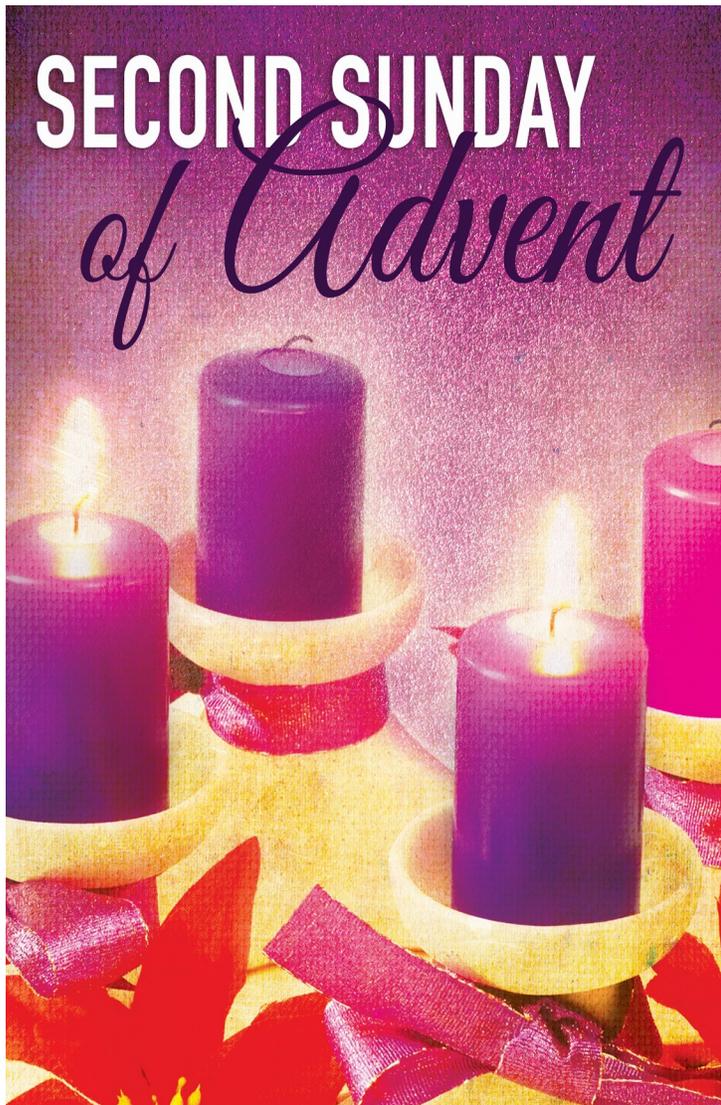


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
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);
8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 5:00 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 4:45 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.

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

PEACE AND HARMONY AMONGST ALL

Isaiah pairs a lot of incompatible animals in his vision of the future kingdom from wolves with lambs to cows with bears, culminating with the child and the snake. The idyllic setting recalls Eden before the fall of humanity. It is doubtful that Isaiah expected that a future Son of David could actually bring about such a world, but it was an imaginative ideal of perfect harmony. Note that Isaiah did not imagine that all creatures would get along because they became alike; rather, they became unaggressive in order to coexist. The lion now eats hay rather than other animals. The cobra no longer needs to guard its den with poison. All are able to live together harmoniously.



Paul echoes this thought when hoping that the Romans will “think in harmony with one another” (Romans 15:5). He draws people to the church from all backgrounds, from all cultures, and from all nations, so he does not expect that they all think alike or behave the same way. But he prays that all may think, act, and work in harmony so that they all may be one in Jesus. Many backgrounds, one accord. Many languages, one voice.



John the Baptist does not invoke idyllic scenes when speaking to the Pharisees and Sadducees, instead accusing them of insincerity and presumption. He call them to repentance, demanding that they “produce good fruit as evidence” (Matthew 3:8). This would be a good lesson for all of us. Repentance means nothing if we do nothing. We are called to bear fruit—in our workplaces, our communities, and our world—to bring about the kingdom John so eagerly anticipates.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What can I do to bring harmony to my family, my neighborhood, the world?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST



1 Christmas wreath (\$125 each) as well as 8 poinsettia arrangements (\$60 each) and chasubles/albs (\$350) can be donated in memory of loved ones.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.

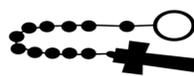
PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE is donated in memory of Audrey Falcone by Tina, Franco, and Matteo Falcone.



THE SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in memory of John Di Rodio, Raffaele Falcone, Joseph Aloia, and Fernando Cavallo by Tina, Franco, and Matteo Falcone.



THE ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY will hold their meeting this Sunday, December 8th after the 8:30 Mass.

The HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet this Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. All men of the Parish are welcome!



OUR PARISH GIVING TREE

In keeping with the true spirit of Christmas, we have the opportunity to share our resources with several charities who serve the disadvantaged, both adults and children (Immaculate Conception's Needy Families, Richmond Hill, Westchester Living Center, and the Central Committee of Veterans Org.) Please take an ornament(s) from the tree in the back of the church. It is important that this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. Due to the fact that there is a short time frame between Thanksgiving and Christmas (there are only 3 weeks), please return all wrapped packages to the church, no later than Tuesday, December 17th. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.



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 14th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 15th) for distribution the week of December 16th. Thank you for your generosity



THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS:

Monday, December 16th



Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 16th, 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 3 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligation celebrating the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Masses on Monday are as follows:
7 a.m., 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING
Sunday Collection Update

December 1, 2019- Tithing

Envelopes	\$4,369.55
Online	\$ 630.00
Total	\$4,999.55

The Second Collection for Building and Grounds totaled \$932.

The Thanksgiving collection totaled \$1,321.

The Second Collection for next weekend is in support of the Retired Religious.

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN MASS TIME ON



CHRISTMAS EVE ONLY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH. THE 5 PM VIGIL MASS IS CHANGED TO 4 P.M.



CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM

PRIOR TO MASS.

DON'T MISS THE NATIVITY PLAY HERE AT ST. BART'S



Come and see your fellow parishioners in The Nativity Play here at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, December 15th at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

St. Bart's and Hudson Valley Blood Services express sincere appreciation to the 56 donors, 7 adult and 7 children volunteers who came down to the 94th Blood Drive on 11/29/19 to donate 70 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7105 units of blood. Once again, Hudson Valley Blood Services can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.



14 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system.
42 donors gave a regular donation.
12 donors were deferred for various reasons.
There were 7 new donors and 23 walk-ins.
42 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 42 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 7747.

We are planning our next drive for sometime in the spring and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing program! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!"

It's time to sign up for on line giving, with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead and Gloria DeLuccy.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Mary Capianco, Ann Gaynor and, Reverend George William Hommel.



Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is Sunday, December 15th.**

Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. **Their next meeting is Sunday, December 8th.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting will be Friday, January 17, 2020.**

December 8, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, December 7 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
& Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Capuano &
Lucchetti families

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +

Monday, December 9

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM P.D. Joseph +

9:00 AM Nancy Melillo +

7:00 PM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

Tuesday, December 10

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Kevin Wasiczko +

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

9:00 AM Alexandra & Bonifacio Marchetti +

Thursday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Gloria Bassegy +

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Friday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM Reverend James E. McNamara +

9:00 AM Frank Lutomski, Jr. +

Saturday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Emil & Victoria Kurak +

Saturday, December 14 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Josephine Giuriceo +

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Aristides Scipioni, Angela Orientale &
Sylvia & Carmine Scipioni +

10:00 AM Ethel Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Vincenzo & Marietta De Santis +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

December 8, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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 stands
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.