someone we've wronged and asked forgiveness. Other times we've resented that someone unworthy was rewarded and we've refused to be placated. We may also recall celebrating a loved one's apologetic return. Knowing that we have a heavenly Father who does this continually, let us adopt the attitude of the penitent son, who is rewarded with true reconciliation.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I be merciful like the father in this parable? What resentments do I need to overcome? Can I be truly forgiving to someone who has hurt me or those I love?

God Bless Father Mark On This Special Day

Gracious God, we thank you for the gift of leadership and for calling Father Mark to serve as Pastor to this parish family. As



we celebrate this installation, we ask for Your blessing upon him and upon our church. Fill him with Your Spirit, wisdom, and strength, that he may faithfully fulfill the ministry to which ongratulations! You have called him. May his words be a source of comfort, encouragement, and truth, and may his actions reflect the love and compassion of Jesus.

Guide us, Your people, to be receptive to his leadership, and may we work together in unity and purpose to build up your kingdom. We pray for our Parish Family that we may also be a source of strength and support to Father Mark May Your presence be with us all, as we embark on this new chapter together. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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.





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

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.



IMPORTANT NOTE

Please remember to pick up your Lenten Almsgiving 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.

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.



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. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to

donate palms or the Paschal Candle.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti



or rice and beans will be collected FOR April on NEXT Saturday, April 5th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on NEXT Sunday April 6, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses.

Trays will be available for those who wish

to donate food beginning THIS Saturday and Sunday, March 29th and March 30th.

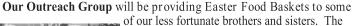
"He died that we may live"

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 FROM4 TO 4:30 PM





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 Saturday's, 5 pm Mass on April 12th or before Sunday's

9:30 and 11:00 Masses on April 13th. The baskets will be distributed the week of April 14th.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 16, 2025

 Sunday collection:
 \$4,441.00

 On Line giving:
 \$1,035.00

 Total
 \$5,476.00

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 (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, 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, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children, Help me to trust that You will be will not leave

me,

Help me to seek You, too. God who is ever-waiting for me, Help me to run straight towards You. Amen.



Saturday, March 29

5:00 PM Pasqua Capuano + & Deceased Children

Sunday, March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM John M Rubbo + 11:00 AM Randolfo Rivera +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM Frank C. Como +

Monday March 31 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)

9:00 AM No Intention

Tuesday, April 1 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Carina Chiulli +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Nollman Family

& Matilda Albert +

Wednesday, April 2 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez + 9:00 AM Michele Ricardo +

Thursday, April 3 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Grace Hicks (Living) 9:00 AM Margaret T. Maccia +

Friday, April 4 Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Kathleen Walsh Murnion (Living)

9:00 AM No Intention

7PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 5 Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM

9:00 AM No Intention

Sam Farraj +

Richard De Rosa +

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 +

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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

