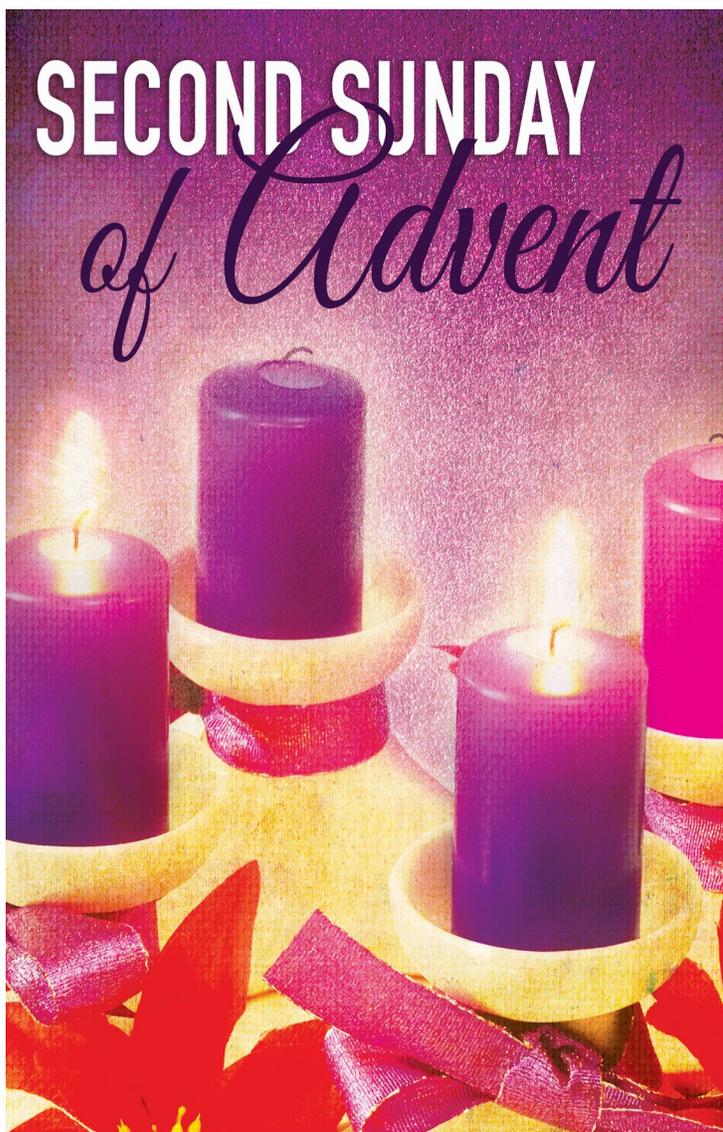


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR JESUS' COMING



Isaiah's poetic language gives us the framework to prepare for Jesus coming into our lives, whether as an infant at Christmas, in glory at the end of time, or subtly into our hearts when we least expect. What wastelands take up entirely too much of our time and attention? What valleys of neglect need to be filled in? What aspects of ourselves have we built up like mountains that need to be made low? What rugged obstacles have we put in the way so that we don't have to think about how our faith

should be guiding us? What parts of ourselves are rough and unfinished? Leveling these bumps and hindrances will prepare us for Jesus' arrival.

Last week we heard Jesus say, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33) Today we are counseled, "with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8). In other words, Jesus' return could come at any time and our perception of time is far different from His. "Any day" could be tomorrow or it could be another thousand years. Or a million years. We are cautioned against applying human perspective to divine plans.

God is on our side, the author of the Second Letter of Peter insists. If it feels like the end of the world is delayed, it is because God wishes that no one perish, that everyone come to repentance. Let this not inspire complacency but instead comfort and hope as we try to live righteous and holy lives.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What concrete action can I take this week to prepare myself for Jesus' coming?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, DECEMBER 6TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Oscar Starckenberg, Mary & Nicholas Maccia, Mary Gregorio

LIVING

Deacon Bob Clemens

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

(4) Christmas wreaths 48" (\$125 each) and (2) Christmas Wreaths at 36" (\$80 each) as well as poinsettia arrangements (\$60 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Also there is a need for Altar banners. Again, 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 ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP, AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Oscar Starckenberg by Joan Laredo Liddell.



Tuesday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses for the Holyday will be Tuesday, December 8th at 7 AM, and 9 AM. The 9 AM Mass is live streamed.

In the spirit of giving and the upcoming Christmas season **OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** is set up at the rear of the church. Please take an ornament from the tree. It is important this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. **If you cannot pick up an ornament, we can use the following as gifts:** socks, t-shirts, slippers (male or female, medium or large), baseball caps, perfumes, body wash, lotions, cologne, canvas bags, or blankets. Please wrap this gift and place a tag noting what is inside.

The final date for returning gifts is Wednesday, December 16th. Last year we were able to donate 420 gifts to 4 different charitable organizations. Thank you as always for your generosity. And may the Lord bless you and yours during this season and always.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** 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, frozen desserts and candies. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on Saturday evening (December 19th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 20th) for distribution the week of December 21st. Thank you for your generosity

Boy Scouts of Troop 5 will be selling fully **DECORATED CHRISTMAS WREATHS** for only \$20 each, after all the Masses this Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th. If paying by check, please make check payable to Boy Scout Troop 5.

Please note that Troop 5 is always welcoming new scouts. For more information, please visit troop5yonkers.org or visit their face book page: boys scout troop 5 Yonkers. (Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Park Presbyterian Church, 20 Buckingham Road, Yonkers, NY 10701.



THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: Monday, December 21st.

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 21st, gives Catholics the opportunity to go to any parish for confession between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. However, times for confession at some parishes may vary.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 4 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st. Any changes to this will be noted in the bulletin or on our face book page.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use cereal, juice, pasta, pasta sauce and rice, corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards and have already given out some to a few families. St. Bart's has added 4 new families to our list. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

A special Thank You to all who donated food and cash donations to support our annual Thanksgiving baskets. This year, through the generosity of Stew Leonard's (for their turkey donations) and our St. Bart's family, we were able to give out 30 Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you and God bless everyone!!



Important Message

Please Note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. These are needed for a mission project for the religious education students. Thank you!!!

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Dear God, as the Advent candles are lit
In joyous anticipation of Your Son's nativity,
Remind us always of the reason for our joy.

As the purple candles stand
for both penance
and atonement for sin,
Give us the grace to do
penance for our wrongs,
And to love Christ,
Whose sacrifice atoned for
the sins of the whole world.
But just as the rose candle
stands



For joy in the midst of
suffering and expectation,
Give us the joy of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who came into a
world that had so longed for its Savior,
And made the angels themselves sing with joy at His birth.
Amen.

Christmas Mass Schedule



*Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th:
4 PM Vigil with Carols beginning at 3:30
PM*

*This Mass is also live streamed.
Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
9:30 AM Mass (also live streamed)
11:30 AM Mass*

*New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st:
4 PM Vigil (also live streamed)*

*New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:
11:30 AM (also live streamed)*



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. **We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.** PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. **IT'S EASY!** (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

**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 stbartchurch@aol.com.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda and Edward Minozzi.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartchurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:
MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND
9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.**

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM****

December 6, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)
Oscar Starkenberg +
Mary & Nicholas Maccia
Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Bruno Ilibassi +

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

Tuesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone +
Intentions of the Brusco Family

Wednesday, December 9

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No intention

9:00 AM Lucas Oborski (Living)

Thursday, December 10

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Friday, December 11

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Gloria Bassey +

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Saturday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Saturday, December 12 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Josephine Giuriceo +
Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
Joseph Prior +
Reverend James F. McNamara +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

December 6, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

HOLY

COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

