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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
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;

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, Anthony Martelli

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

PREPARING FOR CHRIST THROUGH OUR ACTIONS

The people of Jerusalem had been driven out by the Babylonians during Baruch's time. But Baruch envisions the day—it had already happened by the time this book was written—when the Chosen People will return to the holy city. He holds out God's promise of transformation, when misery will change to joy.

God will name Jerusalem "the peace of justice" (Baruch 5:4). A just peace seems especially distant in our day. How will justice come to those who live without means and without the opportunity or the power to change their condition? Only a true sharing of resources, opportunity, and power will bring a just peace, the peace of justice, to the world.

A baptism of repentance which John proclaims throughout the region, is both wonderful and challenging. The baptism part of it is cleansing and life-giving. But repentance—truly feeling remorse for what we have done and turning away from sin—is difficult. This kind of baptism calls for action from both parties. It echoes Isaiah, who proclaims both "make straight his paths" and "the winding roads shall be made straight" (Luke 3:4, 5). God acts in our lives, but we must act as well. God's grace does not release our responsibility.

Saint Paul's prayer for the Philippians, "that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus," is an apt prayer for us at this time (Philippians 1:6). We need to be attentive to the second half of his prayer as well, to discern what is of value so that we can live lives that are good and holy.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I properly discern what is of value and then act according to those values?

Blessings!!

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



Father is looking for IT, Help Desk Support and also a Plumber. If you have expertise in either area, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The HOLY NAME SOCIETY meeting will be held this Monday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION) BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 17th

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 17th, gives Catholics the opportunity to go to any parish for confession between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. However, times for confession at some parishes may vary.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 3 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



2 Christmas wreaths (\$125 each) and 5 Christmas arrangements (\$60 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Also we are in need of chasubles (\$250) and albs (\$150). Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY PLAY

Come and see your fellow parishioners perform the Nativity Play
Next Sunday, December 16th at 2 p.m. and next Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m.



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. Please return all wrapped packages to the church, no later than Monday, December 17th. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wednesday, December 12th, Mass at 7 a.m. followed by light breakfast and also Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by FREE dinner in McManus Center in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe .



Saturday, December 15th, Annual Christmas Luncheon, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. in McManus Parish Center

Sunday, December 16th, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m., The Nativity Play in the Church presented by St. Bart's Parishioners

Monday, December 17th, Reconciliation Monday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN MASS



TIME. ON CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. THE 5 PM VIGIL MASS IS CHANGED TO 4 P.M. CAROLS



WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM PRIOR TO MASS.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** is having a special food drive to provide **Christmas baskets** to some less fortunate brothers and sisters. What we need to complete this year's baskets are: candy, cookies, juices, some turkeys, hams and desserts. These food items should be brought to the church before the Masses on Saturday evening (December 15th) or the Sunday morning Masses (December 16th). Call the parish office if you are donating a turkey or ham for the best time for drop off. Thank you for your generosity



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **The Youth Group will not be meeting next Sunday, December 16th. Their next meeting is Sunday, January 6th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.**

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is THIS Sunday, December 9th.**

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 is Friday, December 21st.**

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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,704.55
Balance	- \$1,295.45
*(Envelopes \$5,238.55, Online \$466)	

Amount Needed for Month of December	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 5,704.55

The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled: \$1,117.15

"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 Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, and Manuel Obalde, Jr.

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

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)**

December 9, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pisacreta Family

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +

Monday, December 10

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Jennifer Romanowski +

9:00 AM Corazon & Benjamin Sotto +

Tuesday, December 11

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Nery Ruben Garcia +

9:00 AM Dec. Members of Zeleznik Family+

Wednesday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Gloria Bassey +

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Thursday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM Reverend James F. McNamara +

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Jr. +

Friday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Kathleen Elizabeth Delaney +

Saturday, December 15

Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Aristede Scipioni and deceased members of Scipioni Family

Saturday, December 15 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Popot +

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Maddalena & Paul Coniglio +

5:00 PM Rosalie Chimenti +

December 9, 2018

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 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: _____

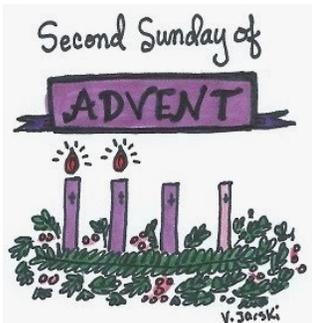
Telephone: _____

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.
 - I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
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PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear God, as the Advent candles are lit
In joyous anticipation of Your Son's nativity,



Remind us always of the reason for
our joy.

As the purple candles stands for
both penance

And atonement for sin,

Give us the grace to do penance for
our wrongs,

And to love Christ,

Whose sacrifice atoned for the sins
of the whole world.

But just as the rose candle stands
For joy in the midst of suffering and
expectation,

Give us the joy of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who came into a
world that had so longed for its Savior,

And made the angels themselves sing with joy at His birth.

Amen.