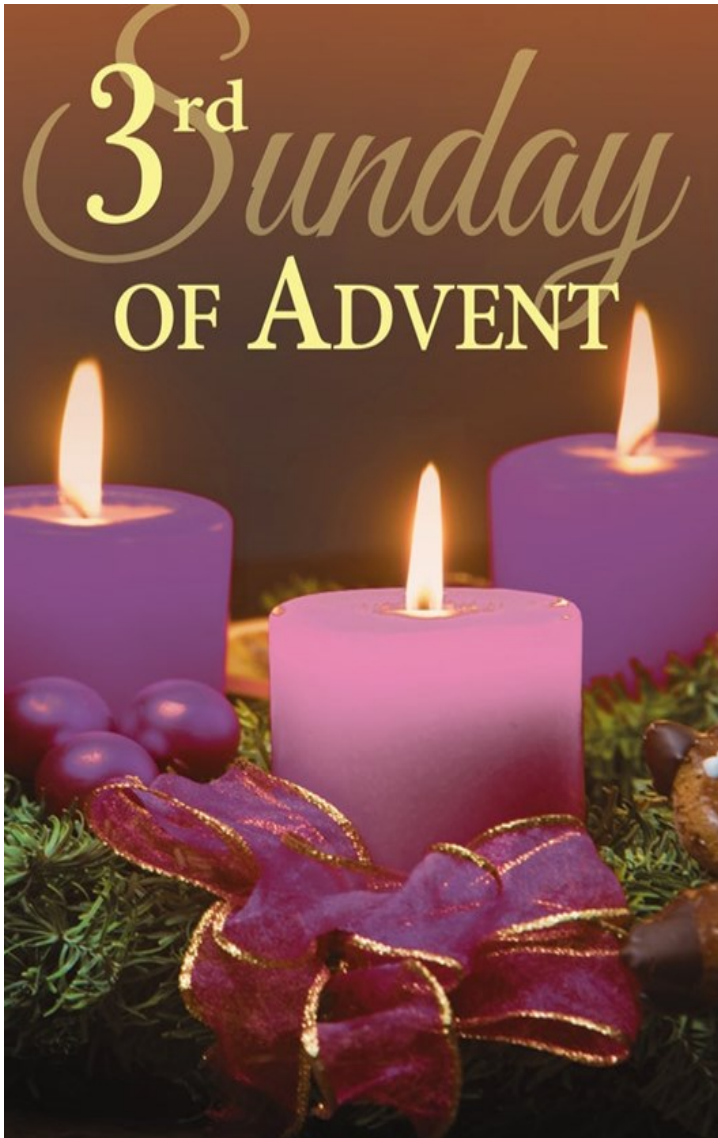


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm

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 **Wednesday** evening quarterly.

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.

Trustees: Skip Caloia, Teresita Leison

The Lord Is Near

Today's readings invite us to find joy in the midst of waiting. The prophet Isaiah promises that "the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad," that "waters shall break forth in the wilderness."



In the Gospel, Jesus tells John the Baptist's disciples, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the poor have the good news brought to them."

"Jesus is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, and He continues to bring healing, hope, and joy into the world today.

But there is a challenge in this joy. We often wait in the darkness, in suffering, in confusion, just as John the Baptist did when he was in prison. Even in the midst of our trials, Jesus assures us that He is near, working in ways we might not immediately see or understand.

Advent calls us to wait with patience and hope. James writes, "Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." The waiting is not a passive experience. It is an active waiting—waiting with trust, with hope, with a spirit of expectation that God is at work, even when we don't see immediate results. The joy that Advent offers is not dependent on our circumstances but on the certainty that Christ is coming, that He is already here among us, and that He is making all things new.



On this Gaudete Sunday, let us rejoice in the Lord's nearness, even in the midst of our waiting. May this joy fill our hearts and overflow into the world, so that others may know the hope and peace that comes only from Christ.

Fr. Mark Ameh, MSP Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:



THIS Monday, December 15th 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm
Other parishes in the area may have different times!



A Special Thank You



The **Advent Wreath** was purchased in loving memory of George and Marie Hoffman and Tony and Anna Guarente by Lucy and Tom Hoffman.

The **Christmas Candle** in the Advent Wreath was purchased in loving memory of Vito Traversa by the Traversa Family

PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



We welcome into our Parish Family the following children who were baptized this year: Luna Roman, Calvin Clarke, Jr., Noah Mateo, Amy De La Rosa Hidalgo, Isabelle Hernandez and Rocco Martirano. May God bless them always with love and a strong faith.

Once again this year we will be having our Christmas Wish List. You can purchase the following, Advent

Candles,
1) 60" wreaths and
Poinsettia Arrangements
in memory of a loved one(s).



THE GIVING TREE

Please note that the "Giving Tree" is up at the rear of the church.



Please pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than **THIS Thursday, 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, gifts must be placed in a gift bag and not wrapped.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question from Last Week What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

Answer: Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

Question for This Week: According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parents?

Answer in Next Week's Bulletin

28 baskets were given out at Thanksgiving.
80 meals of ziti/rice and beans were given to St. Joseph's in Yonkers.

30 bags of clothing were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

Many thanks for your generosity and may God bless you all!!!



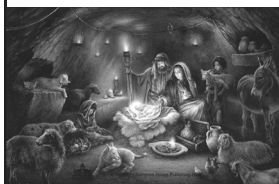
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY



**CHRISTMAS EVE: Wednesday,
December 24th
VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)
& MIDNIGHT MASS (Carols at 3:30 pm
and 11:30 pm)
CHRISTMAS DAY: Thursday, December
25th**

**10 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish Mass)
(There will be no 9:30 am, 11 am or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas
day)**

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

Wednesday, December 31st 5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

**(There will be no 9:30 am, 11 am or
5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)**



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give.

You can't pour from an empty cup.

All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life. *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 30, 2025

Sunday collection: \$3,069.00

On Line giving: \$1,763.00

Total \$4,832.00

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.

IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED

PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A

PARISHIONER ON LINE AT

WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH

REGISTRATION.

**FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT THE
FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

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, 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, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, 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, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Ronald Pietropaolo, Don Foley, and Robert Akey.

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.

Prayer for Advent – New Growth



Dear God,

Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.

Bring Your power into the places I think of as

“deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear

may be “deserted.” You can redeem and restore,

bring a new song to my heart. Amen.

December 14, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, December 13

5:00 PM Leticia Serano +
Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, December 14

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Dec. Members of Holy Name & Rosary Altar Soc.
John Manning +
11:00 AM Carmen Rivera +
12:30 PM Eva Blanco Soto +
5:00 PM R. Umo Layug +

Monday, December 15

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Aristide, Oriendale & Amerigo Scipioni +
Angela Rush +
9:00 AM Alberta Blasewitz & Joan Magratten +
7:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Tuesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

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

Wednesday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

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

Thursday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rose Zanca (Living—95th Birthday)

Friday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ricardo Batista +

Saturday, December 20

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Sandra De Santis +

Saturday Vigil, December 20

5:00 PM Emilio Lucchetti & Family (Living)

Sunday, December 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30AM John Manning +
11:00 AM Mary Breheny +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Gregorio Barbieri +

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

