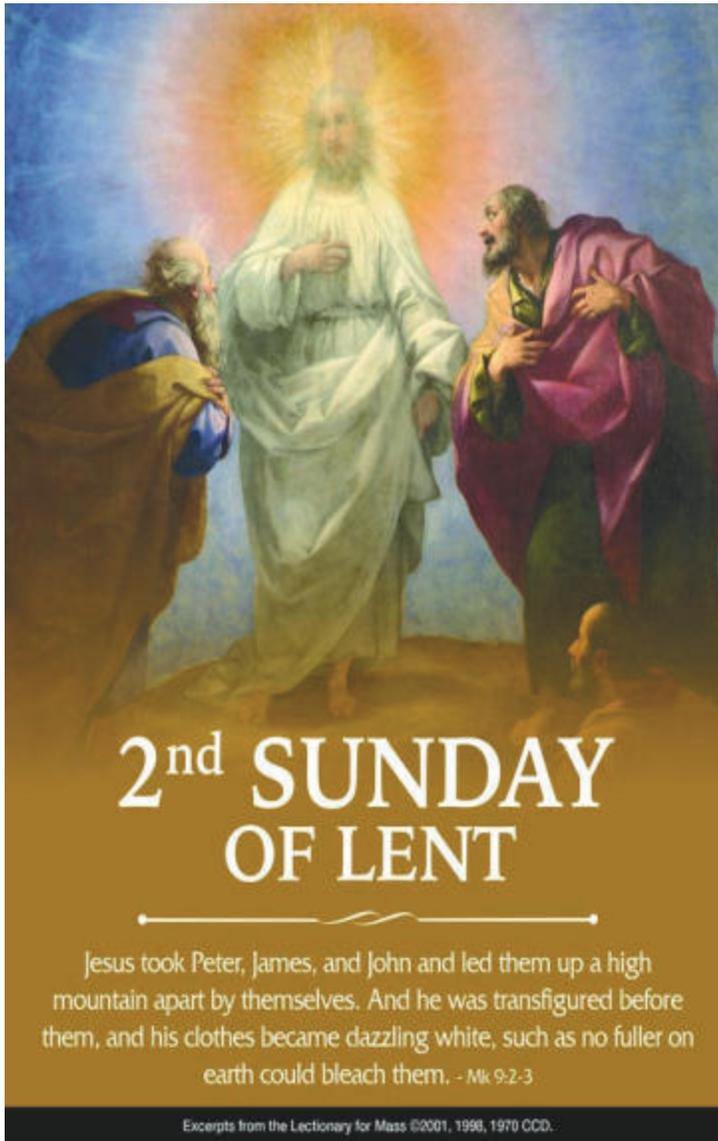


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday  
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday  
through Friday;  
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

**HOW CAN I TRANSFIGURE MY LIFE THIS LENT?**

When God called out to Adam in Eden after he had eaten the forbidden fruit, Adam hid himself from the Lord. When God called out to Abraham in today's first reading, Abraham's first words are, "Here I am!" (Genesis 22:1). Adam's disobedience leads to his unwillingness to face God. Abraham's obedience is displayed by his immediate eagerness to respond to God. Abraham could not have imagined

why God was asking him to sacrifice his only son any more than Adam could have imagined why he could not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But unlike Adam, Abraham placed his trust in God and responded obediently. So too did Jesus.

Jesus' transfiguration gave Peter, James, and John a vision of Him in glory. But it did not show the price He paid to get there. So unfortunately, they were not transformed by what they witnessed. They continued to misunderstand the kind of Messiah Jesus was. But we know. We know the price. We know how He was raised in glory to sit at the right hand of His Father. As we build the kingdom of God here on earth as it is in heaven, we envision a world transfigured by God's presence. May our vision be transfigured by the knowledge that the Jesus we see in the least of our sisters and brothers is also the Jesus who suffered and died on the cross and is also now the Jesus of dazzling glory.



We may not be on a high mountain right now. Or contemplating setting up tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, but we are still in a holy place and no less in the presence of the Lord. Here in this sacred space we are gathered in His name and so we know that He is with us, too. He offered Himself up as a sacrifice and we, countless as the stars in the sky, are blessed abundantly. We receive Him in the Eucharist, nourishing us in our work to carry on His mission. Indeed, it is good that we are here.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can I transfigure my life this Lent? What will I do to show the transfiguration Jesus had made in me?  
?

*Blessings*

*Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP*

**FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**



**DECEASED:**

- Clement Giuriceo +*
- Caroline & Peter Klee +*
- Angela Yanet Cuevas +*
- Lisa Alexis Villar +*
- Maureen T. Potter +*

**EASTER WISH LIST**

In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a holy Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): **Paschal Candle and 2 bundles of palms.** Please contact the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**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 ALTAR BREAD & WIND, ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY LAMP** are donated in loving memory of John Brusco by Angela Brusco.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Each Friday during Lent, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 6 to 7 p.m. and at 7 p.m., the Stations of the Cross, in the Church. Stations of the Cross will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend.



**ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:** This Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday March 6<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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** Donations of ziti and desserts for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on this Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The food pantry is open. We can use canned fruit, juice, paper towels, and paper napkins, .  
**YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**



The 2022 Mass Book is open. 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 birthday's, 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. You may call the Parish Office to arrange a Mass or come to the Parish office Monday, Wednesday or Friday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are also Masses still available for 2021.



*Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Hildeliza Martinez and Josephine Lehohtak.*

*Rest in Peace*

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

MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND

9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND

11:30 AM.

**WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.**

\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*



**Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project**

Imagine your child at the age of 10 being orphaned because of 20 years of war in your country. He is now scavenging through scraps that people throw away to find food and living in the streets. Homelessness among children is a particularly acute problem in South Sudan, with many children living in the streets, cemeteries, markets, etc. They are often subject to violence and exploitation.

Why am I telling you this? For the past 15 or so years, each Lent we sponsor a Lenten almsgiving project that benefits various missions run by the Missionary Society of St Paul, commonly known as MSP, which is the order in which the priests of our parish belong. During Lent the money we save from what we give up is meant to be used to help the poor. This year we plan to help children in war torn South Sudan at an MSP mission.



In a small way, the MSP Fathers try to help these street children at their South Sudan Mission. They presently have rescued 25 young boys between the ages of 10 and 15 from the streets. The 25 boys rescued from the streets will receive an education at the MSP Fathers school program which is considered the best school in the state. They will have food to eat, a shelter where they can lay their heads at night and health care in a country where children die from diseases easily cured. Last year through our Lenten almsgiving we were able to provide the MSP Fathers will donations to care for five children for the year. It presently cost approximately \$450 per year for each child.

I am asking every family in our parish to consider joining us this year by either picking up an almsgiving container in the back of the church on Ash Wednesday or making your own at home from an empty can, plastic container, or zip lock bag. Each day place the change you saved by what you and your family give up for Lent in the container. At the end of Lent, right after Easter, return the container to us. If we each do our small part, collectively we can make the world a better place one child at a time.

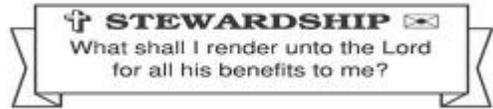
**Thank you. Cheryl Duda**

**PRAYER FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

God of the covenant,  
in the glory of the cross  
your Son embraced the power of death  
and broke its hold over Your people.  
In this time of repentance,  
draw all people to Yourself,  
that we who confess Jesus as Lord  
may put aside the deeds of death  
and accept the life of Your kingdom. Amen.



*The Revised Common Lectionary*



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

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. **IT'S EASY!** (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

**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, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, James Burns, and Josephine Giabattista..

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.

February 28, 2021



**Saturday, February 27(Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Sunday, February 28, 2021  
The Second Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Clement Giuriceo +  
Caroline & Peter Klee +  
Angela Yanet Cuevas +  
Lisa Alexis Villar +  
Maureen T. Potter +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish  
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**Monday, March 1  
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the DePole &  
Faranda Families  
9:00 AM John & Helen Hanrahan +

**Tuesday, March 2  
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM John Brusco +  
9:00 AM Janet Marsden (Living)

**Wednesday, March 3  
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

**Thursday, March 4  
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 AM Josephine Califano +

**Friday, March 5  
Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

**Saturday, March 6  
Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank Vaculik +  
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**Saturday, March 6 Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish  
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**Sunday, March 7 2021  
The Third Sunday of Lent**

9:30 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +  
Oscar Starkenberg +  
Ana Cabrera +  
Rafael Padilla +  
Hermino Negron +  
Julio Blanco+

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

February 28, 2021

**AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**  
(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

**HOLY**  
  
**COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and I unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

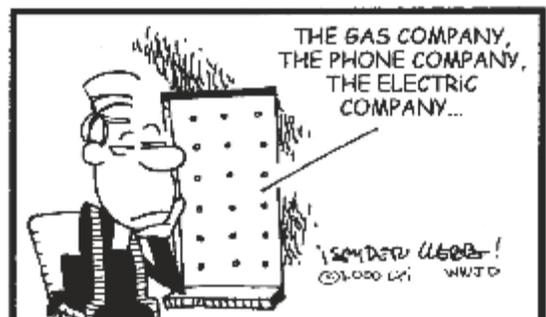
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**Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.  
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT



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