

St. Bartholomew's Church



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Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

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.

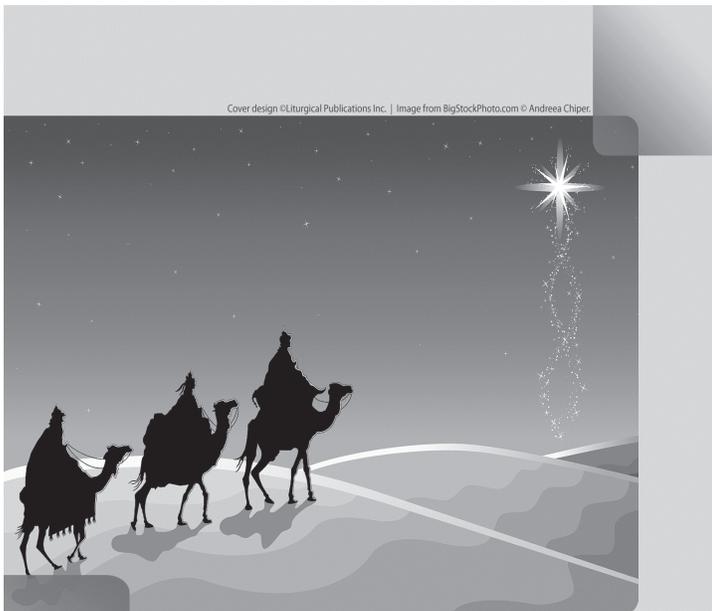
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

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

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: Angela Brusco, Louis Caloia



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
~Mt 2:1b-2

Excerpts
from the
Lectionary
for Mass
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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.

Epiphany of the Lord Of Power, Wealth and Anxieties

According to a report by the National Catholic Reporter, in the Republic of Congo, Africa, up to six million people have died in two decades of war and conflict. Two armed groups have exploited the lack of stable government to plunder the rich and plentiful natural resources. In 1997 Mobutu Sese Seko was overthrown after 32 years of dictatorship. The current president, Kabila, had played a lead role in overthrowing Mobutu. His father became president in 1997, and he succeeded his father in 2001. Since then, the 45 year-old Kabila has ruled this Central African country like his personal property. His regime was supposed to end this past December. But like many leaders, especially in Africa, he wants to extend it. This decision has thrown the country into some unrest and conflict. Recently, the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Congo stepped into the conflict to broker peace and find some resolution. Finally, Kabila agreed to allow elections by the end of 2017 and to step down.



I thought of this as I read the story of Herod and the Magi. It's a story of a man, a King, obsessed with power, wealth and material things. It's the story of a man worrying and fretting over a non-issue. Jesus was not in the least interested in replacing Herod. He's God after all. And had Herod known this, maybe he'd not have worried at all. In fact, he might have become a close friend of Jesus. But he squandered the chance. All because he THOUGHT Jesus was a threat to his worldly ambitions.

How often do we squander our own opportunities with Jesus because we presume that Jesus will take away what we have? What is it that we have that He'll take? He's the one to give me & you something we don't have. Yet, we block Him, knowingly or unknowingly.

2017 presents us with a new opportunity to NOT imitate Herod and Kabila, but to imitate the Wise Men, who left everything and went in search of the One who could give them everything.

THANKS A LOT:

**Once again, many thanks to everyone who helped to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations so beautiful and worthwhile. Thanks to all the Liturgical ministries. Thanks to all those who helped to arrange the Church, etc.

**Many thanks also to all who donated towards the Christmas Wishlist. Your donations helped to make the church indeed gorgeous. Many parishioners told me the Church looked beautiful.

**Thanks a lot to everyone who sent us (Fr. Anthony and myself) food and cookies and other things. Many thanks to all of you who sent cards/or gifts. Thank you for your love, concern and generosity.

**Finally, thanks a million to everyone who contributed to our Christmas budget. Because Christmas this year fell on a Sunday, it made it extra difficult to reach our budget. But the final figures are indeed encouraging. See the report elsewhere in the bulletin. Some parishioners went the extra mile to help us get to where we are today.

May the Lord bless and reward you all. Amen. *Fr. Raphael Ezech*

PARISH NEWS



We want to welcome all of you back from your holiday travels. We hope you had a good time with your families and friends. We wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2017

MEETING: This Monday, January 9th, the Holy Name Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the Parish are invited to attend.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Deacon Robert F. Schimpf and Reverend Cosimo F. Fazio



Rest in Peace

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



Religious Education

CHILDREN'S MASS: Please make it a point to bring your child to our Children's Mass next Sunday and the rest of the Sundays in January. The 10 a.m. Mass will focus on our children. The Parish Children's Choir will sing at the Mass. The children are encouraged to sit with other children at a designated place during the Mass.



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 at (914) 476-6676.



EPIPHANY PRAYER

God of all heaven and earth,
From the breath of Your love came the creation of the world.
We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love You have for us Your children.



Be our daily star,
Guiding our lives to search for the Kingdom of love.
May we always follow Your light of truth in all that we do,
Forever trusting, hoping and believing in Your word.
Lift our eyes tonight to see Your eternal light shining brightly,
Leading us home.
Amen.

a contemporary prayer reflection on the Epiphany from www.lords-prayer-words.com

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Bart's Angels Bake Sale

This Saturday & Sunday, January 7th & 8th, 2017 after all Masses.
All proceeds go to Relay for Life. Please support their efforts!

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, in the school building. Their next meeting is this Sunday, January 8th.
All youths age 13 and up are invited.

Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @St_Barts_youth.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

February 10 - 12

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May, NJ 08212

Call 609 884-3829, Anthony Fucci, Center Director or

www.capemaymarianists.org

This weekend is for young adults (ages 22 - 35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, coworkers, and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Cost: \$130 per person, double occupancy, (*Financial Aid available*)

ARCHDIOCESAN CATECHETICAL OFFICE 2017

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FELLOWSHIP, INSPIRATION & LUNCH

Saturday, January 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

\$25.00 per person

Checks payable to Catechetical Center

Mail your check to:

56 Dunston Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701

Held at Maryknoll Society Center

55 Ryder Road

Ossining, New York 10562

Any questions, please contact Sr. Zelide M. Ceccagno,

MSCS, 914 965-0490

Or Christina Barreta, at artisanmusician80@msn.com

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$8,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$7,091.50*
Balance	-\$ 908.50
*(Envelopes \$5841.50 + Online \$1250)	

Amount Needed for Month of January	\$40,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$ 7,091.50

The Christmas collection totaled \$20,398.85

Thank you to all those who are participating in our *tithing program*! May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought. Thank you!

In lieu of filling out envelopes weekly, please consider signing up for online giving at www.parishpay.com or contact the Parish Office. So far, we have 12 families that have signed up. If you have difficulties signing up, please contact Parish Pay at (866) 727-4741 or call the Parish Office.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Margaret Maccia, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Charles Wighton, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Florence McCormack, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, William Flower, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Florence B. Swetz, Daniel Pezzola, Benjamin Pelliccio and Larry Girsch.

Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

THE NAME "JESUS" (Baptism of the Lord January 9th)

Among the Hebrew people, one's name also said something important about one's character and history. The name "Adam," for example, meant both "man" and "dirt," showing both what Adam was and what he was made from. In the case of our Lord, "Jesus" meant "God saves" in Hebrew. The name was doubly appropriate, since Jesus was both fully God and fully human, and died to save all from their sins. This choice subtly displayed both the nature of Jesus and the mission of His life. Ironically, "Jesus" was actually a very common name for boys during this time. In having such a common name with so profound meaning, Jesus also communicated that His mission was not only for the great, the wise and powerful, but also for the common and humble throughout the world.

JANUARY 8, 2017

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

The Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, January 7 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society
10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +
11:30 AM Ernest & Irene Russo & Mary Evans +
5:00 PM Pasquale Treere +

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph Fletcher +

Tuesday, January 10

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rosa Perri +

Wednesday, January 11

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Janet O'Brien +

Thursday, January 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +
9:00 AM Cecile Marra +

Friday, January 13

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Rosa Perri +

Saturday, January 14

Weekday

9:00 AM Eleanore Del Bene +

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday, January 14 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 15

8:30 AM Frances Starkenberg +
10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish
5:00 PM Maria De Carmen Vazquez & Julio Blanco +

JANUARY 8, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.
 - ◇ I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.
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WINTER SAFETY

Every season has its own safety challenges, but winter presents some that can have life-changing consequences.

Here are some timely reminders:

1. Inspect space heater cords before using and keep children and pets away from any units in use.
2. Make sure that furnaces, fireplaces, and wood stoves are venting properly and install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home.
3. Keep a winter emergency kit (blanket, flashlight, water, snack bars, road salt, emergency flares, bright colored flag, shovel) in your car.
4. Shovel safely: don't overexert; do a little at a time; when using power equipment keep scarves, coats, and winter clothing away from machinery.