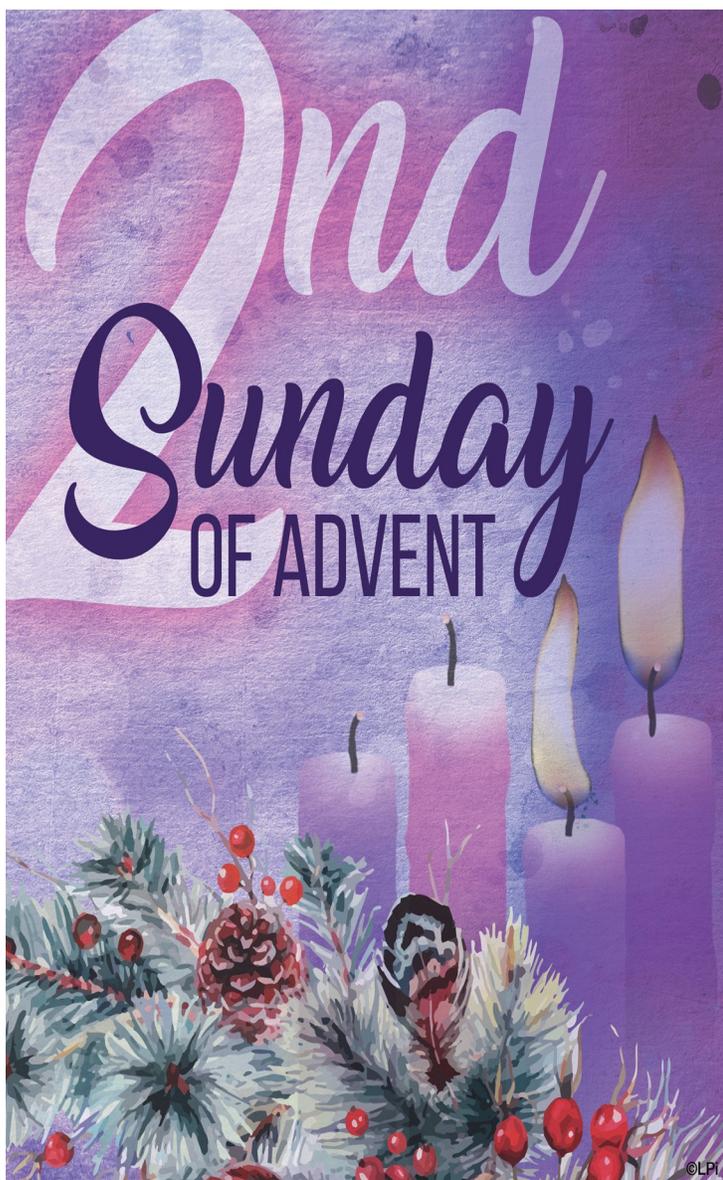


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. Raphael Ezeh, MSP, Pastor  
Deacon Robert A. Clemens  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant  
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. 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

REPENT AND FORGIVE

Scripture tells us that the Gospel of Luke was written fifty years or so after Jesus' death and resurrection. So Luke was not there with parchment and ink, when John the Baptist traveled throughout the Jordan calling for a baptism of repentance. But he knew what a pivotal moment that was. So he begins his account by mentioning people like Lysanias and places like Trachonitis, names found nowhere else in the Bible. Why? He is setting the scene in exhaustive detail because of the dramatic difference between "before" and "after." Just as our contry memorializes 1776 or parents recall the year in which they had their first child, there is a life-changing difference between what came before and what came after. Just so for this proclamation of John's. The transformation Baruch prophesied about Jerusalem was now taking place. Luke paints a picture of exactly how the world had been before everything changed.

That having been said, each reading ultimately directs our focus onto the future. Baruch looks forward to the time when Jerusalem is restored in glory. In Luke, John the Baptist calls everyone to prepare for Jesus' coming, when salvation will come to all people. Paul looks ahead to "the day of Christ Jesus," the time of the Second Coming (Philippians 1:6). As Christians, we are called to anticipate the completion of the good work that has begun in us.

How are valleys filled in, mountains made low, paths made straight, and rough ways smoothed? Repentance. It is sin that throws up obstacles on our paths to salvation. Like a falling out between friends prevent that friendship from growing, our past sins prevent our love of God and love of neighbor from developing. Repentance allows us to put aside the past and focus on the future.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

For what do I need to repent? Whom do I need to forgive?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Dear God, as the Advent candles are lit  
 In joyous anticipation of Your Son's nativity,  
 Remind us always of the reason for our joy.  
 As the purple candles stand for both penance  
 And atonement for sin,  
 Give us the grace to do penance for our  
 wrongs,  
 And to love Christ,  
 Whose sacrifice atoned for the sins of the  
 whole world.  
 But just as the rose candle stands  
 For joy in the midst of suffering and expectation,  
 Give us the joy of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who came into a world that  
 had so longed for its Savior,  
 And made the angels themselves sing with joy at His birth.



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.



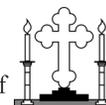
Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Amelia Gagliardi and Deacon James Burns.



**THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE** is donated in loving memory of Watler Duda by Tina, Franco & Matteo Falcone.

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**THE SANCTUARY LAMP** is lit in loving memory of Walter Duda by Tina, Franco, & Matteo Falcone.



The Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the Mass on this Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>. Costs of the wreaths are \$20 each.

*Our giving tree is at the back of the church. We are requesting that gifts be returned no later than Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.*



**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.

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected **FOR DECEMBER** on **this Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



Christmas Wish List



(1) 36" wreath (\$130 each), (4) 48" wreaths (\$140 each) and 5 Christmas arrangements (\$65 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.



**THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:**

**MASSES**  
**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**  
 7 AM AND 9 AM  
**SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM**  
**SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**  
 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

**\*\*\*\*CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM\*\*\*\***

*This Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses are on Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> are at 7 AM, 9 AM and 7 PM.*



**Calling All Seniors . . Calling All Seniors . . Calling All Seniors**

St. Bart's Seniors Group has resumed their monthly meetings and movie Thursdays series.

Please consider joining them – it's a great way to begin to get back to normal.

For more information, and to join the Group, please call or text Rich Califano at (914) 643-0498.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP** is 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 18<sup>th</sup>) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 19<sup>th</sup>) for distribution on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 81 donors who came down to the 100th Blood Drive on 11/26/2021 to donate 82 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7583 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. 66 donors gave a regular donation. 8 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system. 6 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 16 new donors and 10 walk-ins.



Those who came down received a commemorative pen and an NYBC T-shirt! 23 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 23 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling NYBC at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are planning our 101<sup>TH</sup> DRIVE near Easter and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all! Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

**LOCAL NEWS**

**The Kiwanis Club of Yonkers is looking for residents of Yonkers over the age of 90.** They will be honored for their accomplishments within our community and their contribution to their families throughout their lives. Honorees will receive a gift basket with recognition certificates. Honorees will also have the opportunity to work with a teen volunteer to write their memoir.

First Steps: Collection a biography of each honoree's life to be shared within a program. Family and friends can contribute to the program and donors will be listed. The invitations and other forms may be downloaded from their website (<http://k04645.site.kiwanis.org/90plus/>). Please call for more information and to submit names, addresses and phone numbers of those 90 plus year of age to: Vickie Volino Moore, 90

**STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

November 21<sup>st</sup>:

*Sunday collection: \$2,814.00*  
*On Line giving: \$1,235.00*

*Total: \$4,049.00*

**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).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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 and Lucille McGeough.

**Please contact 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.**

**Reminder**

*St. Bart's is again offering a Sunday 5 pm Mass*



December 5, 2021

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, December 4(Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +  
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**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Harold Smith, Jr. +  
Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +  
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**Monday, December 6**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Lauretta Yaskovic +

**Tuesday, December 7**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM Walter Duda +  
9:00 AM Charity Ubawike+

**Wednesday, December 8**

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

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &  
Capuano Families  
7:00 PM Maria Julia Guerreiro +

**Thursday, December 9**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Manuel Bautista +  
9:00 AM Joan Tracey +

**Friday, December 10**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention  
9:00 AM Jeff Gaynor +

**Saturday, December 11**

**Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +  
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**Saturday, December 11 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)  
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**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +  
Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**December 5, 2021**

**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**

