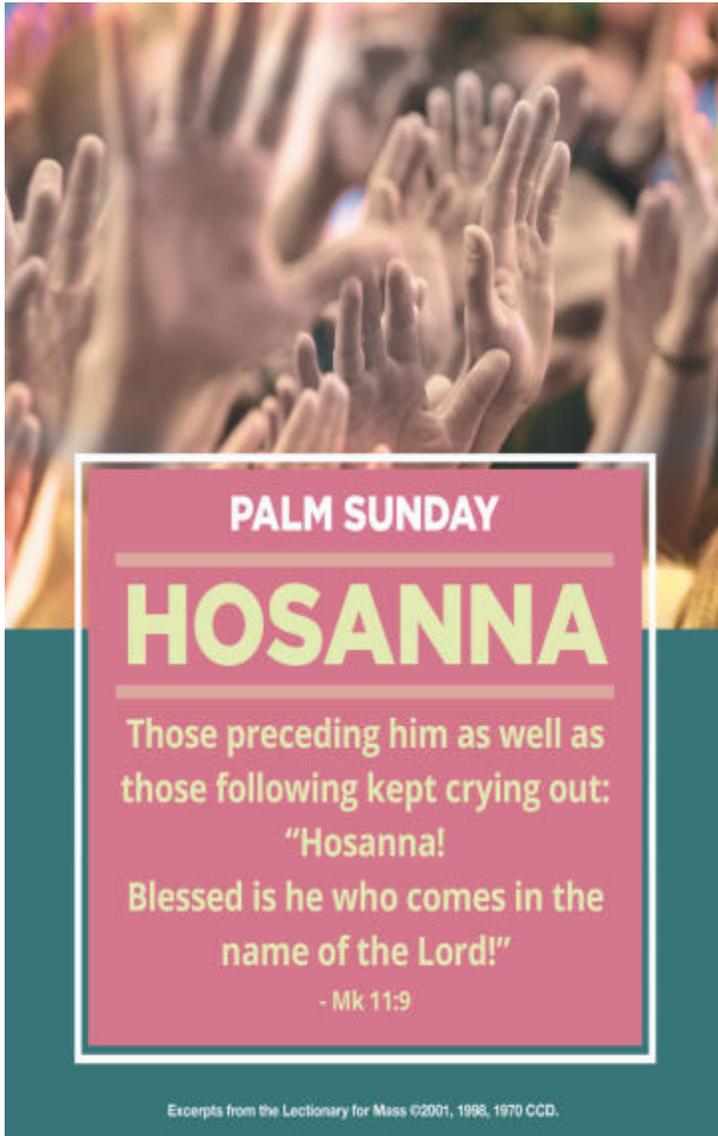


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

WHAT CROSS THAT I HAVE TO BEAR DO I NEED HELP WITH?



the Messiah!

Our celebration today begins with the jubilation and adulation of crowds of people drawn to Jesus upon His triumphant entrance to Jerusalem. He has healed the lame! He has given sight to the blind! He has driven out the devil! He has raised the dead! Now He comes on a beast of burden to the center of their world, the home of the temple, the Sanhedrin, and the governor of all Judea, Pontius Pilate. What will He do next? He is the Messiah, destined to be king. Expectations could not be higher. Hosanna to

Today we hear the people of Jerusalem, make two very different cries. As we commemorate the Lord's entrance into the city, we welcome their cheers of "Hosanna," showering praises upon their victorious king. But in the Passion, we hear their shouts of "Crucify Him," calling for His death. The people failed to see the Messiah for what He truly was. Their Messiah would surely end Roman rule, free the people, and bring perfect peace. Most importantly, He would do all this promptly and painlessly. Those who shouted, "Crucify Him" did not realize the necessity of His sacrifice, and so helped bring about His ultimate sacrifice.

Talk about being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Simon, the Cyrenian, father of two sons, had just entered Jerusalem from the country when Roman soldiers forced him to carry the cross of this condemned man. What went through his mind? This man must have done something really horrible, bleeding and stumbling, thorns sunk into His skull, surrounded on all sides by soldiers with whips and weapons. Now I have to shoulder this heavy burden. What if I fall or step wrong? Today, when we carry someone else's cross, we do not only share in their difficult burden, we also fear, what may happen. Will I be able to handle it? Will others see me a fool? Will I be dragged down with them? Can I be Simon?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah, could have taken the easy way out, turning away from His mission and avoiding more of the abuse He'd already received. As Paul points out, Christ Jesus could have avoided humbling Himself at anytime, using His divinity to avoid the cross. But each chose to remain obedient to the Lord. By putting themselves in the hands of God, we have been redeemed.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What cross do I find difficult to shoulder myself? Whose burden have I been unwilling to share? How can I help someone else and/or allow myself to be helped?

*Blessings
MSP*

Fr. Raphael Ezech,



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 28TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Vincent J. Campisi + Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
- Edison Blanco + Jovita Romero +
- Sofia Vazquez +

EASTER WISH LIST

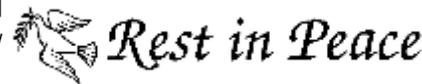
In the spirit of Lent and in anticipation of a holy Easter season, our parish families and individuals are invited to assist the parish in purchasing the following liturgical items in memory of a loved one(s): 2 banners, (ordinary time), 2 banners (Pentecost) and 2 banners (Easter). Banners are \$145 each. Please contact the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Luis Lauda and Gloria De Luccy.



Special Lenten Challenge

As a special Lenten Project we have invited 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 this 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 are available in the back of the church for you

to use. **(Note: For those who make the monthly ziti meals for Immaculate Conception, this is in place of the April 1st meal)**

Please join us this month. If we each do our small part collectively we can make a difference.

Lenten Almsgiving Religious Ed Project A REMINDER that every family in our parish is asked to consider joining us this year by either picking up an almsgiving container in the back of the church 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. The donations will be for the street children of the South Sudan Mission sponsored by the Missionaries of St. Paul. 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 PALM SUNDAY

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank You for what this day stands for, the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord."

We give You praise and honor for Your ways are righteous and true. We give You worship for You are holy and just. We will declare that Your love stands firm forever. For Your loving kindness endures forever.

Thank You that Your ways are far greater than our ways, Your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank You that You had a plan to redeem. Thank You that You make all things new. Thank You that Your face is towards the righteous, and You hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Help us to stay strong and true to You. Help us not to follow after the voice of the crowds, but to press in close to You, to hear Your whispers, and seek after You alone.

We praise You, we bless You Lord! Thank You that You reign supreme and we are more than conquerors through the gift of Christ! In the Mighty Name of Jesus. Amen.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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****

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 a.m.* and 11:30 a.m.

*These Masses and Services are live streamed.

Palms for Palm Sunday were donated by the following

Joanne Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille & Victor Serricchio & Christine Bellino



Quincy Venturino in loving memory of the Venturino and Martucci Families

Claire Campisi in loving memory of Vincent J. Campisi and Juliann Campisi Moroch.

Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia

Patricia Nieman in loving memory of John Nieman

ST. BART'S BLOOD DRIVE

St Bart's will be conducting the 98th blood drive in the 40 years since starting in 1981 on THIS 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%20schedule/280910>. NY Blood Center will allow WALKINS only if the room capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca at 914 423-3592 or tonscia@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.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, 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, 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 THIS 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 28, 2021



Saturday, March 27 Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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

Monday, March 29

Monday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Mary & Chris Merenda (Living)

9:00 AM William & Hilda Durr +

Tuesday, March 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira (Living)

9:00 AM Pasqua Capuano +

Wednesday, March 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 AM Angela Ann Bianco +

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Note: Eucharistic Adoration until 10 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Good Friday—The Passion of the Lord

2:00 PM Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM Service—The Lord's Passion (No Mass)

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil

7:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, April 4 2021

Easter Sunday—Resurrection of our Lord

9:30 AM Margaret T. Maccia +
Deceased Members of the Brusco &
Nanoia Families
Patrick & Lena Castaldo +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

March 28, 2021

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



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.

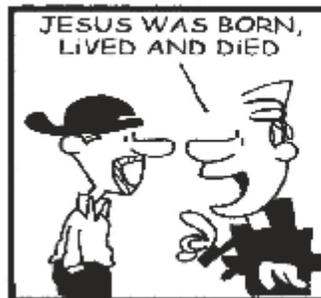
Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

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

PALM SUNDAY



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