

St. Bartholomew's Church



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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. — Lk 2:51-52



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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.

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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. Chairperson: Richard Califano

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, Dan Panik

Rosary Altar Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the first Sunday of the month. President, Joan Liddell

Bereavement Ministry: For information call (914) 965-0566, Tina Falcone

Trustees: Catherine Hickey, Aureo Pinto

OUR FAMILIES: THE TASK BEFORE EACH OF US

This Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The importance of this beautiful feast, added to the Church calendar in 1921, cannot be overemphasized in these modern times when families seemingly suffer more than ever before, as we struggle for our individual and collective solutions to the barrage of problems that have plagued us over the years and seem to be increasing by the day.



So, Jesus, Mary and Joseph model for us (husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and children) how we should live in our families in **every** circumstance. It is consoling to know that as God was with the Holy Family in their confusing moments, fears, anxieties, trials and difficulties, and of course in their joys and celebrations, God is also with us in our own experiences and circumstances, as messy and/or hopeless as they may seem. What's more, God is also with us (human race) in the situations and times that we find ourselves in today.

As you make your bed, so shall you lie in it. Most often, if not always, our choices are what define what kind of family we have. On this feast day, each of us is challenged to re-think our roles and choices in our various families, and how these affect the other members and contribute to the wellbeing or the weakening of our families.

If you have not been doing enough to help build your family into a wonderful holy family, it's not too late. And if you're wondering what to do and where to start, don't go further than the second reading of this Sunday from St. Paul. He tells us to "*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another ...*" (Colossians 3:12-13).

May Mary and Joseph continue to intercede for our families before our Lord Jesus, who became one of us in all things but sin. Amen.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

- Once again, thanks to all who donated towards my Wish List for the parish. May the Lord continue to bless you and replenish your purse.
- On behalf of myself and Fr. Daniel, I wish to thank everyone who extended Christmas wishes and love to us in various ways. Thanks for the verbal wishes. Thanks for the cards. Thanks for the food and baked goods. Thanks for all your gifts. Blessings upon blessings on you and your loved ones. Amen.

Finally, thanks a lot for being a part of our parish family. Thanks for all you do to make St. Bart's what it is today. Thanks in advance for all you will still do to help us fulfill the mission entrusted to us as a parish.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to you and your family.

~ Father Raphael Ezech, MSP


PARISH NEWS



NEW YEAR'S DAY
Wednesday, January 1st

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mother of God

Just as we begin all things with prayer, this New Year's Day, every Catholic is encouraged to begin the year by attending Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; which is a holy day of obligation. As a parish family we will honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, and also pray for peace in our world. The times for Masses are as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 31st 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

Wednesday, Jan. 1st 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day.



The members of the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY** will attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday, January 5th.

OUR MONTHLY FAMILY MASS will be celebrated **next Sunday, January 5th**. The Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Mass will be followed by "Family Breakfast" at the McManus Parish Center. All are welcome!



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, January 2nd, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the Rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. Please keep up the good work! For information, please call the Parish Office.

CALLING ALL SENIORS! CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Join fellow seniors for a Mass and Gathering

Thursday, January 2nd

9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing, followed by light refreshments and gathering at the McManus Parish Center.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, January 3rd, is First Friday. We will have our 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.

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



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



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

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

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES: If you or an adult you know has not been Confirmed and would like to explore the possibility, please contact the Religious Education Office on (914) 476-6676.



Just a reminder, that Religious Education classes will resume after the holidays, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014.

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call (476-6676) for more information.

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

In December of 1967, Pope Paul VI invited people of good will throughout the world to begin 1968 with a "Day of Peace." It was his intention that the first day of the civil New Year begin with a consideration of the need to preserve peace and to work assiduously for the promotion of peace through various cultural, social, and political institutions. Pope Paul made it clear in his first message for the Day of Peace, that his concern was not exclusively religious. In choosing to call it a "Day of Peace" rather than a day of prayer for peace, the pope wanted to highlight the importance of the duty of all men and women (even unbelievers) to work for peace that leads to human development and the advancement of civilization. To this day, January 1st, remains dedicated as a Day of Peace.



The **YOUTH GROUP** will meet on Sunday, January 5th. The topic will be *A New Year, A New You*. On Sunday, January, 19th, the subject matter will be "spirituality." The group meets in the school building immediately follow the 5 p.m. Sunday Mass.

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.

Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.
~ Oprah Winfrey

Because of early Christmas and New Year's closings, collection information for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be reported on January 5, 2014, and the Christmas collection will be reported on January 12, 2014.

PARISH SUPPORT: Next Sunday, January 5th, we will take up a second collection in support of our Parish buildings and grounds. Please endeavor to donate generously.

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "**We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share.**" Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!

"WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OURSELVES ALONE DIES WITH US; WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD REMAINS AND IS IMMORTAL."

~ Albert Pike



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Andy DeFabritis, Maria Marte, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, Frank Marra, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Murai, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petruolo, Cynthia Swiatkowicz, Jimmy Maimone, Robert Mirsky, Roseanne Mercandetti, Louis Brusco, Josephine Daniele, Jennifer Dorsey, Valerie Riccardi, Fatima Panik, Marian Fletcher, Anna Bonacci, Minerva Hernandez, Paula Parente, Bridget O'Malley, Anna Brucculeri, Peggy Clevenberg, Gerald Mazzerese, Jr., Patricia Keane, Carol Stola, Amada Ortiz, Karen Aprea, Stephen Sarich, Neil Cawley, Barbara McCormack, Josephine Lehotyak, Lawrence Girsch, Fran Romano, Gail Villafana, Joe Forlini, and Gertrude Woska.

REMEMBER YOUR LOVED ONES, LIVING AND DEAD

The Mass Book for 2014 is open and has availability. 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, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.** to make arrangements or to inquire about the availability of a particular date.

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH

Holy Name Society's Barn Dance
McManus Parish Center

Immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Donna Katchmer-Vasconez.

December 29, 2013

Mass Intentions for the Week



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Frank & Carmela Legio +

Sunday, December 29

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +

10:00 AM Biagio & Lucia Labruzzo +

11:30 AM Maddalena & Paul Coniglio +

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM For the Catholic Church

9:00 AM John J. Esposito, Sr. +

Tuesday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Sallianne DeVito +

Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

5:00 PM Victor D'Angelo +

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM Anthony DiPaolo +

10:00 AM Carol Swetz +

11:30 AM Donato Sacchetta +

Thursday, January 2

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

7:00 AM John F. DelBene +

9:00 AM Marcello Barcello & Stefano Barcello +

Friday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Frank Nanoia +

Saturday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 AM Deceased Members of Sullivan Family

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Bridget & Achille Chiarilli +

Sunday, January 5

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +

10:00 AM Deceased Members of Zucconi Family

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Maria de la Carmen Valaquez & Julio Blanco +

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear Lord, during the coming year, and beyond, please help all mothers and fathers to create a home of love, acceptance and mercy.



Let the good news of Christ reach each child, and let the mothers and fathers be the constant model of love, permeated with a living faith.

Also Lord, may every husband and wife be open to the gift of life - it is in God's loving arm.

May couples accept the child born to them, no matter what. Each child has their own personality and character.

May we all be sensitive, loving and merciful to all, and even people outside the family. Children should learn every person is worthy of love, and there is a basic, universal brotherhood that embraces every human being.

Amen.



Mary, Mother of God - Catechism of the Catholic Church



495 Called in the Gospels "the Mother of Jesus," Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as "the mother of my Lord." In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father's eternal Son, the second person

of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly "Mother of God."



PRAYER FOR PEACE OF HEART

Almighty and Eternal God,
Give me, I beseech You,
the great gift of inward peace.
Command the winds and storms
of my unruly passions.
Subdue, by Your grace,
my proneness to love
created things too much.
Give me a love of suffering for Your sake.
make me forbearing and kind to others,
that I may avoid quarrels and contentions.
And teach me constantly to seek after
and to acquire that perfect resignation
to Your Holy Will
which alone brings interior peace.
Amen.