

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Mt 2:10-11*

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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
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
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, Anthony Martelli

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the readings today, God is revealed to foreigners in a special way. In Isaiah, the glory of the Lord is a source of light for a restored Jerusalem after the Exile, attracting all nations to her. Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians speaks of Gentiles being "coheirs", equally eligible for salvation (Ephesians 3:6). The first people to visit the newborn Jesus in Matthew are the magi, wise men who have traveled from afar. Later, both the magi and the Holy Family flee Judea



because of Herod; the Holy Family becoming foreigners themselves. In fact, not only do they become foreigners, they become refugees, as they have fled their homeland for their own safety.

Those in power are perpetually threatened by anyone who might usurp that power. So it is today and so it was then. Not only King Herod, but all Jerusalem eventually threaten all of them. What they did not realize was the kind of power Jesus would exercise. But ironically, even though he was not to be a political threat, they were right to be troubled.

Realizing that they were best off avoiding Herod, the magi end up returning home another way. They had planned to return the same way they came, via Jerusalem, as Herod had asked them to do. But they change their plans after encountering the Lord. They have a conversion of sorts. They can no longer return the same way.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is there something I realize that I changed after encountering the Lords? Is there something I realize now that I should change?

Pastoral Patterns Winter, 2018

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THE MEANING OF THE EPIPHANY

The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.



Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows, in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.

Catholic Culture

PARISH NEWS



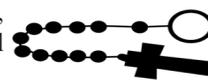
THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Albert Popot by Mary Popot.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Reverend Joseph F. Irwin. Rest in Peace



The Rosary Altar Society will meet this Monday, January 8th at 7 p.m. in the school building. All ladies of the Parish are welcome to attend.



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

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.



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.

BE "INFORMED" FOR JANUARY

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code YWHDC2 and enjoy. Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Watch: The Story of the Nativity or listen to: Prepare the Way of the King, The Story of Christmas, The King is Born, The Mystery of Christ, Glory to the Newborn King, or God Made Man. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 if you have any questions.

Our warmest welcome to our visitors. We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. If you are looking for a "Church" home, please consider our faith community. Speak with any of our hospitality ministers after Mass or contact the parish office.



And our course welcome to each and every parishioner. Thank you so much for all you do for St. Bart's all year round. We remember especially our Sick and Homebound; you are always in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you healing and peace.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS



FAMILY BREAKFAST

THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 7TH AFTER THE 8:30, 10 AM AND 11:30 AM MASSES

MOVIE THURSDAY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH AFTER THE 9 AM MASS



ST BART'S WINTER FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH AT 6 PM Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes.



2018 MASS BOOK

The 2018 Mass Book is open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, January 7th. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our newly formed EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is next Sunday, January 14th.

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 is Friday, January 19th.

LOCAL NEWS

ALL ABOARD FOR LIFE

Reserve your seats NOW for the pilgrimage to Washington, DC, on Friday, January 19th. The fee is \$40 per adult and \$20 per child (10 to 17 years old, must be accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission). Call St. Joseph's Church, at 914 963-0730. Any donation to help with the expenses of the trip would be most welcome.

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, January 18th at 1 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

ADOPTION

Children in China need homes. More boys are available than girls. Older parents and single women welcome. For more information, please contact Barbara Salvesen at 845 623-5277.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$6,161.75), Balance (- \$ 838.25), *(Envelopes \$4,841.75 + Online \$1,320.00)

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Amount Needed for Month of December (\$35,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$28,346.45)

The Christmas Collection totaled:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: Envelopes (\$17,294.10), Online Giving (\$ 160.00), Total Christmas (\$17,454.10)

"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 take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, and Matthew Fitzpatrick.

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

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

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

EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

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

January 7, 2018

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +
10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi & Julieann Campisi Moroch +
5:00 PM Maria de Carmen Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

Monday, January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Thomas Zammikiel +

Tuesday, January 9

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ines M. Areizaga +

Wednesday, January 10

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Theresa Reeves (Living)

Thursday, January 11

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Gerardo & Maria Marchetti +

Friday, January 12

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Agnes Masterson +

First Saturday, January 13

Weekday

9:00 AM Andrew & Jule Yaskovic +

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Digno Alvarez +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Marialys Vega +

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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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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:

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- 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.