

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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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
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Administrative Assistant
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 (also live streamed) and 11:30 a.m. on Sunday
Weekday Masses: 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. (also live streamed) Monday through Friday;
9:00 a.m. Saturday (also live streamed)

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: Sam Farraj, Anna Legio

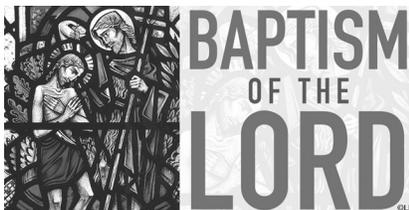
BEAR WITNESS TO CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT



Imagine that you and others driven from Jerusalem are suffering in the exile of darkness and misery when you hear this prophet Isaiah relating stories of a savior giving words of hope. Or imagine that you're a friend of the Roman centurion Cornelius and he has invited you, a fellow Gentile, to his home. There this apostle Peter assures you that God shows no partiality. His words of hope and wonder move you and that very day you are baptized. The Holy Spirit comes upon you and now you speak of your experience to others. Do Jesus' words of hope and wonder inspire you to testify today to His presence and goodness?

"Come to the water!" (Isaiah 55:1). Water quenches our thirst, washes us clean, gives us life. Through the waters of baptism, we are given new life, washed clean of our sins, and our thirst is quenched with the waters of eternal life. It is now up to us, the baptized, to see that the waters of baptism do not return to God void, but that we are fruitful in carrying on Jesus' mission, planting seeds where they can themselves germinate, grow, and provide food for our brothers and sisters.

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens were torn open and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. When we were baptized, the heavens didn't appear to have been torn open. Yet we received the Holy Spirit. There must have been some tear between the heavens and the earth. The Holy Spirit, driving within us, flowing among us, transforming us, tearing our new selves from our old selves. Our baptized selves have the divine within. May God be well pleased in us.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I bear witness to others to the new life I have in Christ and the Holy Spirit.
Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30, WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, JANUARY 10TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:



DECEASED:
Helen Clemens
Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Dennis Madonia +
Amilcar Blanco +
Julio Blanco +

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.

THE ALTAR CANDLES are donated for the intentions of Richard Califano by the Martinez & Izzo Families.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Angela Yanet Cuevas and

Vernon James Reeves.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is open. We can use cereal, juice, and tuna.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR FOOD DONATIONS IN THE BOXES AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****Also, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards for needy families. **May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**



A very special thank you from the Religious Education and Outreach Groups. Over 100 bags of clothing (which equaled about 500+ articles of winter clothing) were collected and were distributed to Immaculate Conception in the Bronx. Sincere thanks and blessings to all who donated.

A Special Thank You

Dear Rich and St. /Bartholomew's Family,

On behalf of the residents at Richmond Community Services, I would like to thank you and your parish for your very generous gift donations. We are so appreciative and grateful to St. Bartholomew's Church. Your generosity made a very exciting Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for our residents.



Your thoughtfulness and kindness have shown our residents that they are loved and never forgotten. We are so very grateful for your kind-hearted support.

I hope this New Year brings much peace, health and happiness to you all at St. Bartholomew's.

Thank you with warm wishes for the new year.

Teresa Perret
Recreation Coordinator
Richmond Community Services
919 North Broadway
Yonkers, NY 10701

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:
MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND



9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND

11:30 AM.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

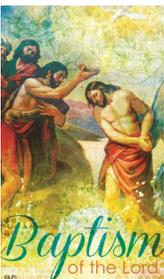
The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all His preaching, He will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MT, LPI

Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan. This is the second epiphany, or manifestation, of the Lord. The past, the present, and the future are made manifest in this epiphany. The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man. He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.



STEWARDSHIP

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

"Thank you to all those who are participating in our tithing. Program. **We need your financial support especially at this difficult time.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME, YOU CAN TITHE IN 3 WAYS:

- Mail in your envelope.
- Register for on line giving. **IT'S EASY!** (see below note).
- Drop off your envelope in the large container covered with a red cloth behind the organ. It is marked with a sign.

May God bless and reward your sacrifices! For those who are not yet tithing, I encourage you to please give it a prayerful thought and sign up for on line giving. Thank you!

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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD IS IN SUPPORT OF OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS.



LORD
give strength
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, Mary DeSantis, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, Larry Mesler, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Jerry Esposito, Jeri Michele Sugrue, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Theresa Chappory, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, Rosemarie Bartolomeo, Ann McShane, Ellen Chimenti, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy, Dan Panik, Dominick Francis Marra, Walter Duda, Edward Minozzi, Robert Minnucci and John Hanrahan.

Please contact 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.

January 10, 2021

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, January 9 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM Helen Clemens +
Deceased Members of the Holy Name and
Rosary Altar Societies
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Dennis Madonia +
Amilcar Blanco +
Julio Blanco +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, January 11

Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Joseph, Peter, and John Ngo +

Tuesday, January 12

Weekday

7:00 AM Rodolfo Batac +
9:00 AM Marie Sabat Porcello +

Wednesday, January 13

Weekday

7:00 AM Rodolfo Batac +
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Thursday, January 14

Weekday

7:00 AM Emil & Victoria Kurak +
9:00 AM Angela Yanet Cuevas +

Friday, January 15

Weekday

7:00 AM Barbara Lanza +
9:00 AM Peter & Anna Nguyen +

Saturday, January 16

Weekday

9:00 AM Charles Yaskovic +

Saturday, January 16 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Andrea Pisacreta +
Annetrude Cordes +
Arlene Tiplady +
Edith D'Aquila +
John Nieman +
Angela Yanet Cuevas +
11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

January 10, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

