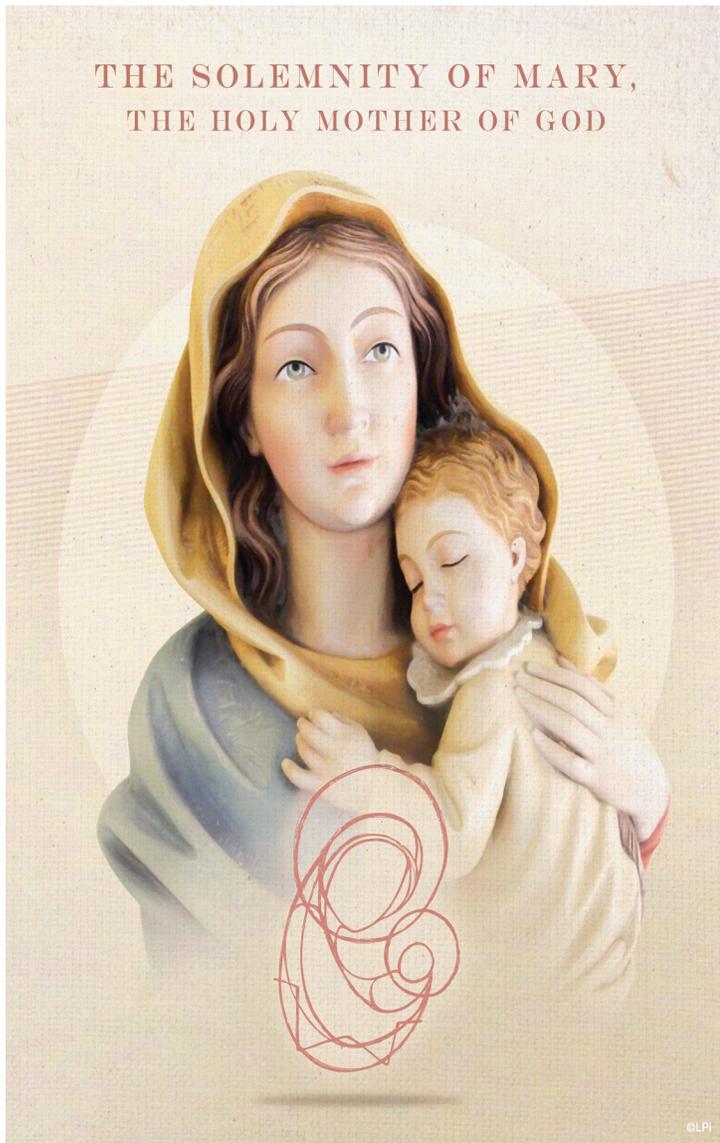


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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 Ezeh, 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

REFLECTION: A GOOD RESOLUTION FOR 2023

On this first day of a new year, we look forward to new beginnings, hopeful that this year will be better than the last. The Chosen People were looking forward to a new beginning in the promised land when Aaron and his sons called down God's blessings, God's grace, and God's peace upon them. The shepherds realized a new beginning was taking place in Bethlehem and hurried there to see the newborn king. Mary embraced the new beginning her life had taken after she was visited by an angel. May we look forward to our new beginning, assured that we have a God with us who chose to become incarnate in the world, who chose to share in our humanity, who chose to redeem us from our sins.

The shepherds are Jesus' first evangelizers, proclaiming the "good news of great joy" given them by the angels (Luke 2:10). Ironically, the first people they tell are Mary and Joseph themselves, who already know the good news is already spreading throughout the countryside, bringing great joy to those who hear it. Just as we treasure the memories not only of wonderful events but also of the way that they were shared among our loved ones, Mary treasured all that happened the night on which her Son was born.

Luke says that Mary reflected on the shepherds' visit and their message. Reflection is a habit we seem to have lost in today's world. Because we are constantly connected to the whole world and to everyone we know, we have developed a sense of immediacy that makes anything we learned more than a few minutes ago old news. We check for updates on our phones 24/7, obsessively watch for likes and retweets, look to see what our friends are doing. How often do we take the time to power down our electronics and spend some time in prayerful reflection? Sounds like a good resolution for 2023!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

What happened in my life in 2022 that I treasure in my heart? How do I recognize God's role in these blessings?

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 wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd and will be open

Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be only one Mass on Monday, January 2nd at 9 am.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR JANUARY next Saturday, January 7th one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and next 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 THIS Saturday and Sunday, December 31st and January 1st.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere.



Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship.

Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God.

Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.

Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshiping God and serving others. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made.

Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip. Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about what others are amassing.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



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\*\*\*\*

HOLY HOUR:

This Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday. We will have monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, the Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spare an hour and come to adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



**Seniors Gathering:**  
*This Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 p.m. Monthly gathering in the Gym for Rosary and light lunch.*

**Movie Thursday:** *January 19<sup>th</sup>, 10 am The Chosen, Season 2*

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS  
Listen. Think. Act.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 18th

Sunday collection: \$5,300.00  
On Line giving: \$1,195.00  
Total: \$6,495.00

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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January 1, 2023

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Saturday, December 31 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Deacon Robert Clemens +

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**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 +

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**Monday, January 2**

**Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church**

9:00 AM Eideh Hassan +

**Tuesday, January 3**

**Christmas Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Ronald Warner +

**Wednesday, January 4**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

**Thursday, January 5**

**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

**Friday, January 6**

**Christmas Weekday**

7:00 AM John McKenna (Living)

9:00 AM Maria Nguyen +

**Saturday, January 7**

**Christmas Weekday**

9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

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**Saturday, January 7 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Vigil Deacon Robert Clemens +

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**Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name & Rosary Altar Societies

Irene & Ernest Russo + & Mary Evans +

Frances & Oscar Starkenberg +

11:30 AM Paul Pompeo +

5:00 PM Eugene Ubawike, Jr.

January 1, 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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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**

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

