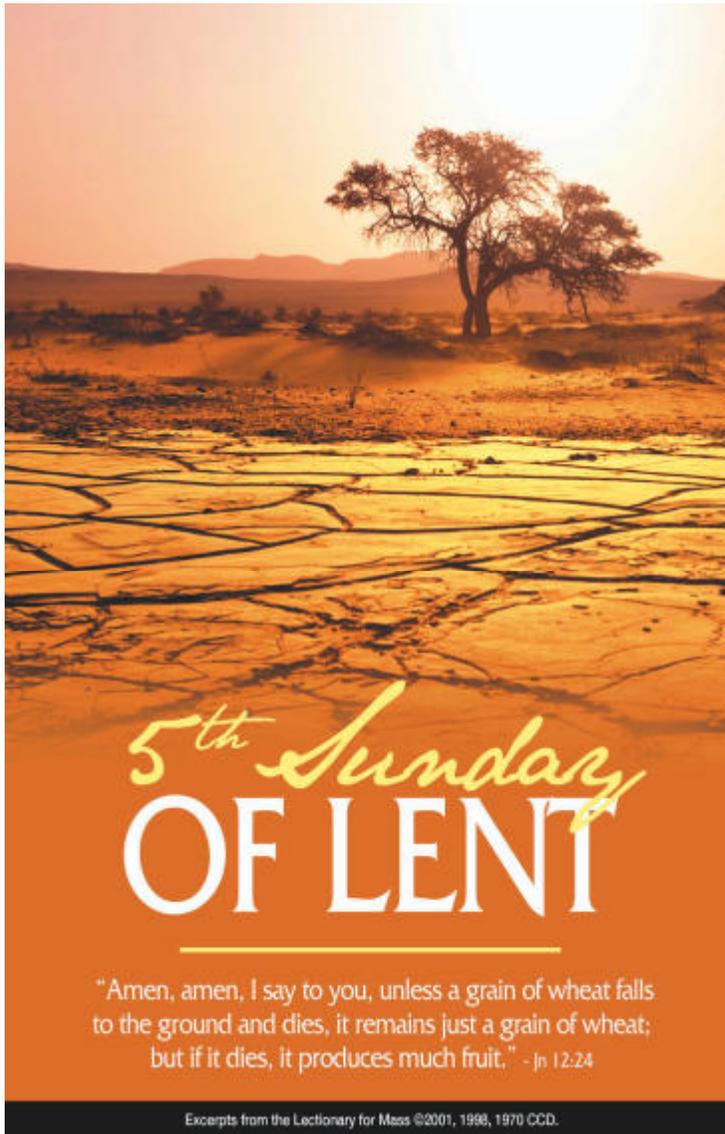


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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  
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

I HAVE THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE WITHIN ME

Though both are referred to as resurrections, what Jesus did for Lazarus is not the same as God's raising of Jesus. Lazarus was truly dead and then brought back to life, to be sure, but to an earthly life that would come to an end once again. However, it would be wrong to say that Lazarus was brought back to the life he had before. One cannot imagine him picking up right where his old life left off prior to his illness and death, as if he had been asleep for a few days. He has literally been given a new lease on life. Unbound from the finality of death, unwrapped from the suffocating coverings, untied from his restraints, he has been reborn, free to move and act and live in a new way, in a resurrected life.

We look forward to the Resurrection, but as we already have Christ within us and Jesus is the resurrection and the life, we each already have the resurrected life within us. Our challenge is to break the bonds of sin and apathy, rise from the graves of addiction and selfishness, unseal the lambs of hopelessness and despair, and live this new life out.

"Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what He had done began to believe in Him" (John 11:45). The Gospel we hear today ends on a victorious note. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and many came to believe. But this is not the way this passage from John ends. The whole mood turns with the very next verse: "But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done" (11:46). Not only did some not begin to believe, some decided to turn Him in. The Sanhedrin determined that this Messiah would ruin their relationship with the Roman rulers, for Rome would not tolerate a Jewish miracle worker who attracted thousands of followers. Thus, "from that day on they planned to kill Him" (11:53). Saving the life of his friend directly led to the loss of his own. Jesus valued the life He would give higher than the life He had.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Do I believe I have the one who is the Resurrection and the Life within me? How does this motivate me to live my life in a new way?

**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, MARCH 21ST AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:**

**DECEASED:**

- Julieann Campisi Moroch +**
- Angie & Amedeo Lepore +**
- Marie Hoffman +**
- Michael & Josephine Califano +**
- Emilio Onofrio +**
- Juan Rosa Vazquez & Magdaleno Vazquez +**

**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): 1 banner, (ordinary time), 2 banners (Pentecost) and 2 banners (Easter) (banners are \$145 each) and 1 bundle of palms (\$60 each). 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 AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Gloria Brusco Flanagan by Angela Brusco.



**Special Lenten Challenge**

Each month our Social Outreach Group along with a half dozen parishioners makes trays of baked ziti which we then donate to Immaculate Conception Parish on Gun Hill Road in the Bronx for their soup kitchen. This provides just a small amount of the food needed each day for the Helping Hands Ministry at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church to feed the 450-480 people it now serves during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.



As a special Lenten Project we would like to invite all parishioners to make either a half tray of baked ziti or a half tray of rice and beans and drop it off to our Food Pantry **before** any of the Palm Sunday Masses next weekend. (Someone will be available at our Food Pantry to receive your tray from 4:30- 5p.m. on Saturday and on Palm Sunday from 9-9:30 a.m. and from 11-11:30 a.m. (The food pantry is located in the rectory basement right next to the garage doors. Door is on the right when facing the garage). Trays will be available in the back of the church beginning today for you to use. **(Note: For those who make the monthly ziti meals for Immaculate Conception, this is in place of the April 1<sup>st</sup> meal)**

Those who come to the kitchen at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church are from various backgrounds (African Americans, Latinos, Asians and some from the Middle Eastern Countries). Many elderly people come for their meals as well as children when the schools are closed for vacation. A significant number of unemployed and homeless people come regularly for food as well. The soup kitchen always served hot meals five days a week but has now had to cut back to three days a week due to a lack of food. Please join us this month. If we each do our small part collectively we can make a difference.

**PRAYER FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Look upon us, O Lord, and let all the darkness of our souls vanish before the beams of thy brightness. Fill us with holy love, and open to us the treasures of thy wisdom.

All our desire is known unto thee, therefore perfect what thou hast begun, and what thy Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

We seek thy face, turn thy face unto us and show us thy glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace shall be perfect.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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\*\*\*\*

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 29th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.\*

Reposition of the Blessed Eucharist (until 10 p.m.)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m.\*

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.\*

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection at 7:30 p.m.\*

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th

Masses will be at 9:30\* and 11:30 a.m.

\*These Masses and Services are live streamed.

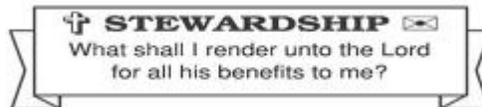
ST. BART'S BLOOD DRIVE

St Bart's will be conducting the 98th blood drive in the 40 years since starting in 1981 on TUESDAY, March 30th, at the McManus Parish Center from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. St Bart's parishioners and friends have made 7361 donations to date. It is preferable to make appointments by using: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/280910.



NY Blood Center will allow WALKINS only if the room capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 or tonschia@aol.com for an appointment. Covid precautions will meet

FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be mandatory. We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Tell your family and friends too.



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.

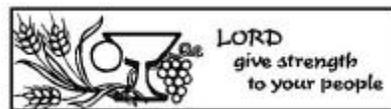
May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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.saintbartparish.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, 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, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost and Ken Shost.

Please contact 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.



The Social Ministry 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, or fresh/frozen desserts. You can bring these items to the food pantry next weekend, either on Saturday, March 27th between 4:30 and 5 p.m. or on Sunday, March 28th between 9 to 9:30 a.m. or 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thank you for your generosity.

March 21, 2021



**Saturday, March 21 Mass)**

**5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish**

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**Sunday, March 14 2021**

**The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 AM** Julieann Campisi Moroch +  
Angie & Amedeo Lepore +  
Marie Hoffman +  
Michael & Josephine Califano +  
Juan Rosa Vazquez +  
Magdaleno Vazquez +  
Emilio Onofrio +

**11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish**

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**Monday, March 22**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Angela Yanet Cuevas+

**Tuesday, March 23**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Daniel Rinaldi, Jr. +

9:00 AM Luigi & Marie Martucci +

**Wednesday, March 24**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Gloria Brusco Flanagan +

9:00 AM Ann Gaynor +

**Thursday, March 25**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

7:00 AM Evy & Sam Pittaro (Living)

9:00 AM Graziella Lucchetti +

**Friday, March 26**

**Lenten Weekday**

7:00 AM Nicholas Marcello +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of DePole  
& Faranda Families

**Saturday, March 27**

**Lenten Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

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**Saturday, March 27 Mass)**

**5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish**

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**Sunday, March 28 2021**

**Palm Sunday**

**9:30 AM** Vincent J. Campisi +  
Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +  
Edison Blanco ++  
Jovita Romero +  
Sofia Vazquez +

**11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish**

March 21, 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

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



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