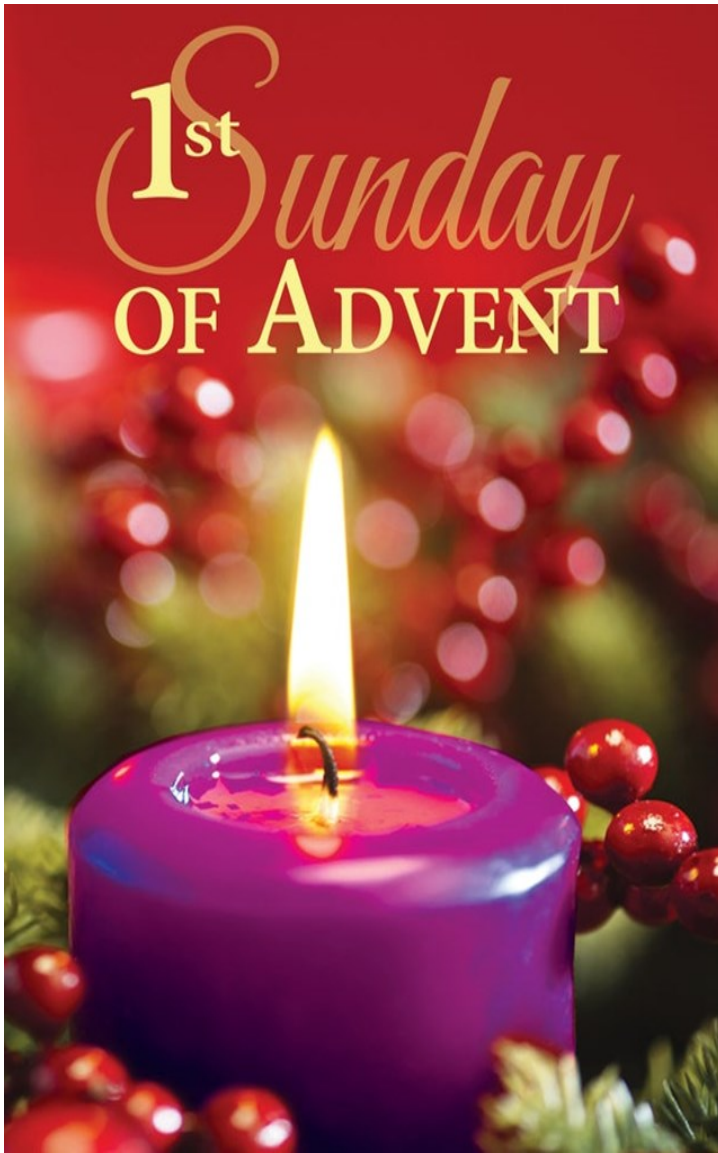


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dayle Vander Sande Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 2 pm

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 **Wednesday** evening quarterly.

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.

Trustees: Skip Caloia, Teresita Leison

"Awake to the Light of His Coming"

Brothers and sisters, Advent begins with a jolt: "Stay awake!" Jesus is not trying to frighten us, but to awaken us. Spiritual sleep happens when we just drift through life, busy but not truly present to God. We pray less, we rush more, and our hearts slowly grow dull. Advent is God's gentle alarm clock, reminding us that our lives are precious and time is holy. The Lord is near, not only at the end of time, but here and now, in the everyday moments we often overlook.

Isaiah's prophecy paints a beautiful picture: nations streaming toward the mountain of the Lord, weapons turned into tools for peace, people learning God's ways together. That future of peace begins in small ways — in our homes, in our parish, in our hearts. To "walk in the light of the Lord" means choosing forgiveness over grudges, listening instead of judging, and making time for prayer even when we feel overwhelmed. Every small "yes" to God this Advent becomes a little light pushing back the darkness in our world.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath today, let it be more than a symbol; let it be our commitment as a parish family to wake up spiritually. Let us use these weeks not just to prepare our houses for Christmas, but to prepare our hearts for Christ. Ask yourself: Where is God asking me to wake up? What darkness in my life do I need to bring into His light? How can I help someone else experience the hope and peace of Advent this week?

Fr. Mark Ameh, MSP Pastor

*Letter from the Reverend Monsignor Marc J. Filacchione,
Archdiocesan Director:*

"I write to thank Fr. Mark and the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church for your generous participation in World Mission Sunday 2025. The Parish contributed \$1,357.34, a gift that will go directly toward supporting Catholic communities in mission territories worldwide."

This year World Mission Sunday reminded us that we are called to be "Missionaries of Hope," bringing Christ's love and mercy to those in need. Your support is an expression of this mission, ensuring that:

New parishes can be established

Seminarians and religious sisters can continue their formation

Catholic schools and hospitals continue their vital work. Thank you for fostering a spirit of prayer, sacrifice, and solidarity within your parish. Be assured of continued prayers and know that those who will benefit from your generosity are praying for you in return.

Reverend Monsignor Marc J. Filacchione



PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL HOURS FOR THE PARISH OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also reach the office personnel on Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Take Note



Rest in Peace

Obalde.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Manuel

Once again this year we will be having our Christmas Wish List. You can purchase an

Advent wreath, Christmas Candle
(2) 36" wreaths, (4) 60" wreaths and
Poinsettia Arrangements
in memory of a loved one(s).
More details in the upcoming weeks.



THE GIVING TREE

Please note that the "Giving Tree" is up at the rear of the church. Please pick an ornament off the tree and return the gift to the back of the church no later than Thursday, December 18th. Every gift goes to someone in need. St. Bart's donates to:



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

generosity.

NOTE: Please note for Elizabeth Seton Children's Center, gifts must be placed in a gift bag and not wrapped.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question from last week: What's the difference between a disciple and an apostle?

Answer: A disciple is a follower or learner. Apostle is a Greek term meaning *one who is sent off*."

Apostles are people on a mission to accomplish something, while disciples are people following and learning from a teacher or leader.

Question of the this Week: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer: in next week's bulletin

Adoration and Advent Reflection

Please join us on Thursday, December 11th for Adoration at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7 pm. Join us in a quiet reflection as we prepare for the coming of Christ.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

THERE IS NO HOLY HOUR AT 1 PM. ON FIRST FRIDAY'S. HOLY HOUR WILL CONTINUE EVERY WEEKDAY AFTER THE 7 AM MASS AND ON SATURDAY AT 8 AM. THANK YOU!!

**PLEASE!
NOTE**

Anything posted on the back bulletin boards needs to be church related and also need to be approved by the pastor through the parish office. The bulletin board should not be used for personal business.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR December on Saturday, December 6th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday 7th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning THIS Saturday and Sunday, November 29th and 30th.

**SOUP
KITCHEN**

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday, December 15th 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE: Wednesday, December 24th
VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)

& MIDNIGHT MASS (Carols at 3:30 pm and 11:30 pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY: Thursday, December 25th
10 am & 12:30 pm (Spanish Mass)

(There will be no 9:30 am, 11 am or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day)

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

Wednesday, December 31st 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Thursday, January 1st

10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)

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

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas religious gift items the weekend of December 6th and 7th. The items are \$5 each and the proceeds go to the 4 churches in the area (St. Bart's is one of them!!)



Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is having their Annual Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 11th, 1:00 pm at Tombolino Ristorante, 356 Kimball Ave, Yonkers. Cost is \$31 per person, payable in cash at the luncheon. Reservations are required. For more information/reservations, please call 914-423-5331. Members/guests are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 16, 2025

Sunday collection: \$3,104.00

On Line giving: \$1,673.00

Total \$4,777.00

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.

IF YOU ARE NOT A REGISTERED
PARISHIONER, YOU CAN NOW REGISTER TO BE A
PARISHIONER ON LINE AT
WWW.SAINTBARTSPARISH.ORG, CLICK ON PARISH
REGISTRATION.

FORMS ARE IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. PRINT OUT THE
FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE PARISH OFFICE.



**LORD
give strength
to your people**

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci, Lucia Sevivas, Josephine Giabattista, Loni Shost, Ken Shost, John & Patricia Quirk, Lucille McGeough, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz, Joanne Pragana, Martha Cesaitis, Ronald Pietropaolo and Don Foley.

Please call 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.

Prayer for Advent – Arise

Bless God's Holy Name!

Prepare our hearts for Your coming, Lord.

Awaken them from any places that have become sleepy or despondent.

Inspire us with new visions.

Be with us as we climb closer to You. Amen.



November 30, 2025

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday Vigil, November 29

5:00 PM Pasquale Capuano +

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

9:30AM For All The People Of Our Parish
11:00 AM Kelly Powers Doll +
12:30 PM DeYanira Silva +
5:00 PM Emil Kurak +

Monday, December 1

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Kelly Powers Doll +

Tuesday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Michele Ricardo +
9:00 AM Isadore Heit +
Faith Mathieu (Living)

Wednesday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ronald Tamborello +

Thursday, December 4

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Faust & Tarquinio Venturino +

Friday, December 5

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Harold Smith, Jr. +

Saturday, December 6

Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Mary & Nicholas Maccia +

Saturday Vigil, December 6

5:00 PM Audrey Falcone +
Deceased Members of the Tobias &
Matero Families

Sunday, December 7

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30AM Joseph Prior +
11:00 AM Jenny & Pedro Sinchi +
12:30 PM DeYanira Silva +
5:00 PM Josephine Daniele +

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor 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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

