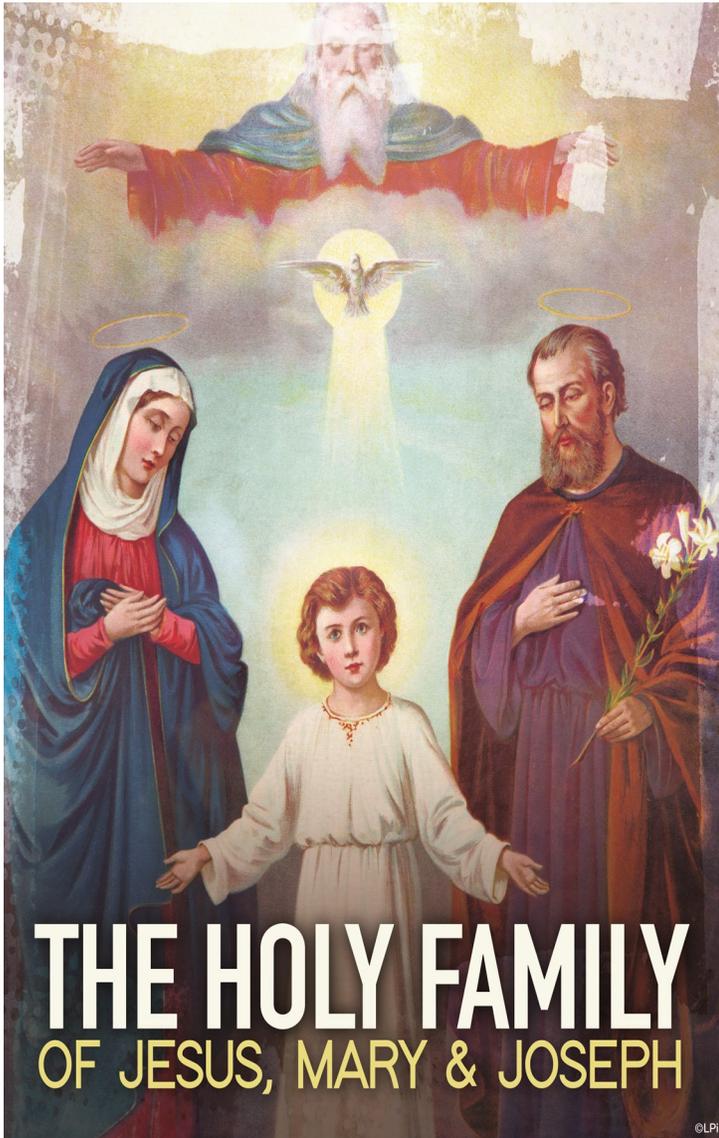


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 Ezech, MSP, Pastor
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

APPLY LESSONS LEARNED TO FAMILY



Our readings today have good, fundamental advice for families in any era, in any place. Sirach counsels us as to how to treat our parents throughout our lives, particularly as they age. We owe our parents care and compassion, for we are indebted to God, our Father, for all that we have received. In one simple paragraph, the author of Colossians sums up the many qualities that should characterize all our relationships, for we are all brothers and sisters. Easily overlooked is its shortest sentence: "And be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). A thankful attitude reminds us to look for God's blessings even during difficult times.

Hannah, because of her difficulty in conceiving a child, promised the Lord her firstborn son, to be consecrated in service to God. Though not in the same way we too have been consecrated in baptism, called to serve the Lord. As John points out, we are children of God, making us part of the entire Christian family. As such, we are called to love one another as Jesus taught us. Jesus Himself taught us that whoever, does God's will, His Father's will—and loving one another is at the top of the list—is His brother or sister. Therefore, we are truly one family, all brothers and sisters, all united across time and place.

Today we hear the only Gospel story in which Jesus is neither an infant nor an adult. Just twelve, Jesus stays behind in the temple as His parents and family return to Nazareth. Parents can well imagine the feeling of growing frantic with worry over a missing child. Adolescents can easily relate to parents not understanding something that seems so perfectly obvious. If even the Son of God, who astounds the teachers in the temple with His understanding, continues to advance in wisdom as He advanced in age, so much more so can we expect that both parents and teens will continue to advance in understanding and wisdom themselves. Let us ask God for heartfelt patience and kindness as we bear with one another through misunderstandings and anxiety.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I apply the lessons from scripture to the various families I belong to: my immediate family, my extended family, my parish family, my family at school or work, the entire human family?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP

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.



Father Raphael, Father Victor, and Parish Staff wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead. For this week, the Parish Office will be open Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm and from 10 am to 12 Noon on Friday, December 31st.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated in loving memory of Gloria De Luccy by her children and family.

A reminder that the Religious Education Department is having a coat drive. If you have an adult men or women's coat(s) (no children's coats) that you can donate, please bring them to the church no later than Saturday, January 1st.



The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR JANUARY** on **Saturday, January 8th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday January 9th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, January 1st and 2nd.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life.



- There's no reason to look elsewhere.
- Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship.
- Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God.
- Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.

Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshipping God and serving others. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made. Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip. Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about what others are amassing.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

MASSES
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR
NEW YEAR'S DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

Friday, December 31st
4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1st
10:00 AM Mass

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

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.



JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link.. Thank you!!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 12th:

Sunday collection: \$3,063.00
On Line giving: \$1,080.00
Total: \$4,143.00

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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, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, 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, Theresa Chappory, 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 and Lucille McGeough.

Please contact 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.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Leticia Serrano.

December 26, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Sunday, December 26, 2021
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +
Louis Brusco +
11:30 AM For All The People Of The Parish
5:00 PM Rafael Edwin Rivera +

Monday, December 27
Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM John F. Brusco +

Tuesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 AM Reverend Monsignor Charles McManus +
9:00 AM Corazon & Benjamin Sotto +

Wednesday, December 29
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM Francisco Vargas +
9:00 AM Gloria De Luccy +

Thursday, December 30
Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

Friday, December 31
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM **NO 7 AM MASS**
9:00 AM Barbara Howley +
4:00 PM Vigil Lily & Ralph Pagan (Living)

Saturday, January 1
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +

THERE IS NO 5 PM MASS ON JANUARY 1ST

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +
Frances & Oscar Starkenberg +
11:30 AM Lily & Ralph Pagan (Living)
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

December 26, 2021

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

HOLY FAMILY

