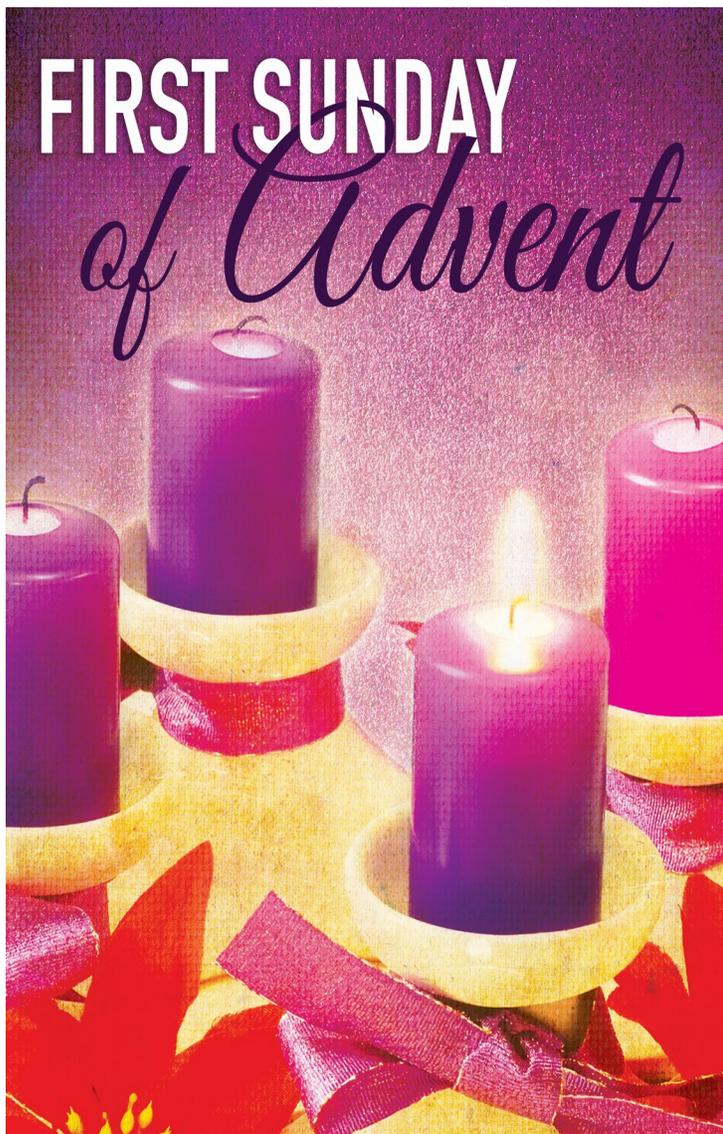


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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);
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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

BE READY FOR THE SON OF MAN

Isaiah's vision captures the dual movement that he has preached to the people of Israel and Judah. First, people of every nation, not just the Chosen People, were expected to stream toward God's holy mountain, the place on earth closest to God. At the same time, the word of the Lord would flow down that mountain to bring peace and justice to all nations. God will issue judgments, making human weapons and aggression unnecessary. God will come to us, but we must come to God.



The end result Isaiah wants is for all to "walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5). Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will be enlightened by realizing God's will for humanity. Since we are all created by God and in God's image, in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters. To God, people fighting with one another can be compared to a parent when their children fight. To raise a weapon or to kill another person is analogous to fratricide.

Not that there was ever a time that the "works of darkness" were appropriate, but what we hear in the second reading and the Gospel should scare us into the urgency of changing bad behavior. "The night is advanced, the day is at hand." Paul writes (Romans 13:12). Jesus warns His disciples that the Son of Man will come "at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). If we are honestly preparing our hearts to receive Jesus, we must stop doing things that injure or demean others and "put on the armor of light" (13:12). If we wouldn't want it "brought to light, "that's a sign we shouldn't do it.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

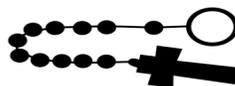
Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), and 1 Christmas wreath (\$125 each) as well as 8 poinsettia arrangements (\$60 each) and chasubles/albs (\$350) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.



PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE is donated in memory of Elias Ocasio by Tina, Franco, and Matteo Falcone.



THE WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE MEMBERS OF THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

this Monday, December 2nd for their annual Christmas dinner at Fogarty's (at 6:30 p.m.) at 60 Kraft Avenue in Bronxville, NY. The cost is \$30 per person which includes the tip. Please RSVP to Liz at 914 403-8844 or contact the Parish Office. Payment should be marked **RAS dinner**.

The Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will hold their meeting next Sunday, December 8th after the 8:30 Mass.

Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors on **Thursday, December 5th** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering in the **Rectory Basement**.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: On **Thursday, December 5th** we will be providing **Immaculate Conception**, a **Soup Kitchen in the Bronx** with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday. If the doors are not open, leave your donations by the food pantry door. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.**



OUR PARISH GIVING TREE

In keeping with the true spirit of Christmas, we have the opportunity to share our resources with several charities who serve the disadvantaged, both adults and children (Immaculate Conception's Needy Families, Richmond Hill, Westchester Living Center, and the Central Committee of Veterans Org.) Please take an ornament(s) from the tree in the back of the church. It is important that this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. Due to the fact that there is a short time frame between Thanksgiving and Christmas (there are only 3 weeks), please return all wrapped packages to the church, no later than Tuesday, December 17th. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.



DON'T MISS THE NATIVITY PLAY HERE AT ST. BART'S

Come and see your fellow parishioners in The Nativity Play here at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, December 15th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Parish Events

DECEMBER EVENTS

Monday, December 2nd RAS Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12th, Our Lady Of Guadalupe Celebrations

Sunday, December 15th and Tuesday, December 17th. The Nativity Play in the Church presented by our very own St. Bart's Parishioners

Monday, December 16th, Reconciliation Monday



PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN MASS TIME. ON CHRISTMAS EVE ONLY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. THE 5 PM VIGIL MASS IS CHANGED TO 4 P.M. CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM PRIOR TO MASS.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday December 6th is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday December 7th, 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.



Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



Lord God only You can see into my heart and know that under all the busyness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes You more deeply into my own life. My heart desires the warmth of Your love and my mind searches for Your Light in the midst of the darkness. Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me. Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.

AMEN

Online Ministries

**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!!!! (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY)



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

November 24, 2019– Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,114.55
Online	\$ 670.00
Total	\$4,784.55

The Second Collection for Catholic Charities Campaign totaled \$679.05.

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

It's time to sign up for on line giving, with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead and Gloria DeLuccy.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass.

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is Sunday, December 8th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting will be Friday, January 17, 2020.**

December 1, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, November 30 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Sunday, December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +

10:00 AM Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Edythe Lutomski +

5:00 PM John Nieman +

Monday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

Tuesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

Thursday, December 5

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

9:00 AM Harold Smith, Jr.

Friday, December 6

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

9:00 AM For the Health of Zef Ivezaj (Living)

Saturday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

Saturday, December 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
& Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Capuano &
Lucchetti families

11:30 AM Edythe Lutomski +

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +

December 1, 2019

ADVENT A TIME OF PREPARATION



It can be difficult to prepare our lives for Christ
Amidst the busy preparations
Of a material Christmas.
The four weeks before Christmas
Are a time to prepare our families
To celebrate Christ' birth;
To prepare our minds to accept
That God's Son became a baby
And lived and died for us;
To prepare our hearts to accept God's
forgiveness,
And to change our ways;
To prepare our souls to receive
God's healing grace through the celebration of Mass;
To take part in not only the work of preparation
But also the hope and joy in the midst of our work.

It is in Jesus the Christ that we find
the concept of God.
Not in elevated opinions drawn from
our own presuppositions, or
preferences about who we want God to
be.
The special message of Advent is that
God makes Himself known to us.
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**WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Do any of these describe you? Check all that apply and return.

- I have never been Baptized and want to learn more about the Catholic faith.
- I was Baptized as a Christian, and I wish to become Catholic.
- I was Baptized Catholic but have not received any other Sacraments.
- I am Married to a Catholic and would like to receive the Sacraments.
- I am Baptized, made my First Communion, but was never Confirmed.
- I have a friend that would like to become Catholic.
- My _____ needs to make their First Communion and Confirmation.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Cheryl Duda, St. Bartholomew's Religious Ed or drop in collection basket or call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676.