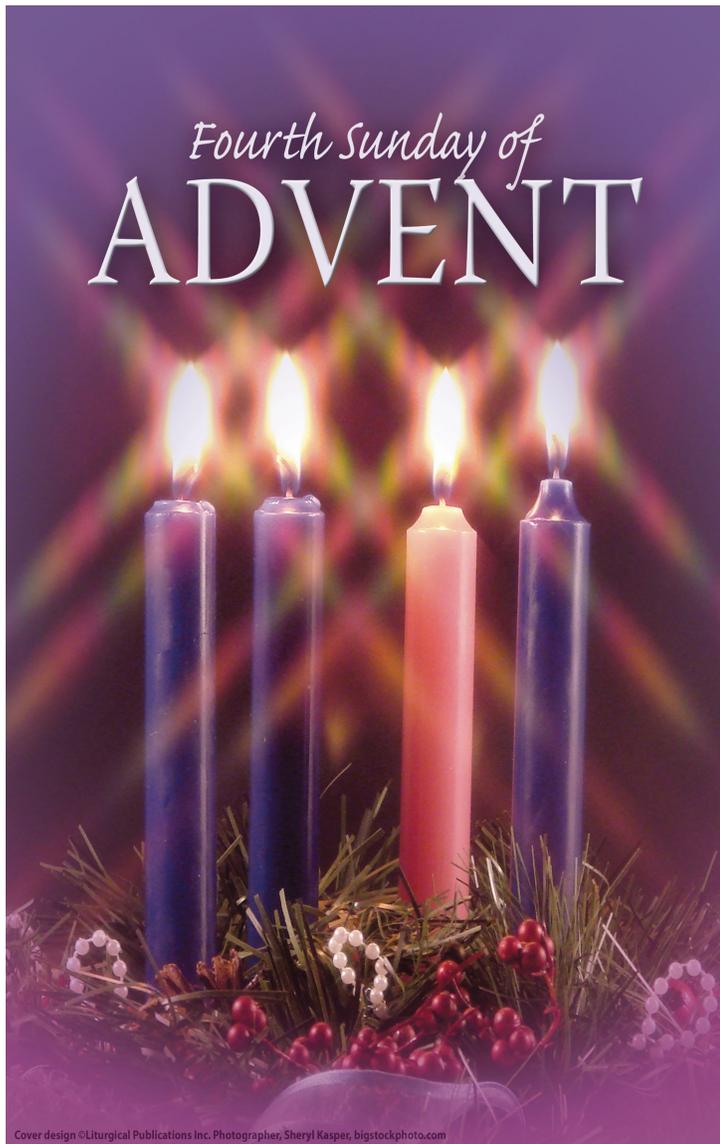


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

BE ATTENTIVE TO JESUS EVEN WHEN WE ARE BUSY



The prophet Isaiah proclaims, and Matthew repeats, that the virgin's son shall be named Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23). But the angel of the Lord tells both Mary and Joseph that her Son is to be named Jesus, "because He will save His people from their sins" (1:21). The son of God is both: God incarnated in our world, truly divine and truly human, and our Savior, born into this world so that He might die for our sins and bridge our fundamental separation from God. Wrapped up in the Incarnation is the seed of the Resurrection. God with us is God saving us. Emmanuel is Jesus.

Joseph, Matthew writes, did not want to expose his betrothed to shame, and her unexpected pregnancy would lead to whispers or worse. Remember Adam and Eve's first reaction once their eyes were opened? They felt shame. They sewed fig leaves to make loin clothes for themselves and they hid from the Lord. Disobedience led to shame, which led to separation from God. But God was not willing to leave us orphaned in shame. The Son was born into this world as an act of divine mercy, to save us from our disobedience to God. We, the Church, are the Bride of Christ, betrothed to Jesus, who like Joseph, does not want us to be left in shame.

Joseph was a righteous man, Matthew tells us, devoutly observing the law. He was also a decisive man, working out a plan that would enable him to uphold the law in a way that would be merciful to his betrothed. But the angel of the Lord intervened and Joseph immediately changed his plans. He remained as decisive as before, but with a brand new decision. We may not experience anything as dramatic as Joseph's dream, but God can intervene in our lives as well, asking us to change our plans, no matter how decisive we already are. May we remain open to God's intervention in our lives.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

Through all the excitement and stress of this coming week, can I be attentive to how Jesus remains with me and discern how God is calling me?

Blessings

Father Raphael

A prayer for love on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

O Lord God of Hosts, You sent your only Son to us as an act of love at Christmas time. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we pray that Your face will shine upon us, that Your face will shine upon our church, that Your face will shine upon our children, that Your face will shine upon our neighbors, upon our nation and upon our enemies. We confess that sometimes we fail to act on the Advent love that You placed in our hearts. We have held Your salvation close but sometimes



hold to our opinions, ideologies, and private agendas. Forgive us of this sin and restore us again. Restore our minds with the primary knowledge that You have saved us and that we are Your witnesses. Restore our hearts with a love for You and a love for our neighbors. We ask this so that those we love will be restored to You as well. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, whom You gave for the world that You so loved. Amen

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.



A 48" wreath has been donated in loving memory of deceased members of the Cognatello and Gregorio Families by Mary Ann and Anthony Cognatello.



A 48" wreath has been donated in loving memory of Dennis Madonia by Janet Madonia.

A 36" wreath has been donated in loving memory of Angela Di Rodio by Franco, Tina & Matteo Falcone.

A Christmas Pointsettia arrangement was donated in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuozzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio & Christine Bellino by Joanne Pragana.



A Christmas Pointsettia arrangement was donated in loving memory of Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III, Teresa & Joseph T. Pasqualoni, Sr., Lucille & Samuel Garafola and Peter Garafola by Pauline & Joseph Pasqualoni, Jr.

Our SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP is 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 17<sup>th</sup>) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 18<sup>th</sup>) for distribution on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



Christmas Wish List

(1)36" wreath(\$130 each), (2) 48" wreaths(\$140 each) and Pointsettia arrangements (\$75 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.



If anyone in the Parish is a plumber or electrician, please contact the parish office.



**THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS:**



**THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, gives Catholics the opportunity to go to any parish for confession. However, times for confession at some parishes may vary.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!!**

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 2PM to 4 PM AND FROM 6 PM to 8 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)**

Begins with Carols at 3:30 p.m.

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

Begins with Carols at 11:30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

*(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day)*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD**

**NEW YEAR'S MASSES:**

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

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 St. Joseph the Steward**

St. Joseph is one of the greatest examples of stewardship we have in the Gospels. Here is a man who understands care and reverence for the property of God, a man chosen to be steward over the very life and breath of God's Son and Spouse.

Joseph was mindful. He recognized what belonged to God. When he understood that Mary was to be the mother of God, he was not jealous or bitter. He did not presume to claim ownership over her.

Joseph was prayerful. He accepted the opportunity to be in relationship with God, even if it was in a radical and unexpected way. How many of us would trust a crazy dream we have where an angel tells us our fiancée is carrying the Son of God? Well, those of us who are already profoundly connected to God through prayer. Joseph was open to receiving God, and so he was open to the truth in a way many of us would not have been.

Joseph was gracious. Even before he had full understanding of the situation, he was unwilling to expose Mary to shame. He did not give himself over to feelings of betrayal.

Joseph was committed. He persevered. The Lord had no shortage of strange and even dangerous-sounding tasks for Joseph, but he submitted to each one.

Joseph was accountable. When he awoke from his dream, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him, and took his wife into his home."

Joseph was a man entrusted with many gifts, and he gave of them wisely. Let us pray that we have the grace to follow in his example.

— 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 4th

Sunday collection: \$2,648.00

On Line giving: \$1,320.00

Total: \$3,968.00

**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, 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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**

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December 18, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Saturday, December 17 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Tacyn &  
Marchak Families

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**Sunday, December 18, 2022**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM John & Geraldine Mazza +  
11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

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**Monday, December 19**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Eleonora Caballero +  
9:00 AM Marion Solar +

**Tuesday, December 20**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Special Intention  
9:00 AM June Bernacchia ++

**Wednesday, December 21**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola + & Leonard Kurz +

**Thursday, December 22**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Francesco Montesano +

**Friday, December 23**

**Late Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola +

**Saturday, December 24**

**Late Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +

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**Saturday, December 24 (Anticipated Mass)**

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

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**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

**December 18, 2022**

**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 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**

