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THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN PRAYER

This section of Isaiah is referred to as the Book of Consolation, as it begins with the words, "Comfort, give comfort" (Isaiah 40:1) and the promises of justice and light overcoming punishment and darkness. Our baptism should console us as well, knowing that like the Gentile Christians Cornelius and Titus, we too have received the Holy Spirit to guide us in the ways of light and justice.

Thanks especially to Saint Paul, the early church expanded quickly to many Gentile areas. Titus had been given charge of the Christian community on the island of Crete. At this time he was asked to remind the Cretans of their beliefs and duties as Christians. Here and now, in a time and place that Paul never could have imagined, the reminder is the same. The grace of God we have received, the consolation of knowing Christ's redemptive suffering, the Holy Spirit was received in baptism, all call us to live lives of goodness and holiness, with the hope of eternal life with God.

There is a subtle difference between Saint Luke's account of Jesus' baptism and the accounts of the other three evangelists. Luke says that after Jesus was baptized by John and before the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, Jesus took the time to pray. From the beginning of His ministry to His death on the cross, Jesus communicated to His Father through prayer. Jesus taught His disciples to address His Father through prayer. Prayer is an essential part of Christian life, even for Jesus Himself.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does my baptism affect the way I live my life? Does prayer help guide me?

The Baptism of the Lord

This feast marks the ending of the Christmas season. Traditionally, the event of Christ's baptism was linked with the visit of the Magi and the wedding feast of Cana as two additional "manifestations" of God with us.

Matthew's simple account of the baptism ends with the heavenly voice introducing "my beloved Son." Here, at the end of our focus on the mystery of Christmas, we are invited to welcome the Beloved One into our midst once more, and to prepare ourselves through the Sundays which follow to hear His proclamation of Good News.

Many have expressed the wish that the spirit of Christmas last all through the year. Christians take that responsibility seriously: We want to make the meaning of Christmas—the fact that God has come to dwell with us in Jesus Christ—the central fact of life. And, we want all we say and do to help express, to make manifest, that basic truth. Merry Christmas, one more time!

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PARISH NEWS



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The **HOLY NAME SOCIETY** meeting will be held this Monday, January 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the McManus Parish Center. All men of the parish are invited.

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



Religious Education

All Catholic children attending public schools should enroll in a religious education program. Please call Cheryl Duda at 914 476-6676 for more information.

Special Religious Education Project: Please join with the Religious Ed students in their January service project. They will be collecting art supplies to donate to the Arts & Craft Program at Cabrini Nursing home in Dobbs Ferry. Items such as paints, markers, glue sticks, construction paper etc. are all appreciated. A box will be in the back of the church this month for you to drop any donations.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (popularly known as RCIA) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Please contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you or somebody you know might be interested in the program.



The 2019 Mass Book is open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Eternal Father,
You have given us Your only-begotten
Son and revealed Him to us at His
baptism in the River Jordan, grant that
we, who have been born again of water
and the Holy Spirit, and made Your
children by adoption and grace, may
daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit,



through Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who is alive with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



Our food pantry has a need for the following items: pasta sauce and rice. Please keep this in mind on your next trip to the supermarket. Thank you for your continuing support!!



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

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

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is this Thursday, January 17th at 1 p.m. New members are welcome. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. All are welcome.

Immaculate Conception School Open House Sunday, January 27, 2019 2 - 4 pm

Come see what sets our Catholic, faith-based, co-educational elementary school apart from the rest! Blended learning and STEAM are at the core of our curriculum as well as our fully integrated religious program and regular devotions and student-led masses and services. Visit classes, meet teachers and students, view our 11-acre property with our advanced technology infrastructure and brand-new gym. Sample our clubs and sports including track, volleyball, basketball, archery and robotics. Learn first-hand why ICS is the Best! The Home of the Crusaders, 53 Winterhill Road (enter from White Plains Road), Tuckahoe, NY 10707, 914-961-3785 E mail address is eranallo@icschoolonline.org. and web site is: www.icschoolonline.org.

St. Augustine Church in Larchmont will be facilitating a Divorce Support Group that will meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m. beginning with Tuesday, January 15th in the back stage room of Kenny Hall. Please call 914-834-1220 or email abetkowski@staugustineny.org to register or for questions.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed Weekly (\$7,000.00), Actual Received Last Sunday (\$5,565.25), Balance (- \$1,434.75), *(Envelopes \$4,914.25, Online \$651.00)

Table with 2 columns: Amount Needed for Month of January (\$28,000.00), Amount Collected Thus Far (\$ 5,565.25)

The Christmas Collection totaled: \$15,617.25 (includes on line giving of \$1,060)

Buildings and Grounds Totaled: \$999.55 (includes on line giving of \$50.00)

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or fill out the cards at the rear of the Church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary De Santis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Theresa Venturino, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Clare Yaskovic, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, and Edison Blanco.

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

Our YOUTH GROUP meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.

Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.



January 13, 2019

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, January 12(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Clement Giuriceo +

Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30 AM Dec. Mem. Of Holy Name Society & Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Arlene Tiplady +

11:30 AM For All the People of the Parish

5:00 PM Marialys Vega +

Monday, January 14

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Emil Kurak, Sr. +

Tuesday, January 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Nicholas Chimenti (Living)

9:00 AM Joseph Mahoney +

Wednesday, January 16

Weekday

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Daniel Pezzola (Living)

Thursday, January 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7 00AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gerard Monahan +

Friday, January 18

Weekday

7 00AM Charles Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Denis Lavelle +

Saturday, January 19

Weekday

9:00 AM Paul & Loreta Capuano (Living)

Saturday, January 19(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Cynthia Mascetta King +

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +

10:00 AM Rosalie & Isadore Heit +

11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

January 13, 2019



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.