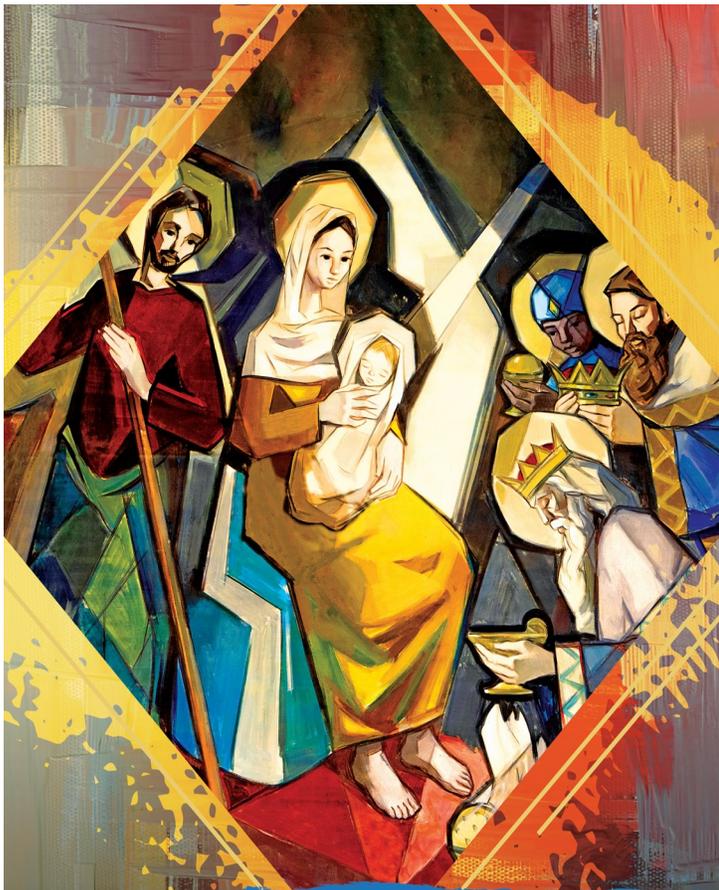


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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

**WHAT IS MY FAITHFUL PATH AFTER THE CHRISTMAS SEASON?**

Matthew tells us that it was only after the magi arrived and started asking questions that King Herod became greatly troubled. But he must have seen the same star they had, for Bethlehem is only about five miles from Jerusalem. Perhaps he was much too busy with official business to concern himself with a star. Perhaps he saw it, but lacking eyes of faith, he regarded it as merely an unusually bright star. Perhaps he was so full of himself that he assumed it was actually pointing to him! It appears that the magi inadvertently connected the dots for him.



Have you ever gone to a party or a gathering with a gift, only to arrive and realize that the gift is wholly inappropriate for the recipient or the occasion? Imagine what the magi felt with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh when they walked into the stable where Jesus was born. Perhaps their first thought was that they should have left those gifts in Herod's palace. But then "they prostrated themselves and did him homage," two things they did not do for Herod (Matthew 2:11). Despite the humble surroundings and humble parents, they recognized the king and presented their most appropriate gifts.

Herod, leader of Judea and King of the Jews, sent the magi to Bethlehem and ordered them to bring him word once they had found the newborn king. To disobey the orders of any king, let alone the king of the country in which you find yourself, was an unimaginable offense, something most people would never dream of.



But in fact it was in a dream that the magi were warned not to return to Herod. Matthew tells us that the magi returned home a different way. Perhaps he is saying not only that they avoided Herod, but that their encounter with Jesus had changed them. No longer were they understanding things the same way. They changed their plans, their path, and their lives.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How has my encounter with the Lord through the Christmas season changed me? Where do I imagine my new path will lead?

*Blessings*

*Father Raphael*

**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.



*Rest in Peace* Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially William Garcia-Perez and Sandra De Santis.

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR JANUARY THIS Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and THIS Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



*PRAYER KEY IN OUR LIFE*

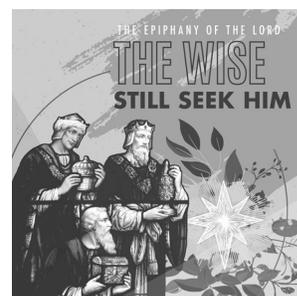
*The story of the Wise Men bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King, is a great one, isn't it? They had a great big star in the sky to lead the way. How well would we do following a star like that? But the important point here is that God led them to the manger. The manger was a place that unless God specifically showed you this was where the Christ Child was born you wouldn't have believed it. You would have passed on by.*

*In our lives, there are no big stars in the sky leading us where we need to go. It isn't so easy sometimes discerning where God is leading us. We may seek to use our gifts wisely, but in what manner and to what end is not always clear.*



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*This is where prayer can make a huge difference. If we seek to cultivate a prayer life where we are mindful of the presence of God throughout our day, then the call is easier to discern. We can help the process by intentionally offering to God in the morning the entirety of the day to come: all our actions, all our time, and all our decisions. In the evening, we can examine the past hours of the day and reflect on when we responded well to Christ's call and when we fell short. Then we resolve to begin again tomorrow, inviting Christ to be with us every step of the way. God may not offer a star in the sky to lead us, but if we invite us on our journey each day, the path will be much clearer.*



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THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:
MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM
\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\*

Seniors Gathering:

Movie Thursday: January 19th, 10 am
The Chosen, Season 2

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Penances and Prayers

God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight under the rafters of a barn:
Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\*

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world.

As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries
Come after with our penances and prayers,
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\*

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

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



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 25TH

Sunday collection: \$2,380.00
On Line giving: \$1,130.00
Total: \$3,510.00

Christmas Collection will be reported in a later bulletin

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If you have any questions or problems, contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, 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 and Patricia Nieman.

Please contact 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.

January 8, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

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**Saturday, January 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Deacon Robert Clemens +

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**Sunday, January 8, 2023  
The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &  
Rosary Altar Societies  
Irene & Ernest Russo + & Mary Evans +  
Frances & Oscar Starkenberg +  
11:30 AM Paul Pompeo +  
5:00 PM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.

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**Monday, January 9  
The Baptism of the Lord**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Maria Rosa Ferreria's Intentions (Living)

**Tuesday, January 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Anne G. Drapcat +

**Wednesday, January 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Ronald Warner +

**Thursday, January 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Chebe Ubawike +  
9:00 AM Marie Sabat Porcello +

**Friday, January 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Saturday, January 14**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Maria Rosa Ferreira's Intentions (Living)

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**Saturday, January 14 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Harold "Red" Thela +

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**Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Tim**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family  
Annetrude Cordes +  
11:30 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**January 8, 2023**

**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.

**WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR**

EPIPHANY

