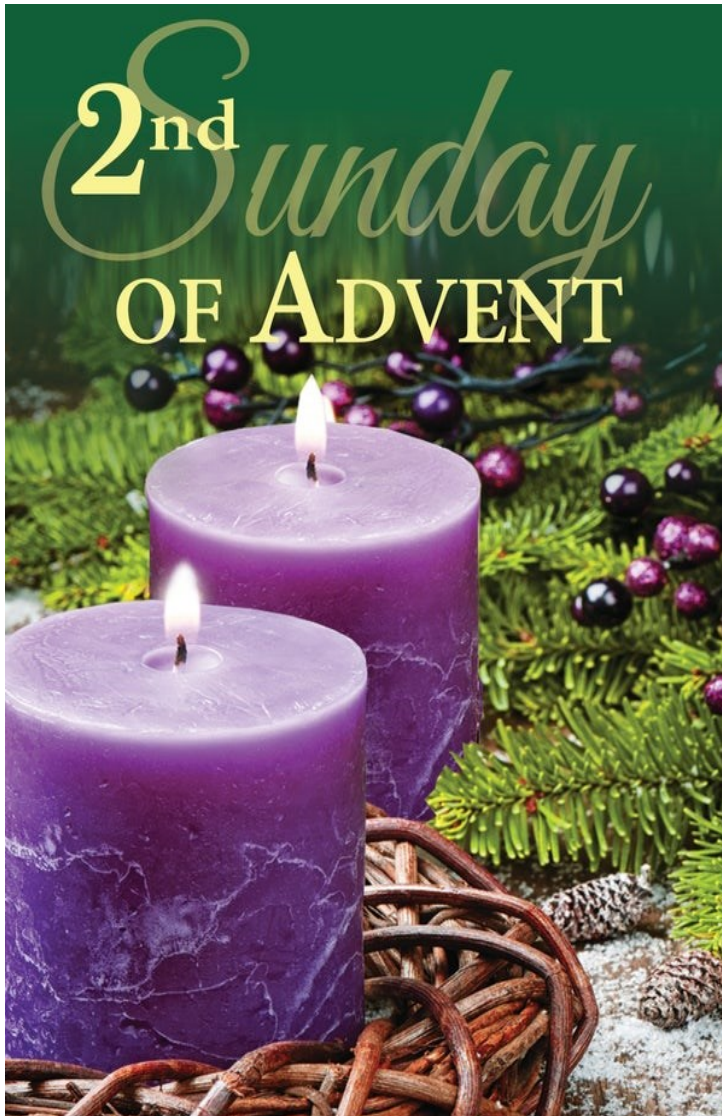


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator  
Dayle Vander Sande Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

**Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm**

**Masses:** 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);

9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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 **Wednesday** evening quarterly.

**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.

**Trustees:** Skip Caloia, Teresita Leison

## Preparing the Way of the Lord

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist appears as a bold messenger in the wilderness, crying out, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." His words are not a warning of doom, but an invitation. Repentance is not just about turning away from sin; it's about turning toward the One who is coming, the Savior who is about to bring peace to the world.



Isaiah gives us a vision of the Messiah—one who will bring justice, righteousness, and harmony to all creation. "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb," he prophesies. This is not just a vision for the world at the end of time; it is the world we are called to prepare for now, in our hearts and in our communities. Jesus comes to make all things new, and we are invited to join in that work of renewal.

In this Advent season, we are called to prepare not just our homes but our hearts. Just as John called people to "bear fruit worthy of repentance," we are invited to examine our lives—our actions, our attitudes, our relationships—and make room for Jesus to enter more fully. It is not enough to wait passively. We are called to actively prepare the way.

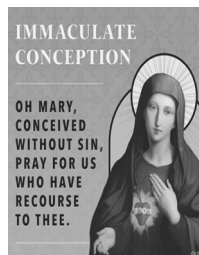
Let us pray for the grace to prepare our hearts, to make them fertile ground for the coming of Christ, so that we may bear the fruit of peace, justice, and love in a world that longs for the light of Christ.

Fr. Mark Ameh, MSP Pastor



**Please join us this Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for Adoration at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. Join us in a quiet reflection as we prepare for the coming of Christ.**

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses are as follow: Monday—7 am, 9 am and 7 pm..**



# PARISH NEWS

**THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Louise

Castaldo.

Once again this year we will be having our Christmas Wish List. You can purchase the Christmas Candle and Advent Candles, (1) 36" wreath, (1) 60" wreaths and Poinsettia Arrangements in memory of a loved one(s).



### THE GIVING TREE

**Please note that the "Giving Tree" is up at the rear of the church. Please pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Every gift goes to someone in need. St. Bart's donates to:**



**Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, Richmond Center, Immaculate Conception in the Bronx and Westchester Assisted Living. Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**NOTE: Please note for Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, gifts must be placed in a gift bag and not wrapped.**

### RESULTS – ST BART'S BLOOD DRIVE – NOVEMBER 28, 2025

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 49 donors who came down to the 112<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive on 11/28/25 to donate 48 units. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 8222 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

36 donors gave a regular donation. 6 donors gave double red cell donations using the ALYX system.

7 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 10 new donors and 14 walk-ins.

27 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 27 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by going to the web site: <https://nybc.org> or call NYBC at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are planning our 113<sup>th</sup> drive for a Friday near Easter 2026 and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson





## SECONDFIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S

#### IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
7 AM AND 9 AM SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM  
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM  
SUNDAY MASSES  
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM  
CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE: Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)

& MIDNIGHT MASS (Carols at 3:30 pm and 11:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY: Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish Mass)

(There will be no 9:30 am, 11 am or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day)

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

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

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

THERE IS NO HOLY HOUR AT 1 PM. ON FIRST FRIDAY'S. HOLY  
HOUR WIL CONTINUE EVERY WEEKDAY AFTER THE 7 AM  
MASS AND ON SATURDAY AT 8 AM. THANK YOU!!

PLEASE!  
NOTE

Anything posted on the back bulletin boards needs to be church related and also need to be approved by the pastor through the parish office. The bulletin board should not be used for personal business.

#### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question from Last Week: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer: Answer: The tradition of Christian's striking the breast is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

Question For This Week: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas religious gift items the THIS weekend December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The items are \$5 each and the proceeds go to the 4 churches in the area (St. Bart's is one of them!!)

#### Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is having their Annual Christmas Luncheon on THIS Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm at Tombolino Ristorante, 356 Kimball Ave, Yonkers. Cost is \$31 per person, payable in cash at the luncheon. Reservations are required. For more information/reservations, please call 914-423-5331. Members/guests are welcome.

### ✠ STEWARDSHIP ✠

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

#### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 23, 2025

Sunday collection: \$4,169.00

On Line giving: \$1,773.00

Total \$5,942.00

#### 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](http://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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).

**IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED  
PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A  
PARISHIONER ON LINE AT  
[WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG](http://WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG), CLICK ON PARISH  
REGISTRATION.**

**FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT THE  
FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.**



LORD  
give strength  
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Ronald Pietropaolo, Don Foley and Robert Akey.

Please call the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at [stbartschurch@aol.com](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

#### Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world.

Inspire reconciliation, heal divisions,  
bind wounds, rewrite scripts.

You are the Prince of Peace,



December 7, 2025

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday Vigil, December 6

5:00 PM Audrey Falcone +  
Deceased Members of the Tobias &  
Matero Families

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### Sunday, December 7

#### Second Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Joseph Prior +  
11:00 AM Jenny & Pedro Sinchi +  
12:30 PM DeYanira Silva +  
5:00 PM Josephine Daniele +

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### Monday, December 8

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Dec. Members of the Lucchetti & Capuano Families  
7:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

### Tuesday, December 9

#### Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Joan Tracey +  
Anna Bonacci +

### Wednesday, December 10

#### Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

### Thursday, December 11

#### Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Evie Fox McKay +

### Friday, December 12

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Gloria Bassey +  
9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

### Saturday, December 13

#### Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

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### Saturday Vigil, December 13

5:00 PM Leticia Serano +  
Andrew Tacyn +

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### Sunday, December 14

#### Third Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Dec. Members of Holy Name & Rosary Altar Soc.  
11:00 AM Carmen Rivera +  
12:30 PM Eva Blanco Soto +  
5:00 PM R. Umo Layug +

**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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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

##### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

