

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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, **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 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

FAITH HELPS US TO GROW

Written in the century before Christ's birth, Sirach offers pearls of wisdom that can still help us live a moral and faith-filled life. Today we hear the author make the argument that acting with kindness can offset occasions of sin: "Kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins" (Sirach 3:14). Whether to our parents or not, we certainly owe a debt to others in the times we have acted sinfully and selfishly. Kindness can stand against that debt. In the actual text, the verse goes on to say that kindness "will take lasting root" (3:14). Exercising kindness grows kindness. Even when we disagree or can't get along, we can be kind.

Hebrews teaches us a lesson about one of the most troubling stories in scripture: Abraham's near sacrifice of Isaac. Here it offers an explanation for Abraham's thinking. If God promised him descendants as uncountable as the stars, and God was worthy of his trust, having already produced a miracle in Sarah giving birth so late in life, then surely God must be able to perform another miracle to allow Isaac to go on to have children of his own. Abraham's faith led him to place his trust in God and God's plan.

Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord because He was their firstborn son, no matter how He was conceived. Before he can even be consecrated, however, Simeon and Anna recognize the Savior of the world in this babe. In faith, they have waited all their lives—until they were of an advanced age—for this moment to come. Their fidelity and devotion to God brought them to the temple each day and allowed them to see deeper than anyone else there present, allowed them to see the light of the world who would shine forth for all to see, allowed them to see the eventual redemption of all peoples.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How does my faith affect the way that I treat the members of my family? How can my faith help me grow to be a better parent/sibling/daughter/son.

Blessings

Father Raphael

Father Raphael, Father Victor, and Parish Staff wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead.

The Parish Office will re-open on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be only

one Mass on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.



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.



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



**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass  
**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)  
(There will be no 9:30 or 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)

This Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen:

St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for January on **NEXT Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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, December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.



Seniors Gathering:

*This Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. Monthly gathering in the Gym.*



Movie Thursday: January 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

**MASSES**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM

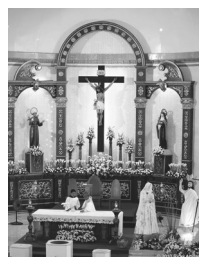
SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH MASS) & 5 PM

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



### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere.



Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship.

Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God.

Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.

Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshipping God and serving others. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made.

Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip. Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about what others are amassing.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI

### STEWARDSHIP

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

### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

#### SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 17<sup>th</sup>

Sunday collection:	\$3,898.00
On Line giving:	\$1,616.00
Total:	\$5,514.00

### 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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, 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, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, John Smith, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies).

**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.**



December 31, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, December 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Gloria De Luccy +

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**Sunday, December 31**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

9:30 AM John & Geraldine Mazza +

11:00 AM Patricia Mahoney +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**5 PM Vigil for Solemnity of Mary**

*(for January 1<sup>st</sup>)*

*For All The People Of Our Parish*

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**Monday, January 1**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

11:00 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +

12:30 PM For All the People of Our Parish

**Tuesday, January 2**

**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops & Doctors**

9:00 AM No Intention

**Weekday, January 3**

**Christmas Weekday**

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)

9:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +

**Thursday, January 4**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Sullivan Family

**Friday, January 5**

**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

**Saturday, January 6**

**Christmas Weekday**

9:00 AM Michael J. Tresca +

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**Saturday, January 6 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Dr. Henry Frey & Frances Frey +

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**Sunday, January 7**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 AM Barbara Fandel +

11:00 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**December 31, 2023**

**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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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**

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

