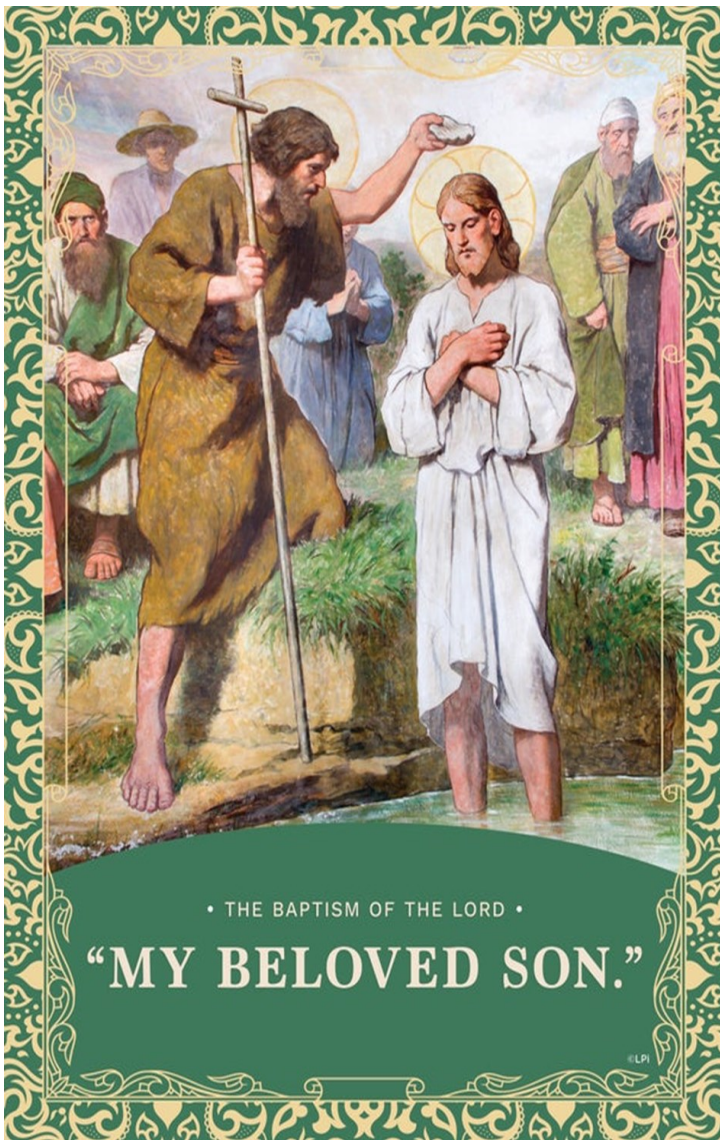


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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

**PRAY!!!!**

Isaiah speaks of God's chosen one bringing justice to the nations, but not in the way we would expect. He will not establish justice through violent battles of grand gestures. No, this person will act quietly and tenderly. With a gentle touch, eyes will be opened and bonds will be broken. Indeed, this is how Jesus – with the Holy Spirit within Him – will heal, liberate, and serve those in need. This is what we are now called to do. Jesus has shown us how to do it.



When we were baptized, the Holy Spirit was poured out on us, much as we hear in the second reading, hearkening back to Jesus' own baptism. The letter to Titus asserts that with our "bath of rebirth" we "become heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:5, 7). How appropriated as we begin this jubilee years as pilgrims of hope. Our baptism confers upon us a share in the salvation brought by Jesus, who was the first to receive the Holy Spirit in baptism, enabling us to hope for more than this world could ever give: for life eternal with the Lord. May this hope for our future bring us the comfort that Isaiah promised, the desire "to live justly, and devoutly" that Paul commends (Titus 2:12). And the reassurance we hear from the Father when Jesus is baptized.

We have been baptized in Christ. We are God's beloved children, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. In us, God is well pleased. God continues to shower us with grace, as was poured down on us in a special way in baptism as we live out our baptismal calling. Significantly, before the Father spoke to Him at His baptism, Jesus prayed to God, initiating a dialogue with the Father. May we initiate that dialogue as well, again and again, praying that God's grace, poured down on us from the heavens, helps us grow into the beloved sons and daughters God calls us to be.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How can setting even five or ten minutes aside for prayer each day help me live out my baptismal calling? Can I resolve to do that each day during this jubilee year of hope?

**SAVE THE DATE**

*BINGO*

**THIS 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.



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** is donated in loving memory of Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr. and Joseph Pasqualoni III by Pauline Pasqualoni.

**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.**



*We are in need of singers for our Masses, children, teens and adults. If you are interested, please see Antonio, our Music Director, Father Mark or Cheryl Duda or call the Parish Office.*



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism. Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**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

**I Hope I Am Like Him**

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI*



Our Father,  
We seek you in so many ways and places in our life.

We seek you for guidance and for comfort. But you have told us that when there is hunger, it is up to us to feed the hungry.

We ask you to help us see you in other Christians

and humbly ask you for strength in the search for what we have in common.

Bless our efforts to look at all the ways we are united in faith, and grant us courage to change our hearts and minds to realize your will.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**December 29, 2024**

**Sunday collection: \$2,911.00**

**On Line giving: \$ 4,235.00**

**Total \$ 7,146.00**

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION \$13, 224.26 TO DATE**

**IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING  
EASY LINK FROM THE PARISH WEBSITE**

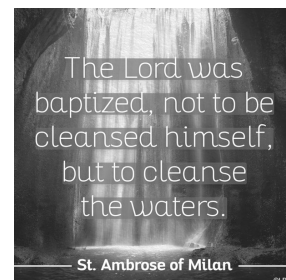
You can set up separate one time or recurring donations for the different collections (regular weekly, snow removal, Christmas, etc.) or you may wish to begin with the regular collections, try it out and when you are comfortable, you can sign up for the others. **Also, know if you set up for recurring 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.**



January 12, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday January 13
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Tuesday, January 14
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for the intentions of Maria
Ferreira (Living)

Wednesday, January 15
Weekday

10:00 AM No Intention
12:30 PM Anna Verrino +

Thursday, January 16
Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM No Intention

Friday, January 17
Saint Anthony, Abbot

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

Saturday, January 18
Weekday

9:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +

Saturday, January 18

5:00 PM Denis Lavelle +

Sunday, January 19
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Dorothy Schreiber +
11:00 AM John Nieman +
Ines Salinas +
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

