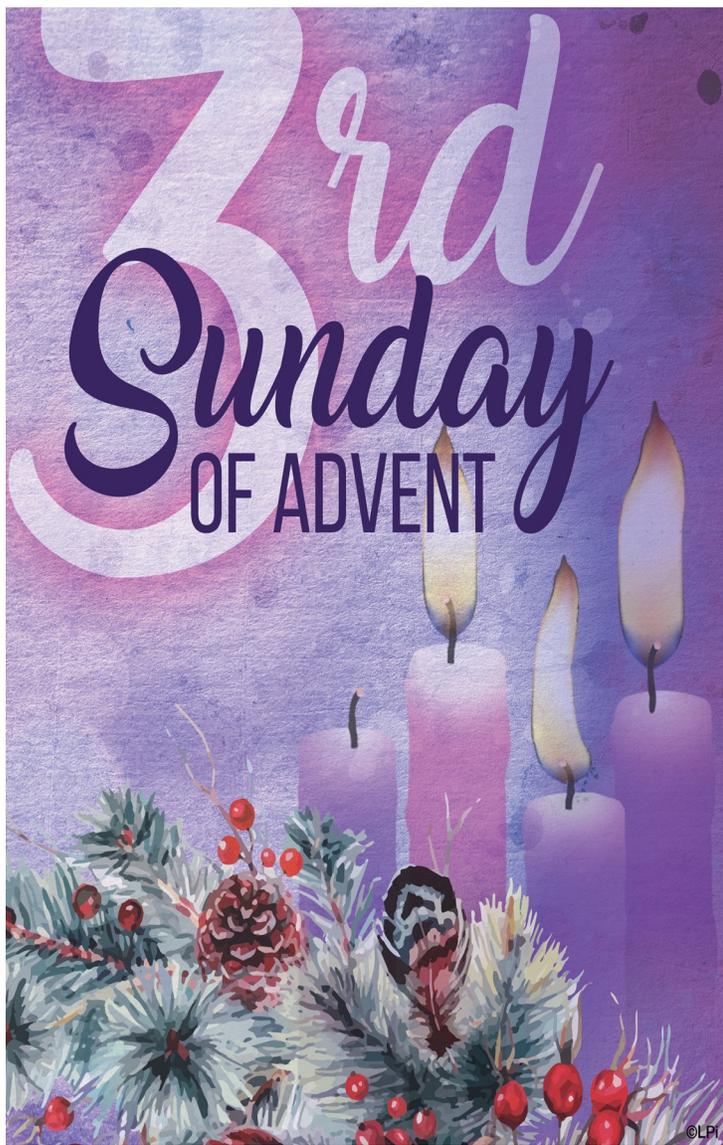


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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 and 11:30 a.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

SPREAD JOY

“What should we do?” John the Baptist is asked repeatedly in today’s Gospel (Luke 3:10, 12, 14). John responds with incredibly practical advice. Tax collectors, stop selfishly overcharging others. Soldiers, act justly and honestly. Everyone give your spare cloak to someone without one. Ditto with your food. In other words, give what you have to your neighbor—your respect, your kindness, your material goods. In doing so, joy is spread. What better way do we have to prepare for Christ’s coming? Truly, it’s better to give than to receive. For when we give to someone in need, something that means more to them than it does to us, we share in the power of Christ’s salvific mission.



For centuries people had been waiting for the Christ, the Messiah, so when John emerged from the desert quoting Isaiah, proclaiming “Prepare the way of the Lord” (Luke 3:4), they wondered if John was that man. No, he tells them, using the greatest contrast he can think of, telling them that relative to Jesus he is lower than the lowest servant, for only a non-Jewish servant was obligated to loosen the master’s sandals. John’s words foreshadow the reversal we see at the Last Supper, when Jesus not only loosens His disciples’ sandals, but washed their dusty feet and tells them to do the same. We too are called to give of ourselves to others, to make our kindness known to all, as Paul says in the second reading, especially to those who have none, be it material things or social stature.

Spread the joy. This is a dominant theme in scripture today, with calls to shout it, sing it, cry out with it, making it known to all. But what good is it just to let others know that you’re joyful? John the Baptist calls us to share what we have with those who have not. This goes for our joy as well. In doing so we spread joy, giving the joy we know in the Lord. Preparing the way of the Lord by serving others gives everyone joy.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I spread the joy in my family, my neighborhood, my world?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

Christmas Wish List



(2)48” wreaths (\$140 each) and 5 Christmas arrangements (\$65 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566. More items may be listed in the following weeks.

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.



Our giving tree is at the back of the church. We are requesting that gifts be returned no later than Thursday, December 16th. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.



The Advent wreath was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Hoffman and Guarente Families by Tom & Lucy Hoffman.

The Advent and Christmas Candle Set is donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Venturino & Martucci families by Quincy Venturino.

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 18th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 19th) for distribution on December 20th. Thank you for your generosity!!!



Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Heavenly Father, This third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus’ birth has the power to bring us great joy this Christmas season. Our joy isn’t dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn’t depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy. Our joy comes from You. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

Father, You offer that same joy to us now if we know You and recognize Jesus as our Savior and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when You gave us the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. You went to Calvary’s cross for us. You overcame death and rose from the dead for us. You forgive our sin and give us eternal life when we believe in You.

Our joy doesn’t come from our jobs, our family, our relationships, our finances, or our success. Our joy doesn’t come from what we have on earth or who we are with. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that You gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, King Jesus. Flood our heart with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus’ birth. In Jesus’ precious name we pray. Amen





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****



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 28th:

Sunday collection:	\$2,668.00
On Line giving:	\$1,400.00
Total:	\$4,068.00

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.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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 and Lucille McGeough.

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.

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THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: **Monday, December 20th**

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 20th, gives Catholics the opportunity to go to any parish for confession between the hours of 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. However, times for confession at some parishes may vary.



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Friday, December 24th

VIGIL AT 4 PM

Begins with Carols at 3:30 p.m.

&

7 PM MASS



CHRISTMAS DAY:

Saturday, December 25th

9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

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

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

Friday, December 31st

4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Saturday, January 1st

10:00 AM Mass

(There will be no 11:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's day)



December 12, 2021

Mass  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, December 11 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Monday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Gloria Bassey +

Tuesday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Manuel Bautista +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino+

Wednesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Alberta Blasewitz & Joan Magratten +

Thursday, December 16

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Marietta De Santis +

Friday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Mary Cardamone +

9:00 AM Nijole (Jackie) Zukauskas +

Saturday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Andrea & Peter Objay +

Saturday, December 18 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Josephine Giuriceo +

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM John & Geraldine Mazza +
Ethel Castagnozzi +

11:30 AM Thomas David Rivera +

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

December 12, 2021

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

