

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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

OPEN THE DOOR OF FAITH



The author of Acts sums up Paul's initial missionary journey by saying that he "opened the door of faith to the Gentiles" (14:27).. First, he and Barnabas did not force it upon the people in the cities they visited, nor did they fight back against people who opposed them, as we heard last week. No, he taught them about Christ and invited them to believe. Secondly, they proclaimed the Good News specifically to the Gentiles, giving them the opportunity to embrace the faith as well as giving the early church the opportunity to expand far outside Judea. This is the model we can follow as well: open the door of faith, inviting those who are unattached and those who are outsiders to join.

Note that Paul and Barnabas don't reel people in and then take off. We hear them return to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, where they strengthened and encouraged the new disciples. They appointed elders in each community, whom they could correspond with after they left. They prayed and fasted with them. Back in the city of Antioch in Syria (not to be confused with the town of Antioch in Pisidia), they reported their success and no doubt the church there prayed for the church in Pisidia and Pamphylia, as we do now for the Church in others parts of the world.

Jesus' commandment to His disciples is a lot more challenging than just the warm fuzzy feeling we get when we think of loving one another. No, Jesus asks that we love one another in the way that He has loved us. This means we have to be willing to give of ourselves, to even lay down our lives for one another. Let John's vision in Revelation inspire us. "God's dwelling is with the human race," he says (Revelation 21:3) God is right there, renewing us, redeeming us, loving us. And remember He is the vine and we are the branches!!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I open the door of faith to someone else?

Blessings Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



Seniors Gathering:
Thursday, May 2nd at 12 p.m. Monthly gathering in the Gym with a light lunch.

Movie Thursday: May 16th, 10 am

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

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.



Any adults who are not Catholic or who are interested in making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, you are invited to attend a discussion group on Sunday mornings to explore further. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if interested.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for May on NEXT Saturday, May 4th one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on NEXT Sunday May 5th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Trays will be out this weekend of April 27th and 28th.



CALLING ALL ALUMNI OF ST. BART'S SCHOOL

The Parish would like to have a dinner to gather the school alumni. If any former student would be interested in serving on a committee to help organize the event, please e mail stbartschurch@aol.com We are looking for contact information on all past alumni. If you would like to be included in our listing or know of someone who went to the school, please send contact information to cduda@saintbartparish.org. Please include if known the name, address, cell number, year graduated and email address. Thank you!!!

50 Bags of clothing was just recently sent to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who donated.



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

**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

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:



This **Friday, May 3rd**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. **Saturday, May 4th**, 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 Golden Jubilee Mass for couples celebrating 50 years of marriage will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Sunday, June 2nd at 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral. If you are celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2024, or if you know a couple who is, please contact the Parish Office. Registration with the archdiocese closes on Monday, May 13th at 5 p.m.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 14, 2024

Sunday collection: \$2,782.00
On Line giving: \$1,410.00
Total: \$4,192.00

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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.**



LORD
give strength
to your people

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, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, and Betsy McShane.

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.



April 28, 2024

Mass  for the Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, April 27 VIGIL

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney +
Paula & Michael Giandomenico (Living)

**Sunday, April 28
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM Joan Laredo Liddell +
Anthony & Tiffany Nguyen (Living)
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**Monday, April 29
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

**Tuesday, April 30
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Elizabeth Liga +

**Weekday, May 1
Easter Weekday**

7:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti +
9:00 AM Joseph Nguyen +

**Thursday, May 2
Saint Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Stephanie Peduto (Living)

**Friday, May 3
Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Luigi Lucchetti +

**Saturday, May 4
Easter Weekday**

9:00 AM Rosalie Heit +

Saturday, May 4 VIGIL

5:00 PM Lucille & Victor Serricchio +

**Sunday, May 5
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:30 AM John Smith +
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. +
12:30 PM For All Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

April 28, 2024

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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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 EASTER

