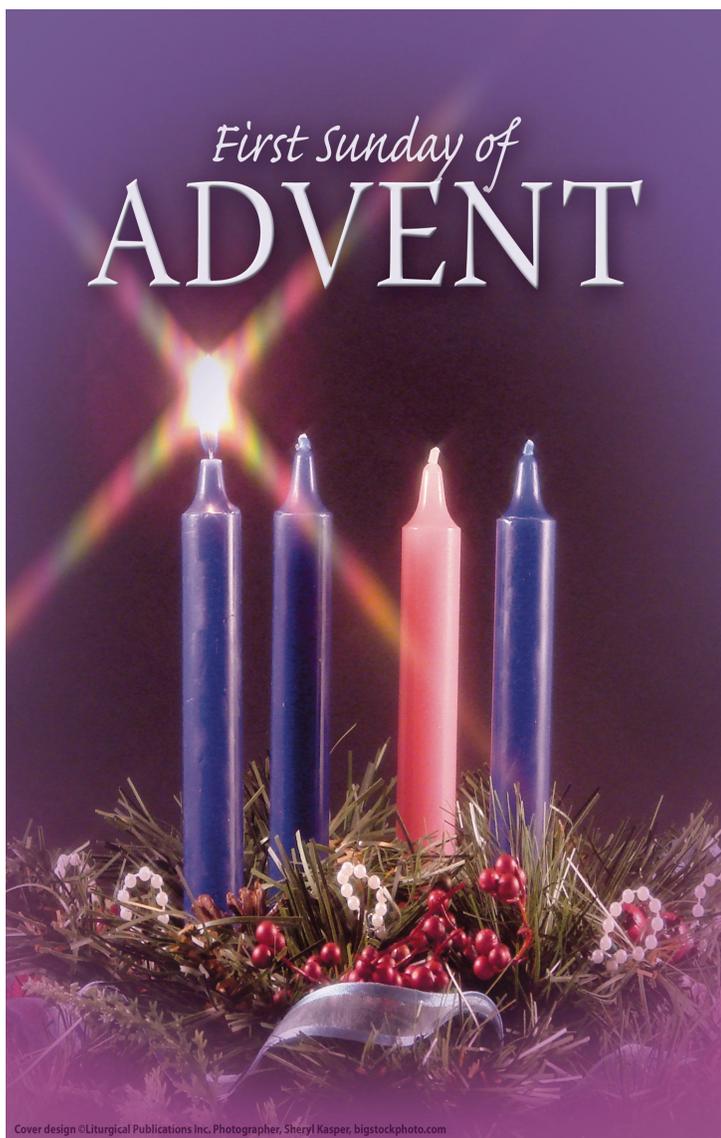


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

BE READY FOR THE SON OF MAN



Isaiah's vision captures the dual movement that he has preached to the people of Israel and Judah. First, people of every nation, not just the Chosen People, were expected to stream toward God's holy mountain, the place on earth closest to God. At the same time, the word of the Lord would flow down that mountain to bring peace and justice to all nations. God will issue judgments, making human weapons and aggression unnecessary. God will come to us, but we must come to God.

The end result Isaiah wants is for all to "walk in the light of the Lord!" (Isaiah 2:5). Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will be enlightened by realizing God's will for humanity. Since we are all created by God and in God's image, in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters. To God, people fighting with one another can be compared to a parent when their children fight. To raise a weapon or to kill another person is analogous to fratricide.

Not that there was ever a time that the "works of darkness" were appropriate, but what we hear in the second reading and the Gospel should scare us into the urgency of changing bad behavior. "The night is advanced, the day is at hand." Paul writes (Romans 13:12). Jesus warns His disciples that the Son of Man will come "at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). If we are honestly preparing our hearts to receive Jesus, we must stop doing things that injure or demean others and "put on the armor of light" (13:12). If we wouldn't want it "brought to light, "that's a sign we shouldn't do it.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?

Blessings

Father Raphael

Christmas Wish List

Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), Advent wreath (\$35), (2) 36" wreaths(\$130 each), (4) 48" wreaths(\$140 each) and Pointsettia arrangements (\$75 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566. More items may be listed in the following weeks.



Our giving tree will be at the back of the church on Friday, November 25th. We are requesting that gifts be returned no later than Thursday, December 15th. A special note this year: if your gift is for a child, we are requesting that the gift be placed in a gift bag with tissue paper rather than wrapped (this is a requirement of Elizabeth Seton Hospital for children). If your gift is for an adult, you can either wrap the gift or place it in a gift bag. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.



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.



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.

Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity was most appreciated.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR December** next Saturday, December 3rd one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and next Sunday December 4th, 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, November 26th and 27th.

The Social Ministry Group and the Religious Education Department will be having their annual coat drive. Winter coats (for adults and children) can be brought to the church through the weekend of December 10th and 11th.



Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP** will be 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, desserts, canned pineapple and apple sauce. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on Saturday evening (December 17th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 18th) for distribution on this Monday, December 19th. Thank you for your generosity!!!



Seniors :

Christmas Gathering:

This Thursday, December 1st at 12 p.m. In the Gym for Rosary and Christmas Luncheon.

Tai Chi Demonstration: December 8th 11:45 to 12:45

Movie Thursday: December 15th, 10 am The Bells of St. Mary's



CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:

This **Friday, December 2nd** is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, December 3rd**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Being Surprised by Christ**

Some people hate surprise parties. There are those who are uncomfortable with a last-minute vacation or even an unexpected travel upgrade. If it wasn't part of the plan, it's a cause for consternation.

There is a temptation to view these folks as curmudgeonly — sticks in the mud, obsessed with predictability. But I think if we're being honest, there's a little bit of the surprise-averse in all of us.

Deep within the very heart of the element of surprise is a kernel of shock. And shock, in the moment, can feel similar to trauma. If we reflect on the most traumatic occurrences of our lives — a loss, an accident, a calamity — it is likely that we will say this: "It was the shock more than anything that got to me." Grief or fear, those feelings were overwhelming as well, but they came later. In the first moment, all we knew was we were going about our lives on one path until we were thrust on a different one and then the whole future changed.

This is the natural rhythm of our life here on earth. We never know what is coming — which is to say, in a beautiful way, we always know what is coming. More importantly, we know Who is coming.

Like the early riser who sets the "pre-alarm" (the one on which he knows he's going to hit *snooze* just to take the edge off the disappointment of waking up), we are always being given a heads-up in Scripture. From the earliest prophecies of the Messiah to Jesus' reminders in the Gospel to the very last words of Revelations, God has communicated to His stewards: *You know the time. The time is now.* We are called to constant vigilance, perpetual renewal, steadfast accountability.

In the end, the coming of Christ may be the only event in history that was a surprise, but not a shock — and so it will only be beautiful, even for those who hate surprise parties.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

Advent Vespers Service

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 4:00 P.M.,
Third Sunday of Advent at Sacred Heart**

Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Bartholomew, Christ the King, St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart will gather to pray the Church's beautiful Advent Evening Prayer in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

This Prayer of the Church consists of psalms, a reading, hymns, intercessions, and quiet meditation. It is an uplifting and focused spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Please come, and bring friends to pray with other parishioners, catechumens, and candidates.

† STEWARDSHIP †

What shall I render unto the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 13th

Sunday collection: \$2,395.00
On Line giving: \$2,095.00
Total: \$4,490.00

**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.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, 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, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino and Patricia Nieman.

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.

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November 27, 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, November 26 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

**Sunday, November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +
Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday, November 28

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Alexander James Saladak +

Tuesday, November 29

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Pasquale Capuano +

Wednesday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 AM Fola Adeyemi +

9:00 AM Aline Patricia McGrail +

Thursday, December 1

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deacon Robert Clemens +

Friday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

Saturday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Saturday, December 3 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

**Sunday, December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Joseph Prior +

Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

11:30 AM Mary Gregorio +

5:00 PM Fidelia Aguilar Galvad +

November 27, 2022

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

