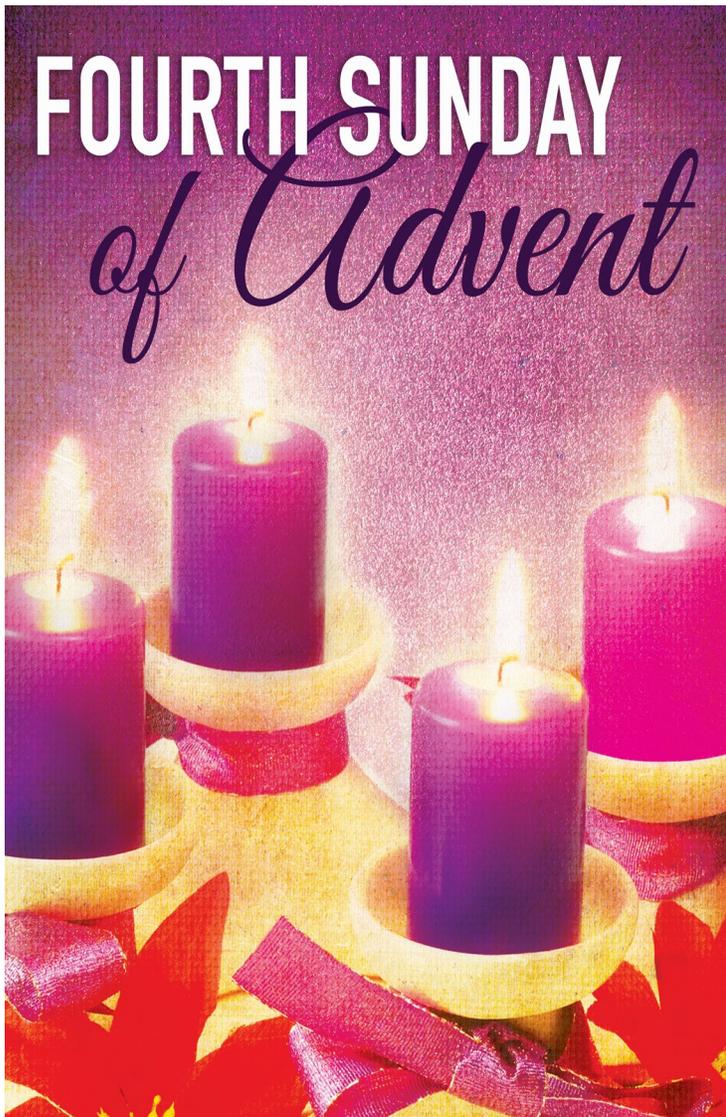


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?

Three figures in today's readings choose to place their trust in God, each after appearing reluctant to do so. Ahaz, the king of Judah, disingenuously protests his unworthiness in making a request of the Lord when actually he fears that he



will need to accept the sign. Paul now calls himself "a slave of Christ Jesus," but had formerly persecuted Christians (Romans 21:1). Finally, Joseph was ready to divorce Mary until the angel of the Lord counseled him otherwise. Each chose to place his trust in God once God gave him a sign. As God is truly with us, do we have faith in the signs God gives us?

Sometimes the opposite of faith is fear. The town of Judah feared its hostile neighbors and Ahaz feared he would lose his power. Mary was found with child and Joseph feared a marriage to an unfaithful wife. Each overcame his fear through faith in God's promises.

Through the angel Gabriel, God revealed Mary's mission to her. She was to bear the Son of God: Jesus, The Messiah. Mary consented, "May it be done to me according to Your word" (Luke 1:38). Through the angel of the Lord, God revealed Joseph's mission to him. He was to take Mary into his home. Joseph "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Jesus had a mission as well, revealed in his very name: to save the people from their sins. Like Mary and Joseph, Jesus accepted His mission. For this, we are filled with joy.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What is my mission? What is God calling me to do? How can I fulfill my mission?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST
2 poinsettia arrangements (\$60 each) and chasubles/albs (\$350) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.

PARISH NEWS

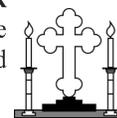
The Pastor and Staff heartily wish you and your family safe travels as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ and the New Year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



The Parish office will close at Noon on Tuesday, December 24th and will be closed on Wednesday December 25th and Thursday, December 26th. There will only be one Mass at 9 a.m. on December 26th.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of the Brusco and Nanoia families by Angela Brusco.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially *Rest in Peace* Giovannina (Geni) Gentile.

Advent and Christmas Candle Set is donated by:
Rich & Maria Scardino in loving memory of the Scardino and D'Arienzo Families

Christmas Wreaths are donated by:
Quincy Venturino in loving memory of Theresa Venturino
Maryann & Anthony Cognatello in loving memory of Cognatello & Gregorio Families
Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pasqualoni in loving memory of Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III



Christmas Arrangements are donated by:
Joanna Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuzzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio & Christine Bellino
Dolly De Rosa in loving memory of Daniel De Rosa Jr. & Daniel De Rosa, Sr.
Pat Mahoney in loving memory of Joseph Mahoney
Anna Maria & Maurizio Taormina in loving memory of Gaetano Taormina
John & Karen McKenna in loving memory of Margaret & Carmine Maccia

Lorraine Zigabarra in loving memory of Walter Zigabarra
Kathy Bednarczyk in loving memory of William J. Bednarczyk, Jr.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE NATIVITY PLAY, PRODUCING, ACTING OR BEHIND THE SCENES. A LOT OF HARD WORK AND EFFORT WENT INTO IT AND IT WAS WELL WORTH IT. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CAME TO SEE THE PLAY AND WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED IT!!



SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)

Begins with Carols at 3:30 p.m.



MIDNIGHT MASS

Begins with Carols at 11:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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

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

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

(There will be no 8:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)



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 5, 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 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 Friday, January 17, 2020.

A prayer for love on the 4th 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*



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update**

December 15, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,803.35
Online	\$ 650.00
Total	\$5,453.35

The second collection for the Retired Religious totaled: \$829.50

"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 Lutomski, 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.

**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. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).

December 22, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 21 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Joseph Mahoney +

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Charlotte Luzzi +

5:00 PM Rafael & Edwin Rivera +

Monday, December 23

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Joy Joseph Parakal +

9:00 AM Yolanda Guglielmi +

Tuesday, December 24

Late Advent Weekday—Christmas Eve

7:00 AM Kuria Tharakan +

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

4:00 PM Vigil Louis De Muro +

Midnight Mass Ralph Esposito +

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord—Christmas

7:00 AM Carmine & Margaret Maccia +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Brusco & Nanoia

Families

11:30 AM Deceased Members Of De Sanctis & De

Santis families

Thursday, December 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

9:00 AM Monsignor Charles McManus +

Friday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 AM John F. Brusco +

9:00 AM Helen Dooley +

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 AM James Morelli +

Saturday, December 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Louis De Muro +

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Eugene J. Brown +

11:30 AM Tony Cognatello +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

