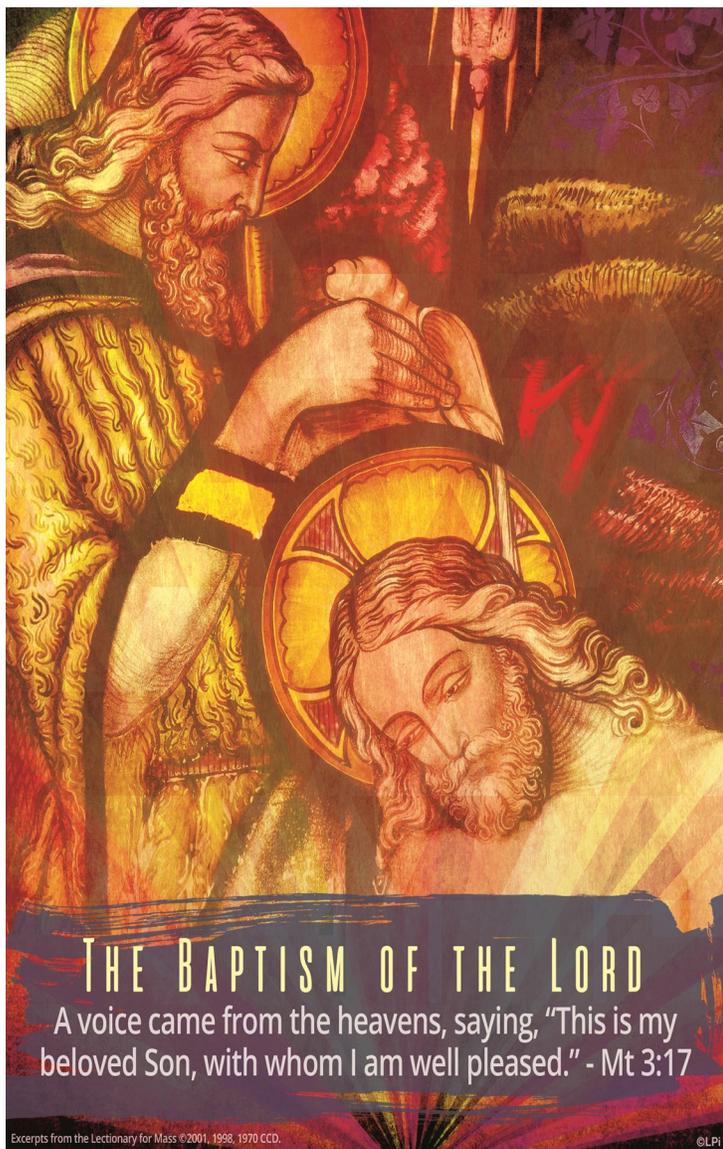


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDING US

The opening lines of the first reading are echoed in the Gospel "Here is..., my chosen one with whom I am pleased" (Isaiah42:1). "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). In Jesus Christ, the Son of God, we see the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of what scripture scholars call the Servant of the Lord oracles. This is the first of four in Isaiah. We will hear a second one next weekend. In these passages, the chosen one comes who serves the Lord. He is called from birth, brings justice, heals the infirm, frees the imprisoned, extends salvation to all, suffers for the sins of others, and in the end, is redeemed. Isaiah's words about the Lord's servant could be applied to the Son of God as well. We have within these words our ideal model in how to serve the Lord. As Christians, we are baptized into this mission.

Over the last month or so, we have heard the news of God's most wonderful gift revealed to a larger and larger audience. First Mary was told of the role she was asked to play as the Mother of God. When Joseph was planning to divorce her, he was told of how Mary came to be pregnant. When the child was born, the angels proclaimed the good news to shepherds. Last week we heard of the epiphany the magi experienced. Now, as Jesus was baptized. God speaks from the heavens to reveal the Messiah as the Son of God.



This passage from Acts tells the story of Cornelius and his household, who received the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues even before they were baptized. Many were astounded because these were Gentiles, but Peter had said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34). We can no more restrain the Spirit than Peter could.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Are we open to seeing the Holy Spirit acting through unexpected people or guiding us in unexpected ways?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

Eternal Father,

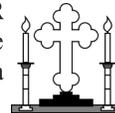
You have given us Your only-begotten Son and revealed Him to us at His baptism in the River Jordan, grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who is alive with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

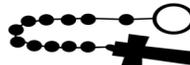
PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Daniel P. DeRosa by Dolly DeRosa.



The Rosary Altar Society will meet this Sunday, January 12th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the McManus Parish Center. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The HOLY NAME SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, January 13th at 7:00 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass at 10 a.m. and for the rest of the Sunday's in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at this Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



January Service Project – Elizabeth Seton Children's Hospital, Yonkers NY

At Elizabeth Seton Children's Hospital, the mission is to give a full and happy life to children who have some of the most challenging and limiting medical conditions on earth. They are distinctive in their care, teaching and determination to give these young people a transformative chance to thrive. They provide overnight stays to families who have a child in the facility and have a need for the following items:



Religious Education

Hand Wipes, Flushable Wipes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Packs of Emergen C (powder mix), Coffee Pods for the Keurig, Coffee Pods for the Nespresso, and Non refrigerated Coffee Mate

Please deposit your donations in the box marked for Elizabeth Seton located in the back of the church. All donations must be received by January 26th. Thank you.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Charles Kolnik.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



SAVE THE DATE

St. Bart's Annual Winter Festival, Saturday, February 15th. See the flyer in today's bulletin.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

December 29, 2019- Tithing

Table with 2 columns: Category (Envelopes, Online, Total) and Amount (\$5,158.55, \$ 580.00, \$5,738.55)

January 5, 2020- Tithing

Table with 2 columns: Category (Envelopes, Online, Total) and Amount (\$4,587.85, \$ 550.00, \$5,137.85)

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION TOTALED \$12,566 (INCLUDES ON LINE GIVING)

"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.

The 2020 Mass Book is open with dates 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 birthday's, 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. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Our YOUTH GROUP meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. Their next meeting is Sunday, January 19, 2020.

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 this Sunday, January 12, 2020.

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 this Friday, January 17, 2020.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

The Baptism of the Lord

This feast marks the ending of the Christmas season. Traditionally, the event of Christ's baptism was linked with the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast of Cana as two additional "manifestations" of God with us.

Matthew's simple account of the baptism ends with the heavenly voice introducing "my beloved Son." Here, at the end of our focus on the mystery of Christmas, we are invited to welcome the Beloved One into our midst once more, and to prepare ourselves through the Sundays which follow to hear His proclamation of Good News.

Many have expressed the wish that the spirit of Christmas last all through the year. Christians take that responsibility seriously: We want to make the meaning of Christmas—the fact that God has come to dwell with us in Jesus Christ—the central fact of life. And, we want all we say and do to help express, to make manifest, that basic truth. Merry Christmas, one more time!

Franciscan Media



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!!! Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.

January 12, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, January 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Theresa Venturino +

Sunday, January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord

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

10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Maria De La Carmen & Julio Parito Blanco +

Monday, January 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Marie Sabat Porcello +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Tuesday, January 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Wednesday, January 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

Thursday, January 16

Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti (Living)

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola (Living)

Friday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Charles Kolnik +

9:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +

Saturday, January 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Dennis Lavelle +

Saturday, January 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +

5:00 PM John Nieman +

January 12, 2020



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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If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please complete the registration forms that are located at the rear of the church and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off/mail it to the Parish Office. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566. Thank you!

SEPARATED/DIVORCED MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the St Augustine Church Monthly Separated/Divorced Support Group is Tuesday, January 21st. The group will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Back Stage Room of Kenny Hall, 111 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, New York. All who are divorced and/or separated are invited to come. The topic will be 'New Years Resolutions'. All discussions remain strictly confidential. Meetings are scheduled the third Tuesday of every month. For more information please call 914 834-1220 or e mail: abetkowski@staugustineny.org.

Immaculate Conception School Open House Sunday, January 26, 2020 • 2 - 4 pm

Come see what sets our Catholic, faith-based, co-educational elementary school apart from the rest! Blended learning and STEAM are at the core of our curriculum as well as our fully integrated religious program and regular devotions and student-led masses and services. Visit classes, meet teachers and students, view our 11-acre property with our advanced technology infrastructure and brand-new gym. Sample our clubs and sports including track, volleyball, basketball, archery, art, crafts, service, and robotics. Learn first-hand why *ICS is the Best!*

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