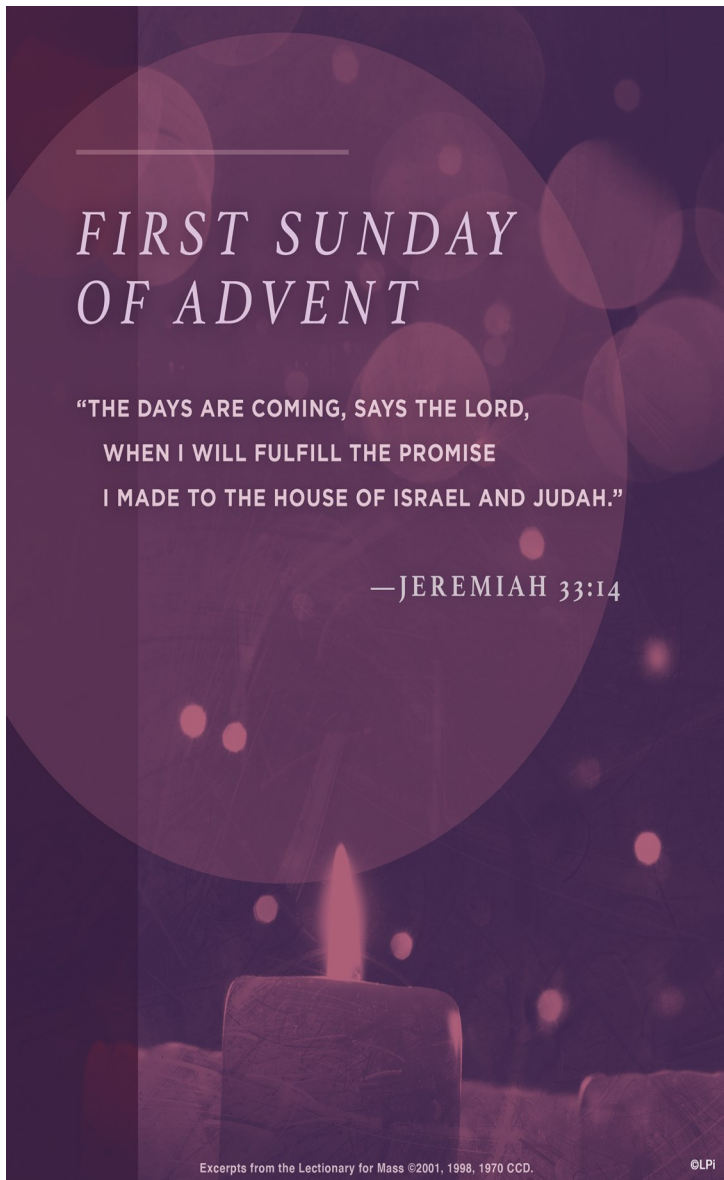


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and 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

PREPARE FOR CHRIST

Isaiah pleads with God to “rend the heavens and come down,” and rescue those who have wandered and move the hearts of the stubborn (63:19). For Christians, Jesus is God’s response to Isaiah’s prayer. He is the Good Shepherd, pursuing the lost sheep. He is the teacher, teaching us mercy and forgiveness. May we realize the gift we have in Jesus, our greatest Christmas gift, whom God sent to redeem us all.



A few weeks ago we heard the parable of the ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom, five who foolishly brought no oil with them for their lamps. The lesson from that Gospel can be applied to today’s as well. Be prepared. Be patient. Plan ahead because delays happen. The wise servants in today’s Gospel do exactly that, accomplishing their work so they are ready whenever the master returns, but waiting patiently because it may be a while. May we be reminded that our period of preparation does not end on December 25, for the Lord comes in different ways to different folks. Not just as an infant child on Christmas Day. Let us make ourselves ready, whether it’s today or years from now.

Contrasting these two stories, in today’s Gospel each servant has different work to do. Some may have difficult or time-consuming tasks while others have lighter ones. So it is with us. We cannot truly know the amount of work or amount of time our neighbor must put in to prepare or keep watch. Instead of comparing ourselves to our neighbor, we should offer to help.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What will I do this week to prepare for Christ’s coming, knowing that it may happen at any time?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP



Christmas Wish List
This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.

*Reminder that you can purchase :
 an Advent wreath (\$35 each)
 (2) 36” wreaths (\$140 each), (4) 48”
 wreaths (\$150 each) and
 Pointsettia Arrangements (75 each)
 in memory of a loved one(s).*

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

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.



THE GIVING TREE

Please note that the “Giving Tree” is up. Pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than Monday, December 18th. 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 (yellow tags), gifts must be placed in a gift bag and not wrapped.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
 WINTER COAT DRIVE**

Thank you to all who donated to our winter coat drive. 100 Bags were donated to St. Vincent De Paul Society

Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph’s monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for December on NEXT Saturday, December 9th one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday December 10th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, December 2nd and 3rd.

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

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at His coming and call us to His side in the kingdom of heaven, where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 55 donors who came down to the 106th Blood Drive on 11/24/23 to donate 57 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7905 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.

NYBC collected 43 regular and 7 ALYX (double red cell) donations.

5 donors were deferred for various reasons.

There were 6 new donors and 11 walk-ins.

15 prospective donors had signed up but

were not able to attend.

These 15 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 calling NYBC at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are tentatively scheduling our next drive for some time near Easter 2024.

Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

In the Unexpected

"What could happen next?" How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don't seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, "God with us." He is the expected in all things unexpected.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

STEWARDSHIP

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 19th

Sunday collection: \$3,825.00

On Line giving: \$1,480.00

Total: \$5,305.00

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.saintbartparish.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.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ann McShane, 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, Faust Venturino, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, John Smith, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies) and Patricia Mahoney.

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.

December 3, 2023

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, December 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Barbara Fandel +

Sunday, December 3
First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Joseph Prior +

11:00 AM Deacon Robert A. Clemens +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, December 4

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Daniel & Cheryl Nardini (Living)

9:00 AM Wladislawa Szkolnicki +

Tuesday, December 5

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Louis Barcelo +

9:00 AM Harold Smith, Jr. +

Weekday, December 6

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone+

Thursday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

9:00 AM Paul Romero +

Friday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Deceased Members of the Capuano &
Lucchetti Families

9:00 AM Andrew Tacyn +

7:00 PM No Intention

Saturday, December 9

Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Joan Tracey +

Saturday, December 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Paul Romero +

Sunday, December 10
Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar &
Holy Name Societies

11:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

December 3, 2023

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.



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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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

