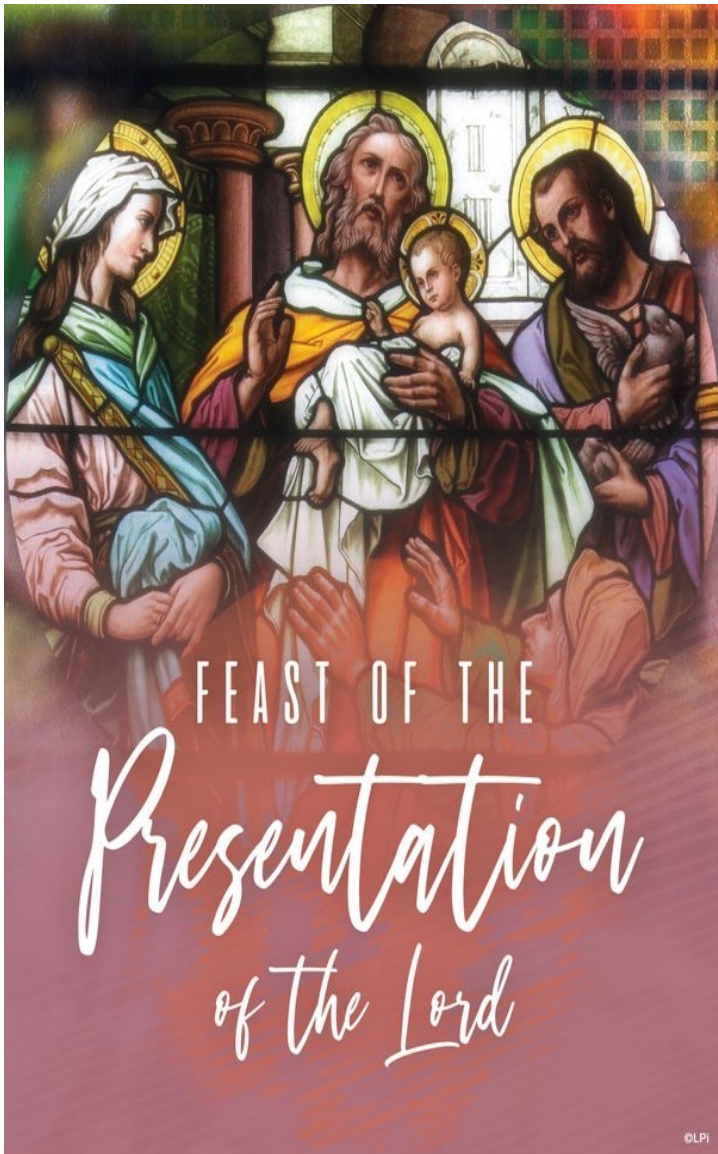


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Dr. Anthonio Ciacca, Music Director

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

RECOGNIZE CHRIST AROUND YOU!!

In many countries, particularly in Europe, today's feast is celebrated as Candlemas, named for the candles that are blessed today. They serve as symbols of Christ, the light of the world. When the infant Jesus was presented to the Lord in the temple, His identity and mission were revealed to the elderly Simeon and the prophet Anna, as a light reveals the contents of a room. If we listen carefully to Simeon's testimony, we hear that Christ's light revealed both good and bad, things both joyful and heartbreaking. Though Jesus would bring salvation and glory, many in Israel would fall and Mary herself would be pierced as by a sword. We recall Malachi's bracing words regarding purifications and sacrifice. Jesus shines a light on our redemption, but also on the cross we must bear.

The letter to the Hebrews explains how this baby boy whom Simeon held could become the salvation of the world. He is God made flesh so that He could take our sins upon Himself, suffer and die for them, and atone for them. When we receive Him in the Eucharist, we receive His Body and Blood, which He sacrificed to gain our salvation.

Today we celebrate a final manifestation of Jesus during His infancy. He was revealed to the shepherds on the night He was born, then to the magi many days later after they made their lengthy journey from the east. Today we celebrate that He was made manifest to Simeon and Anna when He was presented in the temple according to the Law. Of course, we know Jesus revealed Himself in many ways during His earthly life – to His disciples, to those whom He healed, on the cross, at the table in Emmaus. The truth is that He continues to reveal Himself in the world. We pray that we may recognize Him in this holy place, much as the Holy Spirit guided the devout Simeon and Anna to do so in the temple. We yearn to recognize Him as well in our neighbor, for we know now of His promise that what we do for the least of them we do for Him.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I see myself as Simeon or Anna, encountering Christ in my place of worship?

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.



History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Please note: THE BLESSING OF THROATS AT ST. BART'S WILL BE AT THE 7 AM AND 9 AM MASSES.

PARISH NEWS

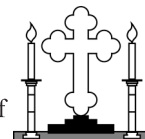
THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

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 are donated in loving memory of Carmine Nicholas Maccia by Karen and John McKenna

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THE SANCTUARY LAMP is lit in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra by his wife, Lorraine and Family.

The 2025 Mass book has Masses available

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.



**PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.**



Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

REFLECTION: The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We don't enjoy scrutinizing ourselves, our actions, our intentions. We don't like reflecting on why we feel or react the way we do, and we really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what we know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, our hearts in our hands, looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, we opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things we could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about our kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of our hearts. The place where we are our most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all our pretensions crumble away, and we are alone with the truth of who we are and what we choose to do.

Are we brave enough to look into the depths of our own heart?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman LPI

## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### 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



*We are in need of singers for our Masses, children, teens and adults. If you are interested, please see Antonio, our Music Director, Father Mark or Cheryl Duda or call the Parish Office. Please we need your voices to sing God's praises.*



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

#### Prayer of Faith



*Dear God,  
Open my eyes to Your movement in my life. And, even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy. Amen.*

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

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 19, 2025

Sunday collection: \$3,750.00  
On Line giving: \$1,515.00  
Total \$5,265.00

### 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](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, 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 & Martha Cesaitis.

**Please call 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 2, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, February 2 The Presentation of the Lord

9:30 AM Frank Martelli +
11:00 AM Jane Esposito +
12:30 PM Rina Chavez +
5:00 PM In Honor of the Virgin Altagracia For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday February 3 Weekday- Feast of St. Blaise

7:00 AM Michele Ricardo +
9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia + Linda & Gene Skelly +

Tuesday, February 4 Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Ferriera (Living)
9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, February 5 Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Marie Paprocki +

Thursday, February 6 Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM Rose Marie Yannicelli +
9:00 AM Josephine & Michael Califano +

Friday, February 7 Weekday- First Friday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Nicholas & Mary Ciampanelli +

Saturday, February 8 Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, February 8

5:00 PM Maureen Schettino +
Walter Zigabarra +

Sunday, February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies Frank Martelli +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory Lucina Simon & Angel Ramirez +
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly 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

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