

# St. Bartholomew's Church

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*Caravans of CAMELS shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing GOLD and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the PRAISES  
of the LORD.*

ISAIAH 60:6

**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. Anthony Bassey, MSP, *Pastor*  
Rev. Francis Oroffa, MSP, *Parochial Vicar*  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
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School: (914) 476-7949  
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Sunday Masses: 5:00 P.M. on Saturday; 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday.

Weekday Masses: 7:00AM & 9:00AM Monday through Friday; 9:00 A.M. Saturday.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 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. Chairperson: Edward Sheeran

**Holy Name Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Paul Mercandetti

**Rosary Altar Society:** Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. Co-Presidents, Joan Liddell and Nancy Pelliccio

**Trustees:** Joseph Chimenti, Bill Mascetta

**Support Groups:** N.A.: Monday evenings at 7:30 PM

**SEEK CHRIST, YOUR LIGHT!***(Is. 60:1-6; Ps. 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph. 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matt. 2:1-12)*

This Sunday is the eighth day in the Octave of Christmas; and it is the feast of the Epiphany. Its etymology comes from the Greek word, *epiphanein*, which means *appearance, showing or revelation*. It was used to describe the appearance of a god among the people, a *theophany*. The Eastern Greek-speaking Church found it natural to use the word to describe the appearance of the true God in flesh. Epiphany is *the Christmas* feast among the Eastern Christians, Orthodox or Uniate. Originally, in the Western Church, *Epiphany* celebrated the three manifestations of the divinity of Christ – His Birth, His Adoration by the magi, and His Baptism.

At Epiphany we celebrate God Who reveals Himself to us through the incarnation of His Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, St. Paul testifies, "Christ is the image of the unseen God..." (Col. 1:15-20). Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the magi, traditionally called *the three kings*. It celebrates the manifestation of Christ to all the people of the world including the Gentiles – unbelievers. Christ makes Himself known to all peoples – Buddhists, Christians, Hindus, Jewish, Moslems and pagans. Indeed, He is made manifest to you and to me. By this Feast, Christ reveals to us that every person, even "the Gentiles (pagans/sinners) are coheirs, members of the same body" (Ephesians 3:6). The unbelievers also are copartners in the promise of eternal life won for us by Christ's death and resurrection. Thus, Christians must be willing to be active agents of Christ's Gospel of salvation by being the *star* that leads those who are yet to be baptized and the lapsed Christians back to the true faith in Christ.

Today's first reading from prophet Isaiah envisages the return of the Israelites from exile and how all nations will join them in a pilgrimage of celebration to Jerusalem. This will be a pilgrimage to see the Light. Isaiah exhorts Jerusalem to "Rise up in splendor" because "Your light has come." On the other hand, in the gospel reading we see the magi who faithfully and diligently followed the *star* which led them to discover Christ, the Light. They were not deceived by the tricks of Herod, and were committed to their mission of discovering where and Who Christ was. Their *star* led them to Christ, whom they worshipped, offering expensive gifts. Unlike Herod, they searched for Christ for the right reason. They sought Him so that they could worship Him Who is their King and Lord. Herod sought Him because He wanted to kill Him. He hated the light; hence He sought to do away with the Author of light.

For you who sit in darkness – for you who are put down by the wiles of Satan – for you who are burdened by the difficulties of life – for you who are sick – for you who are depressed and stressed – for you who are suffering due to the bad choices you have made in life, the Lord exhorts you, "My child, rise up in splendor," because "Your light has come," and "the glory of the Lord shines upon you." The Lord shines His glory upon you through the birth of Christ. As we begin this New Year, Christ wants you to search for Him, not for the wrong reasons but for the right ones. He wants you to receive Him in the Eucharist – hear Him in the Gospels – see Him in the community of worshippers. If you do, He is going to make light your burden and will shine His light upon you throughout this year and always.

**Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP****PARISH NEWS**

**Welcome Back:** We want to welcome all of you back from your holidays. We hope you had a good time with your families and friends. We wish you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year in 2011.

The **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All women of the Parish are invited.

**ST. BART'S SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL:**

This Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be preparing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. For information on participating in this important effort, please call the Rectory Office.

**HOLY HOUR:** This Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have our monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful devotion.

**CHILDREN'S MASS:**

Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit together with other children at a designated place during the Mass.

If you or someone you know needs information on the Catholic Faith or have not been confirmed, please call the Religious Education Office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) in our parish.

**OUR SCHOOL IS STILL ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS**

St. Bartholomew's School is still accepting applications for this school year. We have classes for 3 year olds through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Please call the school office (476-7949) for more information.

The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES,** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank Naoia by Louis & Angela Brusco.



*I'm coming to believe more and more in the truth that everything we do has consequences. A good deed doesn't just evaporate and disappear.*

~ Most Reverend Desmond Tutu,  
Former Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town



Father Francis is Reassigned

The Social Ministry Committee is planning a special Farewell "pot luck" Luncheon in honor of Father Francis next Sunday, January 9th. Let us please join as a parish family in the McManus Parish Center following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are encouraged to bring a main dish item to be shared at the luncheon. Cash donations (attention to Social Ministry) are welcome in lieu of food, if you prefer, and can be dropped off at the Rectory Office during the week. Your warm main dish and accompanying label can be dropped off at the school beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 9th. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for additional information.



"Search diligently for the child..." Get away from your busy everyday life and let God speak to your marriage/holy orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 25 - 27. For more information, call (877) 697-9963, ext. 3.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
Sunday, February 13, 2011

10:15 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Celebration to honor the vocation of marriage and family. Reception to follow. For further information or reservations contact Nancy Rizzi on (646) 794-3190 / nancy.rizzi@archny.org.

The search is on for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York! Contestants need to be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years! They will be honored at the February 13th Mass in the Cathedral. For details contact Nancy Rizzi

CATHOLIC SINGLE PROFESSIONALS: If you would like to enjoy social, cultural, spiritual, theatre, travel, and community service activities with fellow Catholics (no age restrictions), send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Membership Committee, Catholic Alumni Club of New York, 83 Christopher Street, New York, NY 10014 or e-mail marydplaza@yahoo.com.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

- The budgeted Collection for last Sunday was \$7550.00.
The actual Collection for last Sunday was \$4509.10.
The Christmas Collection totaled \$32,025.41.

We thank everyone for their generosity to St. Bartholomew's Church at this special time of year. May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!

HELP US CONNECT THE WORLD WITH GOD'S WORD!

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) in our parish. This Collection supports the essential work that keeps the gospel message in the world; it focuses on finding new ways to bring the gospel message to you by working to be wherever the faithful and those seeking the faith are. CCC provides content the way you need it - on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for news, discussions, and sharing of the faith. Please be generous in the Collection and support this important work. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Gloria Flanagan, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Julieann Moroch, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamorenna, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Mildred Moscarello, Edith Dugan, John & Gary Roth, Lena Castaldo, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Frank Marra, Josephine Somma, Carmela Massaroni, Lois Burton, Rose O'Brien, Mary DeStefano, Carmella DelBene, and Frank Umbrino.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

Consider giving a loved one the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. Also, you may consider offering the Altar flowers, Altar bread and wine, Altar candles, or lighting the Sanctuary lamp for a week for your intention. Come to the Rectory Office, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.




Religious Education Classes will resume their regular schedule this Tuesday and Wednesday, January 5th and 6th.

NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUPS provide support for the family and friends of substance abusers. Meetings are held in St. Bartholomew's School on Saturday nights at 7 p.m.

*JANUARY 2, 2011*

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*Mass*  *for the*  
*Intentions* *Week*

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Monday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Frank Nanoia +

Tuesday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Sullivan Family +

Wednesday, January 5

John Neumann, bishop

7:00 AM Larry Capuano +

9:00 AM Joseph Woska , Sr. +

Thursday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Natalia Oliveira +

Friday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sofia Shannon +

Saturday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Robert Bruce +

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Anticipated Mass for Sunday

5:00 PM Joseph & Lucy Laudadio +

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Sunday, January 9

Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

10:00 AM Andrew F. Maniglia +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family +

5:00 PM Gilbert Basso +

**JANUARY 2, 2011**

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!

**We  
Love  
To  
Serve  
You!**



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 complete 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 Rectory. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a visitor.
- I am interested in parish membership.
- 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*.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.



Heavenly Father,  
In this time of new beginnings,  
We recall how the heavens  
celebrated the birth of Christ.  
We think back to the new kingdom  
He proclaimed,  
And remember the new life we gained in our baptism.  
In this time of new beginnings,  
And at the beginning of this New Year,  
May we always act as good examples  
Of the new life in You that all Christians have  
And be the same for others.  
Give us the joy that is ours  
As adopted members of God's family. Amen.





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