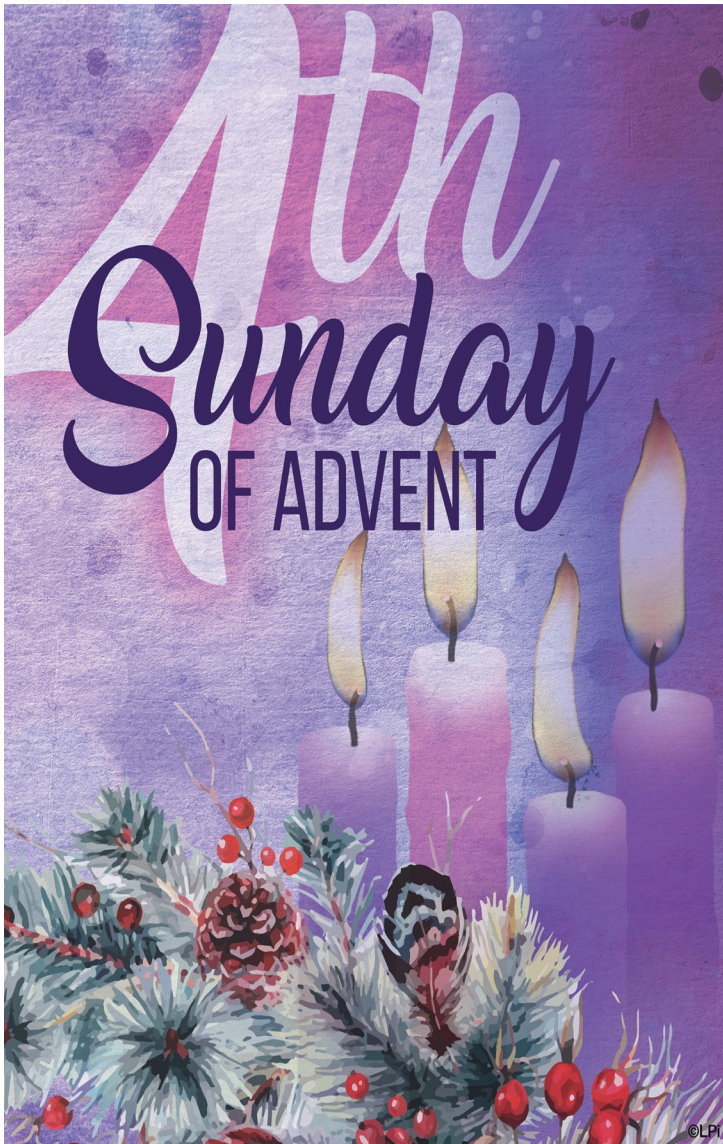


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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. 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

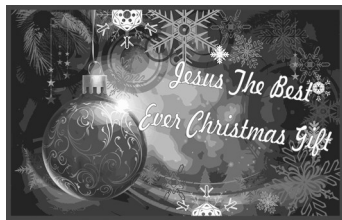
**Trustees:** Thomas Hoffman, Tina Falcone

**BEAR CHRIST AND BRING JOY**

Micah refers to Bethlehem as "too small to be among the clans of Judah," pointing out its insignificance next to Judah and the other eleven tribes of Israel (Micah 5:1). Bethlehem was home to Jesse, father of eight sons, seven of whom were invited to a banquet with the prophet Samuel. But it was the youngest, David, overlooked even by his own father, who becomes king of Israel. The angel Gabriel was not sent to a renowned married woman of Jerusalem but to a poor, meek, seemingly inconsequential teenage woman in the distant town of Nazareth. Whether people or places, God has a tendency to choose the unlikely one. As God said to Samuel, "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). Can we change our perspective and see the potential in someone or something we've overlooked?



Along the same lines, sometime in the next week we are likely to hear the saying "The best things come in small packages." Truly the most wonderful Christmas gift any of us have ever received was the gift of Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the young Blessed Virgin Mary over two thousand years ago. Besides Mary and Joseph, the first to receive this gift was her cousin Elizabeth, who breaks out of a five-month seclusion with shouts of joy and awe when Mary with a few-week old fetus comes to visit.



In the world that Mary and Elizabeth were born into, their people were subjected to foreign rule—yet again. Meanwhile, humanity was still held captive by sin. God's presence on earth was limited to rare encounters on mountaintops. It is difficult to overstate how deeply the people longed for a messiah. Not just Mary, but all of us are blessed by God, who sent us the Messiah, the Christ, the Son of God, to be with us, to redeem us, and to stay with us forever.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Whom can I visit this Christmas season, bearing Christ and bringing joy, whom I hadn't planned to see?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP**

**A prayer for love on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

O Lord God of Hosts, You sent your only Son to us as an act of love at Christmas time. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we pray that Your face will shine upon us, that Your face will shine upon our church, that Your face will shine upon our children, that Your face will shine upon our neighbors, upon our nation and upon our enemies. We confess that sometimes we fail to act on the Advent love that You placed in our hearts. We have held Your salvation close but sometimes hold to our opinions, ideologies, and private agendas. Forgive us of this sin and restore us again. Restore our minds with the primary knowledge that You have saved us and that we are Your witnesses. Restore our hearts with a love for You and a love for our neighbors. We ask this so that those we love will be restored to You as well. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, whom You gave for the world that You so loved. *Amen*



**PARISH NEWS**

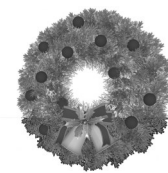
**THE HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Naoia families.



We welcome Father Victor Ameh, MSP to Saint Bartholomew's Church as our new Associate Pastor. We wish him well and are happy he is here!!



The 36" Christmas wreath was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Mascetta, Pozzi & Bonacci Families by Bill & Albina Mascetta.

The 36" Christmas wreath was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Scardino & D'Arienzo Families by Rich & Maria Scardino.

The 48" Christmas wreath was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Cognatello & Gregorio Families by MaryAnn and Anthony Cognatello.

The 48" Christmas wreath was donated in loving memory of Dennis Madonia by Janet Madonia.

A Christmas Flower arrangement was donated in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio & Christine Bellino by Joanne Pragana



Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP** 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: hams, desserts, canned pineapple and apple sauce. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on this Saturday evening (December 18<sup>th</sup>) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 19<sup>th</sup>) for distribution on this Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!

**Christmas Wish List: (2)48" wreaths (\$140 each) and 5 Christmas arrangements (\$65 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.**



Father Raphael, Father Victor, Deacon Bob and Parish Staff heartily wish you and your family safe travels as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ and the New Year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



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\*\*\*\*

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!!**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM ON THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**  
 Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**VIGIL AT 4 PM**  
 Begins with Carols at 3:30 p.m.  
 &  
**7 PM VIGIL MASS**



**CHRISTMAS DAY:**  
 Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

*(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day)*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
 NEW YEAR'S MASSES:**

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>  
 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
 10:00 AM Mass  
*(There will be no 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)*



**STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

December 5<sup>th</sup>:

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Sunday collection:</i> | <b>\$3,398.00</b> |
| <i>On Line giving:</i>    | <b>\$1,195.00</b> |
| <b>Total:</b>             | <b>\$4,593.00</b> |

**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).



**LORD**  
 give strength  
 to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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 and Lucille McGeough.

**Please contact 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.**

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

**Saturday, December 18 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Josephine Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, December 19, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM John & Geraldine Mazza +  
Ethel Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Thomas David Rivera +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

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**Monday, December 20**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Walter Duda +

**Tuesday, December 21**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti (Living)

**Wednesday, December 22**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Barbara Howley +

**Thursday, December 23**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Manuel Bautista +

9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

**Friday, December 24**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM NO 7 AM MASS

9:00 AM Lucas Vazquez +

3:30 PM Christmas Carols prior to Vigil at 4

4:00 PM Vigil Ralph Esposito +

7:00 PM Vigil George Klobosits +

**Saturday, December 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

9:30 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +  
Deceased Members of  
Brusco & Nanoia Families

11:30 AM Patrick Vincent Fox +

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**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

9:30 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +  
Louis Brusco +

11:30 AM For All The People Of The Parish

5:00 PM Rafael Edwin Rivera +

**December 19, 2021**

**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**

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

