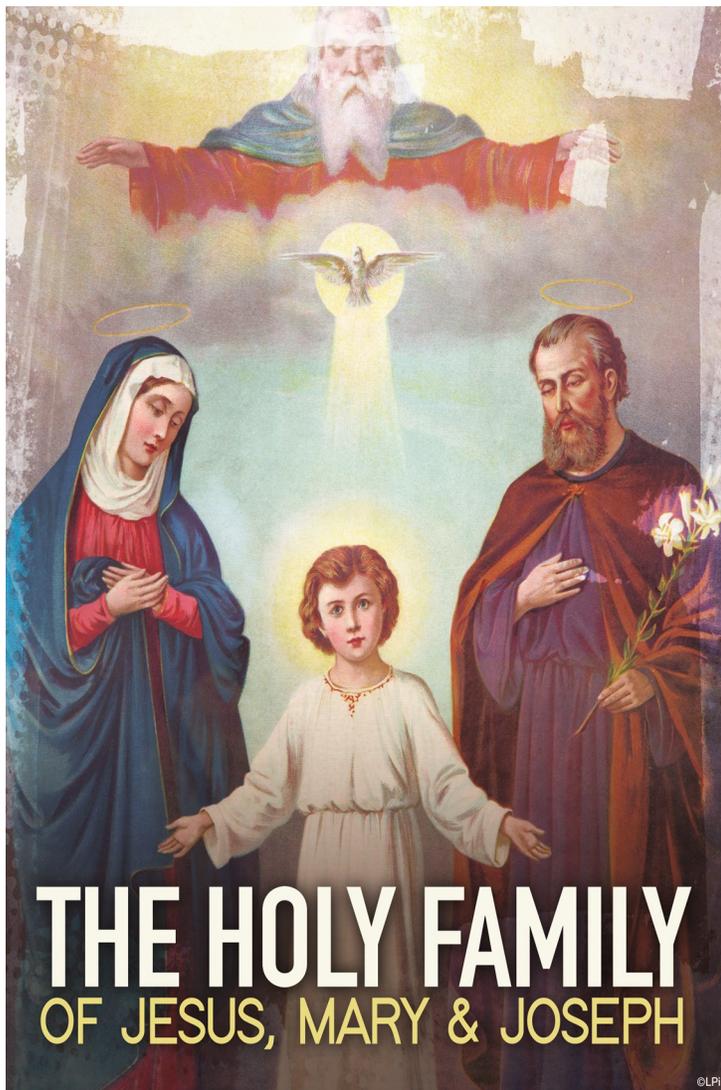


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

LOVE EMPOWERS US

The author of Sirach wanted people living in an increasingly Hellenistic culture to retain the ancient values and traditions of Judaism. It is our great fortune that he recorded the wisdom that had been passed through many generations, for now many new generations have been enlightened by that same wisdom.



For those families that are undergoing hardships, the Holy Family is a wonderful example to follow. From the beginning, they had more than their share of difficulties. Both Mary and Joseph were initially unsettled by the news of her pregnancy. In the days before Jesus' birth, they had to take an arduous journey to Bethlehem. They were refused proper accommodations and Mary had to give birth in a stable. Instead of returning home, they had to take flight at night to a foreign land to keep the baby safe. When they were finally able to return, they had to proceed carefully for fear of the new king. Yet at every step, God watched over them. May we know the same consolation throughout our trials.

When we look at people who spend much of their day taking care of babies, young children, elderly parents, or disabled family members, we realize the power of love. Love enables us to dedicate our time and energy to the care of those who need it. Love fosters compassion, kindness, patience, and mercy, as Paul taught. If that love is weakened and dies, the bonds break and all those virtues wither. The world suffers when the one who feels unloved or who refuses love can no longer recognize or accept compassion, kindness, mercy, or forgiveness.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there someone I know who is vulnerable because they have no family to rely on? What can I do for them?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP



Christmas arrangement was donated by Frank D'Aquila in loving memory of Edith Ann D'Aquila.

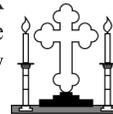
PARISH NEWS



Father Raphael and Staff wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead. The Parish Office will be open until Noon on Tuesday, December 31st and will be closed on Wednesday, January 1st.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Frank Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



There will be no Religious Education classes this Tuesday, December 31st. Religious Education classes resume on Tuesday, January 7th.

MEALS FOR A SOUP KITCHEN: ON THURSDAY JANUARY 9TH, NOT JANUARY 2ND

We will be providing Immaculate Conception, a Soup Kitchen in the Bronx with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday. If the doors are not open, leave your donations by the food pantry door. If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566.



Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!



Join fellow seniors on Thursday, January 2nd for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering in the Rectory Basement.

HOLY HOUR:

This Friday, January 3rd, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, January 4th, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Our MONTHLY FAMILY MASS:



Will be celebrated next Sunday, January 5th at the 10 a.m. Mass. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. There will be breakfast in McManus Center after the Mass.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY



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

Tuesday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

(There will be no 8:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bart's Annual Winter Festival, Friday, February 15th. Stay tuned for further details.

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 worshiping 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.

A special THANK YOU to all who donated Christmas gifts for the various charities. A total of 402 gifts were donated!!!

Also, 13 Christmas baskets were given to needy families. God bless you and thank you for your generosity.



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, January 5, 2020.

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, January 12, 2020.

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.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

December 22, 2019– Tithing

Envelopes	
Online		
Total		To Be Reported next week

Christmas collection to be reported in next week's bulletin

"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 Lutomski, 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.

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.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



December 29, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Louis De Muro +

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Eugene J. Brown +

11:30 AM Tony Cognatello +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, December 30

Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

7:00 AM Vincent James Netzler +

9:00 AM Stephen Joseph Kubasek, Jr. +

Tuesday, December 31

Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity

7:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti (Living)

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

5:00 PM Vigil George Klobosits +

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM Donato Sacchetta +

11:30 AM Mia Medina +

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Frank Nanoia +

Friday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

Saturday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 AM Frank Nanoia +

Saturday, January 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Helen Clemens +

Sunday, January 5, 2019

Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +

10:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi and Julieann Campisi

Moroch +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

December 29, 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.