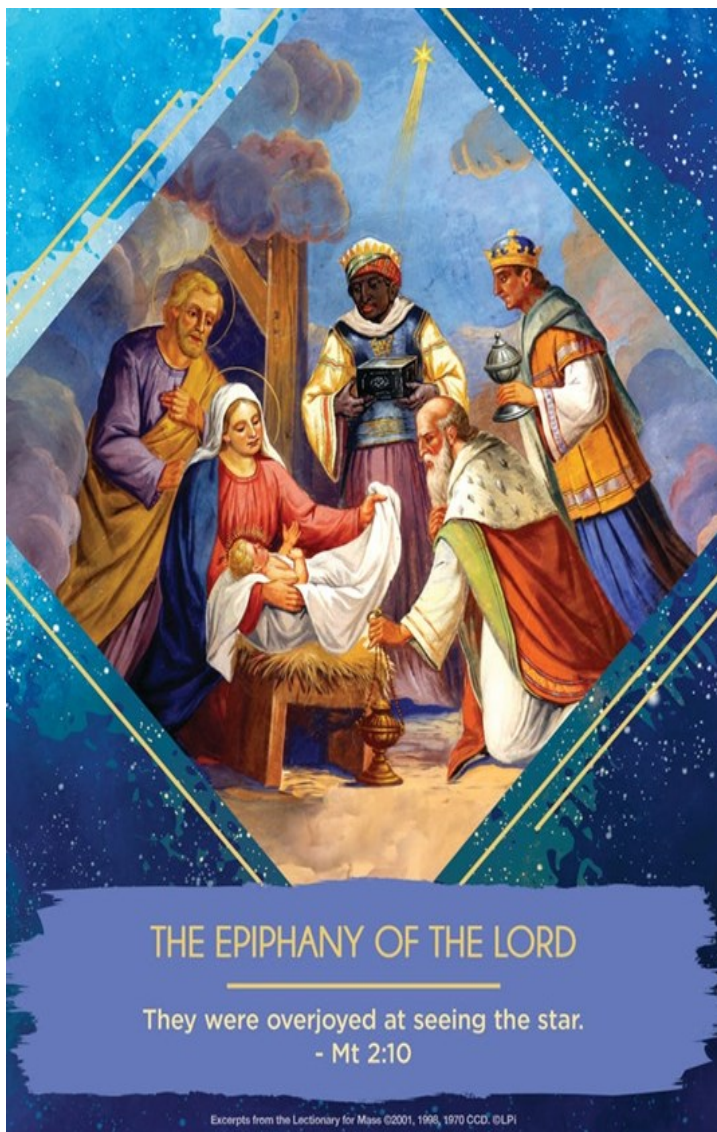


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dr. Anthonio Ciacca, Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

HOW DO I OVERCOME DOUBT AND DISAPPOINTMENT?

An epiphany is an unexpected manifestation. In the case of this feast, it is the manifestation of the Messiah to the magi.



These foreigners, who did not even believe in the God we do, who were not Jewish, so were not awaiting the Messiah (the Christ), recognized in this tiny baby lying in a wooden trough the newborn king of the Jews. We are those magi today. We are called to make the effort to see Christ made manifest in today's world. We can see Christ made manifest in the Eucharist, in fact affirming His

presence when we respond "Amen" to "The Body of Christ." We can see Christ made manifest in our assembly, for He told His disciples that where two or three are gathered in His name, He too is present. We can see Christ in the person in need, for He also said that whatever we do for one of these least ones, we do for Him. We can see Christ in the priest who presides at Mass, in the word of God and in the sacraments. But perhaps most memorably we see Christ in a true epiphany, when He reveals Himself unexpectedly, as He did as a newborn in a stable, or much later to the fishermen whom He told to drop their nets on the other side, or as the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus.

Bethlehem is only about five miles from Jerusalem. The magi, after a journey of a thousand miles or more, probably assumed the newborn king would be found in Jerusalem. Bethlehem was unexpected. It took a consultation with the chief priests and scribes to learn their true destination. Science and faith, working together, allowed them to find the Christ, the truth.



Do you wonder if the magi, for at least a moment doubted themselves when they ended up at a forlorn stable looking at a baby in a feeding trough? Or at least disappointed? Perhaps this was their true epiphany, finding the newborn king in a most unexpected place. For us too, doubts and disappointment may be precursors to an epiphany.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Who can I ask for help in my search for the Lord? How can I overcome doubt or disappointment when I experience them?



SAVE THE DATE

BINGO
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025
 DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
 GAMES BEGIN AT 6:30 PM
JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN!!

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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 Jane B. Esposito.

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for January on **THIS Saturday, January 4th one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday January 5th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward



- gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh

is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

The 2025 Mass book has Masses available

Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention.



PLEASE NOTE THE 2026 MASS BOOK OPENS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S

IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM



CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 22, 2024

Sunday collection: \$ 9,518.00
(INCLUDES IN ADDITION, ONE ANNUAL DONATION)
On Line giving: \$ 1,535.00
Total \$11,053.00

**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 **(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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz & Martha Cesaitis.

Please call 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.

Prayer of Rejoicing

*Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing
as we seek and discover You. Your
ways are full of wonder, glory,
surprise, and joy.*



January 5, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 4

5:00 PM Deceased Members Of The Tobias Family

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Joseph Caloia +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Judith Velez (Living)

Monday January 6 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Michele Ricardo +
9:00 AM Vincent Spano (Living)

Tuesday, January 7 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John Paliotta +

Wednesday, January 8 Christmas Weekday

10:00 AM No Intention
12:30 PM Carlos Miranda Dantas +

Thursday, January 9 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ernie & Irene Russo +
Mary Evans +

Friday, January 10 Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Intentions of Maria Ferreira (Living)
9:00 AM Helen Marie Minchak +

Saturday, January 11 Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, January 11

5:00 PM Blanche & Giacomo Bilancia +

Sunday, January 12 Baptism Of The Lord

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name And Rosary Altar Societies Frank Martelli +
11:00 AM Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. & Joseph Pasqualoni III +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

