

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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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
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
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, **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

BE ONE WITH YOUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS



Sometimes God's voice comes out of the clouds loud and clear, as when Jesus is baptized. But when God call one of us, it is often soft and unclear as it is in today's first reading. Only after twice mistaking God's voice for his guardian Eli's does Samuel respond to the Lord, and only then because Eli realized what must be happening. Much later, Elijah has a similar experience when he hears God's voice in a tiny whispering sound. There was no fanfare when Jesus called for Andrew and his friend to come and follow. We should not wait till we are thrown to the ground like Paul or hear a thunderous voice from the clouds like Moses. God often calls in faint and subtle ways.

Andrew clearly was enthralled with the Lord, for he stayed all day with Him and recognized Him as the Messiah. He could have stayed the night and chosen not to share Jesus' attention with anyone else. But he didn't. Late that afternoon he sought out his brothers, and told him that they had found the Messiah and brought him to Jesus. The invitation we receive is meant to be shared.

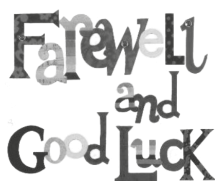
Disagreements happen: differences of opinion or seemingly irreconcilable conflicts, and two people or two groups stop speaking to each other. Years go by and they end up forgetting how it came to this. Centuries go by and we wonder how we ever became separated. When Jesus calls out, "Come and you will see" (John 1:39), He did not lead His disciples to different places following different pathways. During this upcoming week of prayer for Christian unity, we would be wise to keep in mind that Jesus call each of us to follow Him and work to find a unified response to that call.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be one with other Christians?

Blessings

Father Raphael



FAREWELL POT LUCK PARTY FOR FATHER VICTOR

Don't forget to sign up for the farewell party for Father Victor as we wish him well on his new assignment.

Saturday, February 3rd after the 5 pm Mass.

Take a flyer at the rear of the church to sign up.

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.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR'S BIRTHDAY: This Monday, January 15th is a legal holiday. **The Parish Office will be closed;** and there will be one Mass at 9 a.m. on that day. For the week of January 15th the parish office will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM.

THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE was donated in loving memory of Daniel Pezzola by the Pezzola Family.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially John Smith.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected for February on Saturday, February 3rd one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday February 4th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be out the weekend of January 27th and 28th.



Seniors:

Movie Thursday: this Thursday January 18th, 10 am

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

Special Thank you from St. Vincent De Paul Society/St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church (who we donated winter clothing to)

"St. Vincent De. Paul-St. Mary's conference would like to express our most sincere gratitude for your generous donations which allows us to help people in need from our community. We cannot express how grateful we are. Your generosity allows us to continue our mission of helping the poor. Thanks to people like you, we have been able to reach our neighbors in need with our food pantry, clothing donations, and assistance paying utilities bills.



Thank you again for all your loving generous support. We would never be able to continue this vital work of service to our poor, just as Christ, without you. May God continue to bless you and keep your families in His hands.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul/St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church

Twice a month on Sunday evening our life teen program meets after the 5 pm mass. We begin each meeting with a shared meal which also helps to build community amongst our teenagers. We are in need of volunteers to sponsor a simple meal for these evenings. There are approximately 25 to 30 teens each Sunday evening who attend. Volunteers can either cook a simple meal to drop off or can donate money which will enable us to cater a meal from a local restaurant, deli or pizzeria. We are also in need of bottled water. If you wish to donate, please contact Cheryl Duda or call 914 476-6676. **Thank you!!**

Donations
are GREATLY
appreciated!



A special thank you to Stew Leonard's who donated many of the branches for the manger this year.

A big thank you to all who assisted us with our decorations for the Church for Christmas.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers will hold their next meeting on **Thursday, January 18th, 12:30pm** at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers. There will be a guest speaker from the Office of Aging New members are always welcome.
For more information, please call 914 423-5331.

✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 31st

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| Sunday collection: | \$3,782.00 |
| On Line giving: | \$4,651.00 |
| Total: | \$8,433.00 |

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 (**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.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, 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, Ann McShane, 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, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

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.

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January 14, 2024

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, January 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, January 14
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name
& Rosary Altar Societies
11:00 AM Mary Breheny +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, January 15
Weekday—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

9:00 AM Josephine Spano +

Tuesday, January 16
Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti (Living)
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

Weekday, January 17
Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Medardo Hernandez +
9:00 AM John McArdle +

Thursday, January 18
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +

Friday, January 19
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Denis LaValle +

Saturday, January 20
Weekday

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, January 20 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Julia Tan & Tiankun Te +

Sunday, January 21
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Gilda & Michael & John Ruggiero +
11:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

January 14, 2024

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.



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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

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

