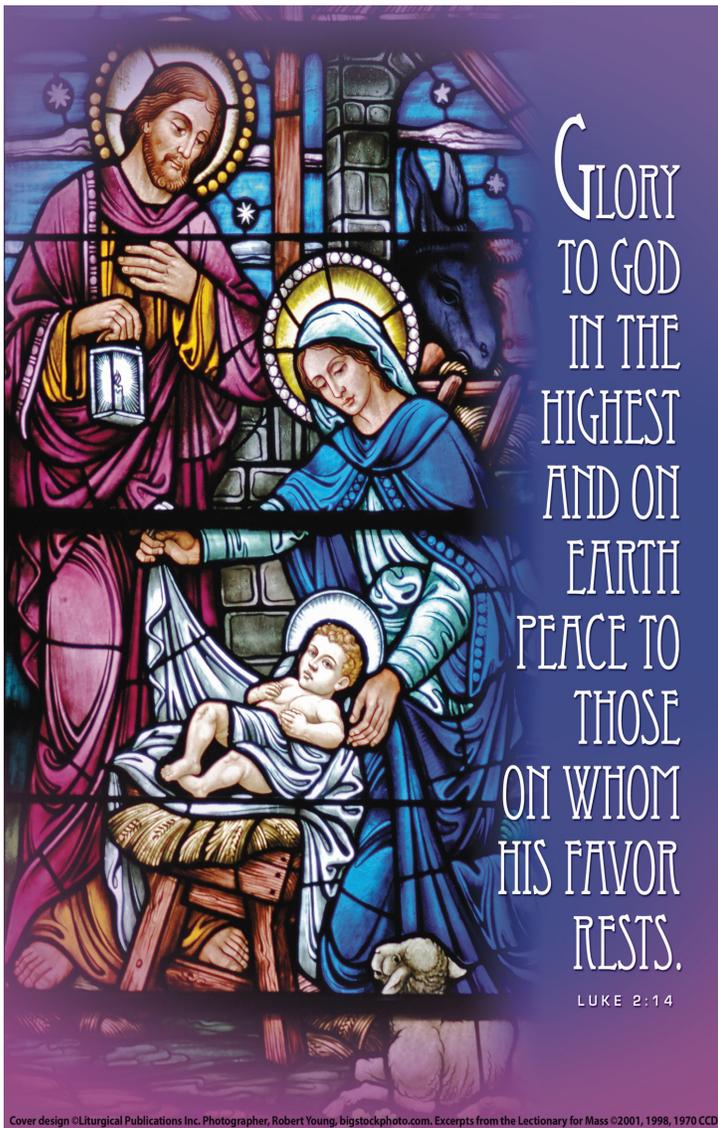


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 and 11:30 a.m. 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

ACCEPT JESUS INTO YOUR HEART



It is not an easy thing to change one's mind. Once we make a decision, especially once we've thought it out, we stick with it. Joseph had made a well-considered decision. Faced with the news that his betrothed was expecting a child who was not his own, he decided to break off the marriage. Out of mercy, he would divorce her quietly so that she wouldn't suffer any additional shame. This was his decision. This was his plan...until the angel of the Lord came to him in a dream. Like Mary, he accepted the word of the angel, even though it was quite unlike anything he'd ever heard. He trusted in God, bringing his pregnant wife into his home. Because he was open to changing his mind, Joseph became the foster father of the Lord.

Have we made a worthy home in our hearts for the Lord? Do we feel that despite our good intentions, our hearts remain filled with unchristian feelings and attitudes? We remember that Jesus was not born in a palace or mansion, or even a simple, respectable home. He was born in a dirty, smelly stable, a home unworthy of any infant, let alone the Son of God. Our dirty, smelly hearts may seem just as unworthy a home for Jesus, but Jesus was not born into a world as a reward for humanity's goodness. It is out of God's mercy on our imperfectness that we have been blessed with such a wonderful gift.

It had been nine months since Mary was visited by the angel who announced that she would bear the Son of God. So when the shepherds told her that angels had come to them in their fields, directing them to her infant son, she must have been especially pleased to hear that the angel of the Lord had returned. "A savior has been born," they would have repeated." He is Christ and Lord" (Luke 2:11). Luke tells us that Mary took in their words and reflected on them in her heart. We are called to bear Christ to the world through our words and actions. May the good that we do reflect God's goodness, even as we reflect on how we too pass on God's good news of great joy.

"In the beginning," John began, as did the author of Genesis centuries before (1:1). The first humans were God's creation, made in God's own image, as is every human born into the world since. But not until Jesus was born, when the Word became flesh, when God's own Son took on our human nature, did we truly become brothers and sisters of Jesus and children of God. Then, when Jesus, fully divine and fully human, suffered and died and was raised, a measure of God's own mortality was bestowed upon us. As the fourth-century bishop Saint Athanasius said. God was made human so that we may become divine. From the beginning, the seeds of our divinity have been present. Through the Word made flesh, they have been sown.



QUESTIONS OF THE DAY:

When was the last time I changed my mind about something important? Can I see myself trusting in God even if it means changing my mind? Can I accept Jesus into my heart despite the darkness that already dwells there? How can I show that I have accepted Jesus into my heart? How can the seeds of divinity sown in me bloom for all to realize? Do I recognize the seeds of divinity in me? In others?

Blessings

Father Raphael

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.

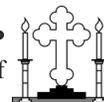


Father Raphael, Father Victor, and Parish Staff heartily wish you and your family safe travels as you gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Christ and the New Year. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE are donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Nania Families



THE ALTAR CANDLE & SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of the deceased members of the Brusco & Nania Families.



A special thank you to all who helped to decorate our Church for Christmas especially, Rich Scardino, Skip Caloia, Marcy and Bob Fandel, Debra & Greg Anderson, & Patricia Alonso.

A special thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree. Over 250 gifts were donated and distributed to various charities.



A special thank you to all who donated food and money for our Christmas baskets. Over 15 baskets were distributed.

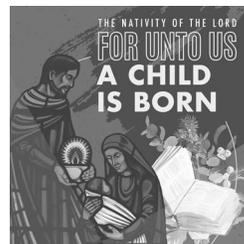
Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR JANUARY on Saturday, January 7th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday January 8th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.** Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning **next Saturday and Sunday, December 31st and January 1st.**



A Christmas Pointsettia arrangement was donated in loving memory of Joseph Mahoney by Patricia Mohoney.



A Christmas Pointsettia arrangement was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Scardino & D'Arienzo Families by Rich & Maria Scardino.





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****

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR FOR NEW YEARS DAY

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

Saturday, December 31st
 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1st
 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 11th

Sunday collection: \$4087.00
 On Line giving: \$1,170.00
 Total: \$5,257.00

**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 (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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, 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, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino and Patricia Nieman.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartschurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

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December 25, 2022

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 24 (Anticipated Mass)

4:00 PM Vigil George Klobosits +
Midnight Mass For All The People Of Our Parish

Sunday, December 25, 2022
The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +
 Ralph Esposito +
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Brusco &
 Nanoia Families

Monday, December 26
Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Tuesday, December 27
Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 AM John F. Brusco +
9:00 AM Dominick Costanzo +

Wednesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 AM Reverend Charles McManus +
9:00 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +

Thursday, December 29
Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM Margaret & Carmine Maccia +
9:00 AM Gloria De Luccy +

Friday, December 30
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

Saturday, December 31
Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 AM Gloria Tedeschi +

Saturday, December 31 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Vigil Deacon Robert Clemens +

Sunday, January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:30 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +
11:30 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III

