

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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dr. Anthony 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

REPENT

From Baruch and Isaiah to John the Baptist and Jesus himself, those whom God has sent have given witness to how God transforms the world. Baruch proclaims that God transforms mourning and misery to splendor and joy much as Jesus later promises comfort to all those who mourn. Baruch promises that God would bring mercy and justice, and indeed Jesus brings both, promising it to all who show mercy and who hunger for righteousness. Ultimately, Jesus transforms the world by bringing salvation and making it accessible to all. As Baruch, Isaiah, and John preach, making the mountains low and filling in the valleys and gorges will smooth the way to the kingdom of God.



Luke begins his account of John the Baptist's ministry by naming several civil and religious leaders of the time. Many of their names we recognize for the roles they play in prosecuting and sentencing Jesus just a few years later. But for now they provide a contrast to John the Baptist. Luke cleverly imitates God's sense of misdirection. Just as Jesus is continually found among sinners in humble places, the word of God did not come to these renowned and powerful men, in palaces or the temple, but to a man of little means living in the desert. Jesus Christ, the Word of God, can be found in the humblest of places; may he find a home in our hearts as well.

John the Baptist is our model for Advent. He prepared the way for Jesus as Jesus was about to begin his public ministry. Now we are called to prepare for Jesus' coming into our homes, our lives, and our hearts. To do so, let us first heed John's call for repentance and seek forgiveness of our sins from those whom we have hurt and from God. Repentance fills in the chasms that separate us from each other and from God. And forgiveness enables us to cross them.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What do I need to repent of in order to cross the main chasm that separates me from God?

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.



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

YOU CAN PURCHASE:
 (4) 60" wreaths (\$160 each) and
 Poinsettia Arrangements (\$65 each)
 in memory of a loved one(s).



Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

The Advent Wreath and Christmas Candle were donated in loving memory of Kelly Powers Doll by Lucy and Tom Hoffman.



THE GIVING TREE



Please note that the "Giving Tree" is up. Please pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than Thursday, December 19th. Every gift goes to someone in need. St. Bart's donates to:

Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, Richmond Center, Immaculate Conception in the Bronx and Westchester Assisted Living. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

NOTE: Please note for Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, gifts must be placed in a gift bag and not wrapped

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Tuesday, December 24th
VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)

MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Wednesday, December 25th
 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 (Spanish Mass)
 (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. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
 (There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION-SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BART'S BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS:

Monday, December 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
 and 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Times may vary at other parishes!!



The Knight of Columbus will be selling Christmas articles at next weekend's Masses. Most of these will cost around \$5. Proceeds go to St. Bart's and other Catholic Churches in the Yonkers area.

35 Thanksgiving baskets were donated to the needy of our community.

50 bags of clothing were donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



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, and fresh baked goods. These food items should be brought to the church no later than December 22ND.

Monday December 9th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holyday of obligation. Masses are as follows: Monday, 7 am, 9 am and 7 pm.



RESULTS – ST BART'S BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 29, 2024

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 53 donors who came down to the 109th Blood Drive on 11/29/2024 to donate 50 units. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 8077 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

39 donors gave a regular donation. 6 donors gave 11 double red cell donations using the ALYX system. 8 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 9 new donors and 9 walk-ins. All those who presented at the drive received an NYBC T-Shirt.

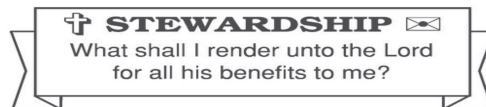
23 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 23 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by going to the web site: <https://nybc.org> or call NYBC at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are planning our 110th drive for a day after Easter 2025 and look forward to continuing this much needed community service. Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 24, 2024

Sunday collection: \$3,208.00

On Line giving: \$1,080.00

Total: \$4,288.00

**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.

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.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is having their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec 19th, 1:00pm at Tombolino Ristorante, 356 Kimball Ave, Yonkers. Cost is \$30 per person payable in cash at the luncheon. Reservations are required. For more information and/or reservations, please call 914-423-5331. Members and guests are welcome.

December 8, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 7

5:00 PM Maureen Schettino +

Sunday, December 8
Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name &
Rosary Altar Societies
Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &
Capuano Families
11:00 AM Brendan Lehane +
12:30 PM For All The Souls In Purgatory
5:00 PM Michael Anthony Williams +

Monday December 9
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

7:00 AM Anna Bonnaci +
9:00 AM Daniel Tanzone+
7:00 PM Anna Bonnaci +

Tuesday, December 10
Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Bonnaci +
9:00 AM Minverva Hernandez +

Wednesday, December 11
Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the De Pole &
Faranda Families
9:00 AM Anna Bonnaci +
Faust Venturino +

Thursday, December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Gloria Bassey +
9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Friday, December 13
Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM Leticia Serano +
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, December 14
Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Sandy Cerrato+

Saturday, December 14

5:00 PM Patricia Mahoney+

Sunday, December 15
Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Paul Maniscalco, Jr. +
Alberta Blasewitz & Joan Magratten +
11:00 AM Sr. Helen Collins, SC +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Henry & Jessica Frey +

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: _____

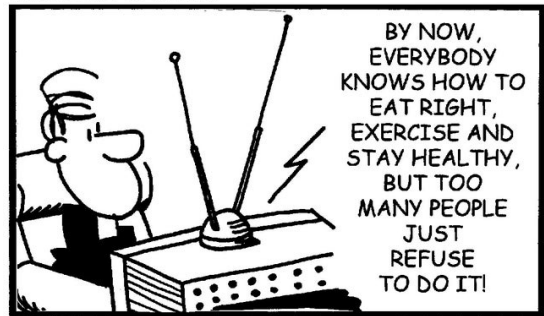
Telephone: _____

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

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ISADOR WOOD!
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