

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the  
least brothers of mine, you did for me.” - Mt 25:38-40

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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

TRY TO SEE CHRIST IN EVERYONE!!

This entire year, Jesus has been calling us to discipleship. Week after week, we have heard Jesus' teachings through the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus has taught us to be poor in spirit, to let our light shine upon others, to love our enemies, to avoid hypocrisy, to take up our cross, to take God's word to heart, to forgive others seventy-seven times, to bear fruit, to accept His invitation, to love God with all our being, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to practice what we preach, to humble ourselves, to always be ready for His coming in glory, to be good and faithful servants, and to make disciples of all nations. Today, on this final Sunday of the liturgical year, Jesus, in a scene with His disciples that Matthew says occurred just two days before He would be crucified, gives them the key to gaining the treasure He'd said was worth selling everything one has to get: eternal life in the kingdom of God.



What is the secret? How can we gain the kingdom? Easy. Give food to Jesus when He is hungry, drink when He is thirsty. Welcome Him and clothe Him as a poor stranger. Care for Him when He is ill. Visit Him when He is in prison. But clearly it will not be the Son of God personally that is any of these things. No, it will be the least of His brothers and sisters. The secret, then, is to see beyond our superficial vision. Our eyes may see a homeless person, a poor beggar, a refugee, a person in pain, a convict. Our eyes of faith must look harder. With eyes of faith, we can see Christ in everyone in need.

Near the end of his first letter to the Corinthians, in the passage we heard today, Paul tells them that in the end God will be all in all. From God came all of creation. All of creation, as it developed and reproduced and evolved, is still connected ultimately to God. All creation is connected to each other, for all is connected to God. At the end of time, all creation—from Christ Himself to the least of his sisters and brothers—will return to God.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Whom do I overlook and in whom do I fail to see Christ? How can I force myself to look past surface impressions?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Christ the King

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, His kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith.

In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?



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.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:



This **Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist. **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

WINTER COAT DRIVE

St. Bart's will be collecting winter coats again up **UNTIL THIS WEEKEND.** We will also be collecting winter apparel as well including sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves. Drop your donations in the box at the rear of the church.

THE GIVING TREE

Please note that the "Giving Tree" will be up this weekend. Pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than **Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Every gift goes to someone in need. St. Bart's donates to:



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

Christmas Wish List

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent.



Reminder that you can purchase :  
an Advent wreath  
(2) 36" wreaths,  
(4) 48" wreaths and

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in memory of a loved one(s). Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. More details in the bulletin next week.

**OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP** will be 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 16<sup>th</sup>) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 17<sup>th</sup>) for distribution on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



A special thank you to all who donated toward our Thanksgiving food drive. 34 baskets were given out. Thank you to all our parishioners for their generous donations as well as Stew Leonard's who donated turkeys and to Stop and Shop who had great turkey sales!!! God bless you all.

**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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS  
**There Is Much to Be Done**

Growing up Catholic means I must have heard a million times the passage in Matthew's Gospel about how doing things for the "least of these" means you have done them for Jesus. Okay, that is an exaggeration to make a point. But it has been a slogan for so many social justice activities, from clothing and canned food drives, to letter writing campaigns and peaceful protests.

Growing up I only knew how to help the least of these through the school and church activities of the time. Today, YouTube and GodTube are filled with videos of creative ways people reach out to one another. Have you seen the one about the pizza party for the homeless? How about the fake lottery ticket or the house bought from online donations for a poor man? There are even videos of people paying for the car behind them at the drive-through! The awesome thing about this is that it serves as a witness to others. It is not boasting but instead sharing the Good News. Giving and good stewardship can be contagious!

Our pastor has several times over the years handed out \$10 bills to confirmation candidates and asked them to "pay it forward." They can keep the money or use it to make a difference in someone else's life. One teen planted a garden for an elderly woman. One bought ingredients for brownies and sold them to give even more than \$10 to charity. The teens not only learned something about good stewardship in the process, but also served as great examples to the parish community.

As always, there is much to be done. The King is coming soon! Let's spread the news and some love at the same time!

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI*

**Feast of Saint Andrew | November 30**

Saint Andrew was a fisherman in Galilee, along with his brother, Peter, when they were called by Jesus to leave their boat and become fishers of men. John's Gospel also places him as a follower of John the Baptist before he came to be one of Jesus' twelve Disciples. Beyond the scant references in the Gospels, not much is known of Saint Andrew's life.

According to Christian tradition Saint Andrew, like many of his fellow Disciples, went out into Greece and Turkey to preach the Good News. A 4th century account of the saint's life tells of his martyrdom by crucifixion in Patras. Medieval accounts describe the cross used as X-shaped because Andrew said he was not worthy to die on the same style of cross as Jesus.

Famously, Saint Andrew is the patron Saint of Scotland, the country's flag bearing the X-shaped cross associated with him. Legends claim that the saint either traveled to Scotland to spread the Gospel or that his relics were brought there by St. Regulus who had a vision telling him to take the bones to the end of the earth. Regulus set out and was shipwrecked on the coast of Scotland. Today relics of St. Andrew which had been held by the Vatican are now at a shrine in Patras.



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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*November 12th*

<b>Sunday collection:</b>	<b>\$2,884.00</b>
<b>On Line giving:</b>	<b>\$1,280.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,164.00</b>

**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, 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, 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) and Patricia Mahoney.

**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.**

**Next Sunday is our Family Mass and Breakfast following the 9:30 am Mass. Please join us.**

November 26, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, November 25 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

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**Sunday, November 26**

**Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

9:30 AM Anthony & Anna Guarente +

11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +

Francis G. Nanoia +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, November 27**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Adaeze Ubawike (Living)

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Lourdes Santos (Living)

**Weekday, November 29**

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7:00 AM Mrs. Maura Campbell +

9:00 AM Pasquale Capuano+

**Thursday, November 30**

7:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00 AM Fola Adeyemi +

**Friday, December 1**

**Weekday—First Friday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Eileen Mistal +

**Saturday, December 2**

**Weekday—First Saturday**

9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

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**Saturday, December 2 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Barbara Fandel +

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**Sunday, December 3**

**First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Joseph Prior +

11:00 AM Deacon Robert A. Clemens +

12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**November 26, 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**

CHRIST THE KING

