

St. Bartholomew's Church



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The Baptism of the Lord

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *Mt 3:16-17*

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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

Rev. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, *Pastor*
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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

MAKING GOD PROUD



We often ascribe to God our human emotions. In a way, that's good because it helps us in our relationship with God. So, since we human beings are proud when our friends and loved ones, for instance our children, perform very well (minus our envy and jealousy), we know that God is also proud of us when we, not only do what we are supposed to do, but do well, or excel. So, in the Gospel today,

from Matthew 3:13-17, after Jesus insists, humbly, that He too must be baptized to "fulfill all righteousness", His Father, Our Heavenly Father, is overjoyed and exclaims: "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

In all we do, may Our Heavenly Father and Our Lord Jesus always, or at least most often exclaim, "That's my son/daughter, with whom I'm so pleased."

We have it in us to make God proud at all times. "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Cor 12:9).

IN THANKS AND PRAISE

Once again, many, many thanks to all who helped to make our Advent, Christmas and New Year celebrations so beautiful, wonderful, and fruitful. Thanks to those who donated towards our Christmas Wish List, those who shopped around for the various items needed, those who decorated the church, those who planned the Liturgies, those who rehearsed so many times and performed various roles at our Masses and services, and those who were part of the celebrations. Blessings on each of you.

Change is often difficult, but if we keep an open mind, most often we learn something new, enhance and build on what we already have. Almost everyone complemented the added beauty from the Christmas lights and Christmas trees, etc. Check out the bulletin insert for the names of those that helped to make these things happen. Be sure to say "thanks" to them. When we complement people, we encourage and empower them to do even more.

ORDINARY TIME OF THE YEAR

With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, we come to the end of the Christmas Season. If we have not done so already, we will reluctantly return to our daily, often monotonous routines: school, job, games, meetings, volunteer work, and whatever keeps us occupied from week to week. The snow, bone chilling weather, and icy, slippery roads will not make it any easier.

Spiritually and liturgically, we also return to what we call the Ordinary Time of the Year. It is the time of the year that doesn't have any major celebration. This year it begins on Monday, January 13th, and breaks off on Tuesday, March 4th, when the Lenten Season starts.

To help us gain a better and fruitful understanding of this period, I want to share an article I found in the Ordo. I hope it helps.

Wasted time is not a prized commodity in American society. We are a people ruled by the clock. Time is money because time is to be filled with purposeful controlled activity which is productive of things which can be sold. We are convinced that we must be in control of time. The last thing the productive American would want to do is waste time playing around with realities that do not produce a saleable commodity.

But the Creator of heaven and earth is described by the scriptures as the original and the best of players. Creative activity is playful, and creative people do not feel that what they do is a job. Creative people also have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received.

This period we call the Ordinary Time is not very ordinary at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on the first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion. Sunday as a day of play and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time now and for ever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens, as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

Blessings and Happy New Year once again.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP

PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

MEETING: This Monday, January 13th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are welcome.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **ALTAR CANDLES** for this week have been donated in loving memory of John DelBene by Louis & Angela Brusco.



PARISH BIBLE SHARING / STUDIES

Bible Studies is held on the **2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 7 p.m.** in the school building. The next meeting will be Friday, January 24th. These sessions will be moderated by our Parochial Vicar, Father Daniel Oghenerukevwe, MSP. Bring a friend! Come and have fun exploring the Bible.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, **Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Allan Trancynger.

Baptism of the Lord

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS: AN INTERFAITH RESPONSE

January 26th – February 2nd

Catholic Charities is once again running its *Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign* to restock the food pantries and soup kitchens of the Archdiocese of New York. Our parish along with the other parishes and Catholic schools in the New York Archdiocese will be joined this year by the United Jewish Appeal Federation (UJA); we are asked to make a special effort to feed our hungry neighbors.

Expect the large donation box to appear the weekend of January 25th – 26th. Our donations will support our Food Pantry, as well as other food pantries; and once again our Social Ministry Committee will organize, tally, and report our donations to Catholic Charities. Thank you for doing your part to make this Campaign a success!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.



Religious Education All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next two Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



Next Saturday and Sunday, January 18th & 19th, our priests will give a short pre-natal blessing to any expectant mothers, the fathers, and families present at each of our Sunday Masses.



The **YOUTH GROUP** will meet next Sunday, January 19th. The subject matter will be "spirituality." The group meets in the school building immediately follow the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

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

Holy Family

	2012	2013	Difference
Adults	\$5,108.00	\$5,226.40	+\$ 118.40
Children	\$ 117.45	\$ 80.20	-\$ 37.25
Total	\$5,225.45	\$5,306.60	+\$ 81.15

The Christmas Collection in 2012, was \$35,134.00; in 2013, it totaled \$20,769.80.

Epiphany

	2012	2013	Difference
Adults	\$7,070.55	\$5,848.80	-\$ 1,221.75
Children	\$ 206.45	\$ 79.55	-\$ 126.90
Total	\$7,277.00	\$5,928.35	-\$1,348.65

The 2nd Collection for the maintenance of our buildings and grounds totaled \$1,210.55.

Our Collection on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God totaled \$2,586.85.

Next weekend we will take up a second collection to cover the expenses "old man winter" is causing by necessitating snow removal and repeated salting of our parking lot and walkways. Please be as generous as possible.



"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

January 12, 2014

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Dennis Madonia +

Sunday, January 12

8:30 AM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM Paul & Maddalena Coniglio +

Monday, January 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

Tuesday, January 14

Weekday

7:00 AM William O'Dea +

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

Wednesday, January 15

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Josephine Rogers +

Thursday, January 16

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Stanis Buoninfante +

Friday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 AM Paolo Plateroti +

9:00 AM Father Anthony Bassey's Intentions

Saturday, January 18

Weekday

9:00 AM Pauline Giorgio +

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Denis LaValle +

Sunday, January 19

8:30 AM Elizabeth Laredo +

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM Josephine & Anthony Brucculeri +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

THE NAME “JESUS”



Among the Hebrew people, one's name also said something important about one's character and history. The name “Adam,” for example, meant both “man” and “dirt,” showing both what Adam was and what he was made from.

In the case of our Lord, “Jesus” meant “God saves” in Hebrew. The name was doubly appropriate, since Jesus was both fully God and fully human, and died to save all from their sins. This choice subtly displayed both the nature of Jesus and the mission of His life. Ironically, “Jesus” was actually a very common name for boys during this time. In having such a common name with so profound meaning, Jesus also communicated that His mission was not only for the great, the wise and powerful, but also for the common and humble throughout the world.

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WINTER SAFETY



Every season has its own safety challenges, but winter presents some that can have life-changing consequences.

Here are some timely reminders:

1. Inspect space heater cords before using and keep children and pets away from any units in use.
2. Make sure that furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves are venting properly and install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
3. Keep a winter emergency kit (blanket, flashlight, water, snack bars, road salt, emergency flares, bright colored flag, shovel) in your car.
4. Shovel safely: don't overexert; do a little at a time; when using power equipment keep scarves, coats, and winter clothing away from machinery.
5. If confined to home, do some simple indoor exercise each day to maintain mobility.