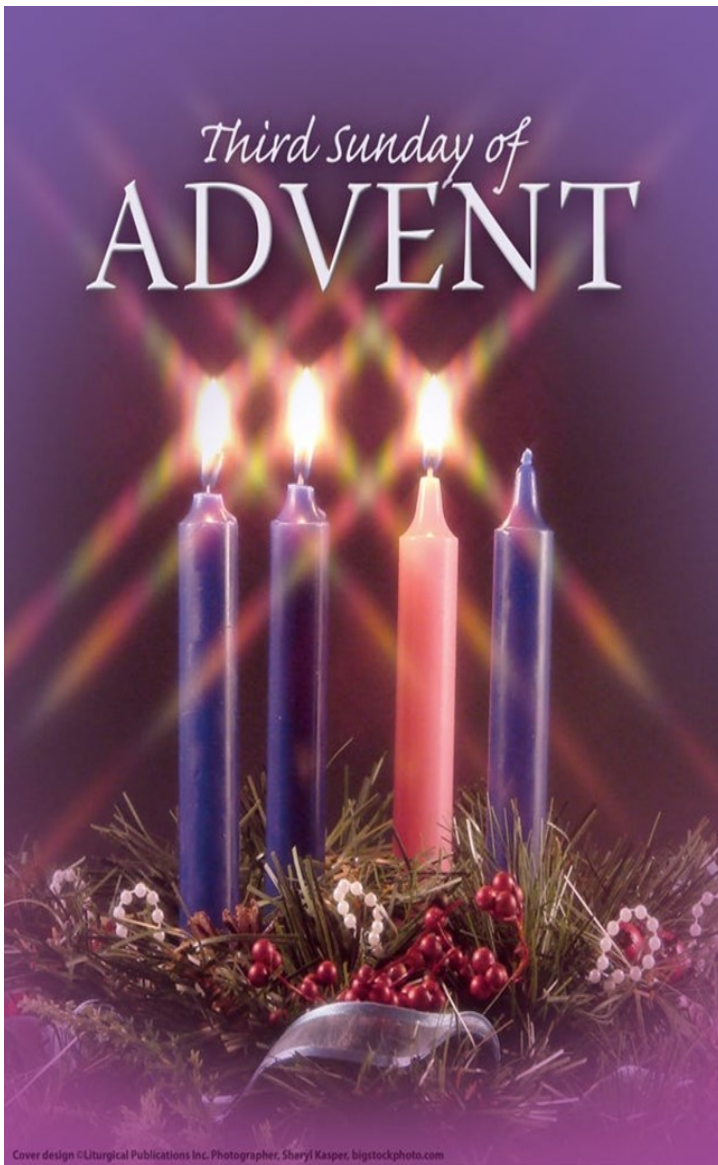


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

SEE THE LORD IN THOSE AROUND YOU

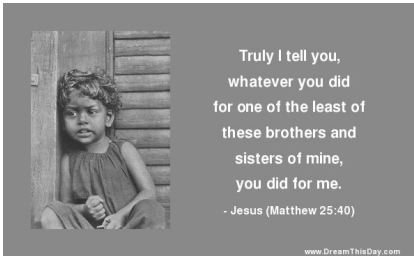
ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEED



John the Baptists emerged from the desert, as we heard last week, calling for all people to repent and be baptized, for the kingdom of God was at hand. Indeed, the kingdom of God, as enfleshed in Jesus Christ, was drawing near. The crowds have practical questions about what they should do beyond repenting and getting baptized by John. So, John gives them concrete advice. Do you have an extra cloak or extra food? Share it with those who have none. Are you working for the Roman government in order to get by? Don't steal or lie in the course of your work. In these practical ways, anyone can prepare for the coming of the Lord, the coming of the kingdom, then and now.

Interestingly, when asked by tax collectors and soldiers, thought to be collaborating with the occupying forces. John did not tell them to resign their positions and stop collecting taxes or fighting on behalf of Rome. No, he merely told them to change the way they carried out their duties. Be honest, just, and decent. In this way, we will be gathered into the kingdom, like good wheat among the chaff.

Much later, of course, Jesus will tell His disciples that when they do something for the least of their sisters and brothers, they do it for Him. But the words of John the Baptist and Paul the Apostle combine to say virtually the same thing. When out of kindness we share what we have with those who are in need, the Lord is near. The Lord is as near as our neighbor in need, for He is present in those who are in need. When we see someone in obvious need of food, clothing, or shelter, do we see a failure, a free-loader, a government responsibility? Or do we see our Lord?



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
What will help remind me to try to see the Lord in those in need?



THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION -SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AT ST. BART'S BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: THIS Monday, December 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Times may vary at other parishes!!

Prayer for the third Sunday of Advent

Prayer with St. John the Baptist
Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring Your generosity into our community. 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.



CHRISTMAS WISH LIST
YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE:
(3) 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 GIVING TREE

Please pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than **THIS 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)



THIRD 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.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS
The Well That Never Dries Up**

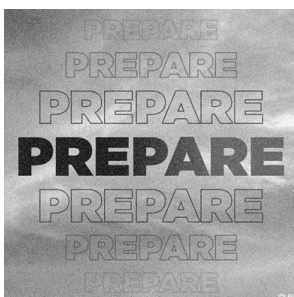
Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties. The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI*



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



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 1, 2024

Sunday collection: \$3,276.00
On Line giving: \$1,490.00
Total: \$4,766.00

**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 **THIS 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 15, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

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 +
Carmen Rivera +
12:30 PM For All The People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Henry & Jessica Frey +

Monday December 16
Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Alfredo Valdovinos (Living)
9:00 AM Diane Labick +

Tuesday, December 17
Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass for Bins Biju Mathew (Living)
9:00 AM Tereza Gualdino +

Wednesday, December 18
Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Intentions of Francisco Orozco & Family (Living)
9:00 AM Patricia Mahoney +

Thursday, December 19
Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM John M. Rubbo +
9:00 AM Josephine Pinto +

Friday, December 20
Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Sandra De Santis +

Saturday, December 21
Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti & Family (Living)

Saturday, December 21

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, December 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Paul Maniscalco, Jr. +
Maria Elena Netrosio (Living)
11:00 AM Mary Breheny +
Steven Fitzpatrick +
Emma Dumalag (Living)
Martin Marino Leison +
5:00 PM Frank Martelli +

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

