

# 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. Anthony 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

TAKE COMFORT IN GOD'S MERCIFUL PRESENCE

The days are growing shorter. The nights are getting longer. For those few who live above the arctic circle, the sun has disappeared for weeks now and won't return until March. The first part of the Gospel resonates loudly for them! As terrifying as some of the images are, as unpleasant as our long nights of winter are, we can take comfort in knowing that God is in charge. The Son of Man will come with his angels and gather those who live in the Lord to be with God. May that give us comfort as the nights continue to grow longer and colder.

The Bible is full of many different genres, from Jewish histories to Jesus' parables, from the poetry of the psalmist to the apocalyptic literature we hear today. As they are in poetry, the words in apocalyptic writings are meant to be understood differently from those of other parts of the Bible. In writing down these terrible images, Daniel and Mark were not trying to describe what would literally happen in the future, but to shake their listeners out of their somnolence. "Watch out!" "Look ahead!" But each includes words of reassurance. Daniel's image of the wise and just fixed like stars in the night sky reminds us of God's promise to Abraham. And Jesus' reference to Himself coming in glory on the last day reminds His disciples that He will always be with us, even as He was facing his crucifixion, death, and burial.

We end where we began just about an entire year ago. The Gospel we heard on the first Sunday of Advent, on December 3, 2023, was the passage of Mark that immediately follows today's Gospel. "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33) But remember the context then. Christmas was not even four weeks away. From the time Jesus was born into this world, and even more now that He is risen to new life, He has been with us. So we can face whatever tribulations may happen – in the world, in our lives – for we can face whatever tribulations may happen – in the world, in our lives – for we know that no matter what, Jesus is with us. We have no need to be afraid.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I balance the vigilance I am called to exercise in anticipation of the end of the world with the comfort I take in God's merciful presence?



*We congratulate Archbishop John Kennedy on his ordination as Archbishop. He is a wonderful friend to our parish coming here for many years and hopefully many more years to come. God Bless the Archbishop and our friend!!!*

Dear Lord we thank You and praise You for giving us Your Church. We ask You to pour out Your grace upon Archbishop Kennedy. Your bishops carry out a lot of important work in Your Church. They face many demands and challenges in their daily lives as bishops. We ask that You abundantly bless the Archbishop, and we particularly ask today that You strengthen and protect the health of Archbishop Kennedy as he carries out Your work. Amen!!

**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.



**You still have time to register for this year's Religious Education classes.**



Children who will be entering first grade this September or are currently in grade school or high school are eligible to enroll. Current students should submit the re registration forms while those not yet in the program should call Cheryl Duda in the Religious Education Office. Her number is on the front of the bulletin.

**St. Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting its annual 109<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive on Friday, November 29 from 12 noon to 6 pm.**

It's preferable to make an appointment by using:



[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/319229](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/319229)

Enter zip code, press Search and scroll down for St Bart's. Then press Schedule.

Check available appointment times and follow the instructions. NYBC prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only as capacity permits.

If you have difficulty making an appointment, contact Tony Sciacca and he will do his best to assist you.

You can change your appointment time on the web site before November 29th, as long as there is a slot available.

Please remember to eat, drink, and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo. Masks are optional.

If you wish further information, check NYBC.org

If you have already given on your own recently, we thank you for your donation.

If you have already signed up, we thank you so very much!

If you have any family or friends that you think might be interested, please let them know.

If you have any medical eligibility concerns, you can contact NYBC at 800-688-0900.

THANK YOU!

Tony Sciacca

[tonscia@aol.com](mailto:tonscia@aol.com) or call 914-423-3592.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
PARISH MISSION  
DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> 7 PM  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!

Please note the Rosary Altar Society will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets beginning next weekend at all the Masses. The cost of the magnet is \$5.00.







**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

**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**

The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive for the weekends beginning this weekend, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Bags will be placed at the rear of the church beginning this weekend. **Please take a bag and place Thanksgiving appropriate**, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, applesauce, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc. **Return the bags to church no later than Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and before the morning Masses on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



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

**Giving Until it Hurts**

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPIO

**✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠**

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

**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**November 3, 2024**

**Sunday collection: \$3,410.00**  
**On Line giving: \$1,490.00**  
**Total: \$4,900.00**

**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 Jorge 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.

**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.**

**THANK YOU** to those who signed up to donate money for new chairs for the gym. You can drop your donation in the collection basket in an envelope marked: Attention: Karen or drop it at the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have already purchased 100 chairs and are on our way to purchasing the next 50. **As always, thank you for your generosity.**

November 17, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 16

5:00 PM Anne McTiernan (Living) Lucille Cleveland +

Sunday, November 17 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Patrick V. Fox + Anthony V. Vetrano +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish +

Monday November 18 Weekday

7:00 AM Richard Flynn +
9:00 A T/SGT Anthony Romanowski +

Tuesday, November 19 Weekday

7:00 AM Arlene Connolly O'Neill +
9:00 AM Luigia Di Domizio +

Wednesday, November 20 Weekday

7:00 AM Angelo "Chico" Velez +
9:00 AM Elizabeth Moran + Jerry Young +

Thursday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Dominick Marcello +

Friday, November 22 Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM Maria Jesus Martinez +
9:00 AM Sam Farraj +

Saturday, November 23 Weekday

9:00 AM Roberto Capuano & Deceased Children +

Saturday, November 23

5:00 PM Albert Pragana + Faust Venturino +

Sunday, November 24 Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Anthony & Anna Guarente + David & Thanh Nguyen (Living)
11:00 AM Thomas Doherty +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
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

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

