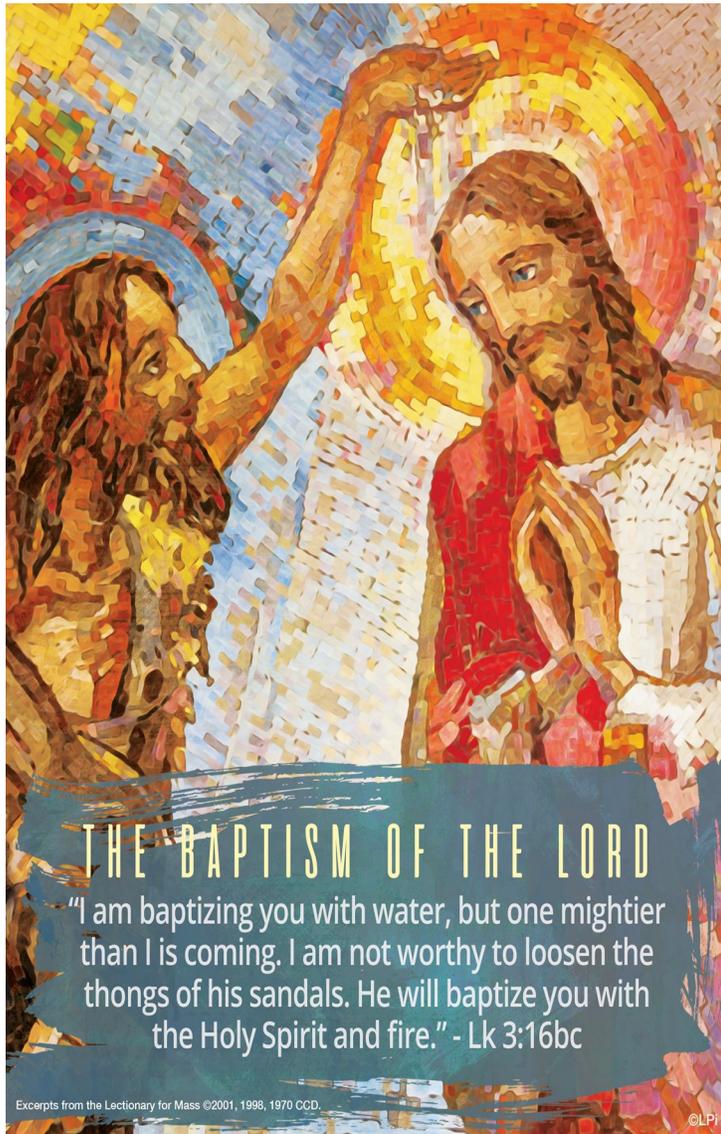


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
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. 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

**HOW ARE OUR ACTIONS INFLUENCED?**

The first reading comes from a section of Isaiah marked by four "Servant Songs," lyrical prophecies of a figure who will restore the ideals of Israel. This person is referred to as a servant: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased" (Isaiah 42:1). Listening to the deeds that this person will perform—establishing justice on the earth, opening the eyes of the blind, rescuing prisoners—you would think Isaiah would have used the word "hero" or "king", not "servant." But Isaiah had the wisdom to realize that the fundamental mission to which God would call this person was one of service. Similarly, God does not call any of us to triumph or to rule, but to serve.



Scholars tell us that the book of Isaiah was written over a period of more than two hundred years, so not by a single prophet, and is clearly divided into three parts. Today's first reading begins the second part and it is no coincidence that the author's very first word is "Comfort" (40:1). Writing during a time of extreme duress—the Israelites were living in exile—this Isaiah offers consolation and hope with assurances that the Lord's glory will yet be revealed. During our times of hardship, let Isaiah's words comfort us, that our Shepherd will feed, gather, carry, and lead his flock to the eternal life promised in baptism.

It may not be immediately apparent, but Luke's account of Jesus' baptism reveals that Jesus engaged in dialogue with His Father. Luke says that upon being baptized, Jesus prayed to His father. As He prayed, God spoke to Him from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son" with You I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). Though heaven could not be seen opening on the occasion of our own baptism, we are indeed God's beloved sons and daughters. Let us pray to God as Jesus did, as Jesus taught us, and realize how pleased God is in us.



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

How has the Holy Spirit, whom I received in baptism, influenced my outlook and my actions?

**Blessings**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**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.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HELD IN THE CLASSROOM THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> BUT THE CHILDREN WILL HAVE THEIR LESSON IN THEIR GOOGLE CLASSROOM.**



**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.



**SOUP KITCHEN** Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR JANUARY on this Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on this Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**



*We received many compliments on how beautiful the church looked for Christmas!! A special thank you to those who helped in decorating the church especially Skip Caloia, Rich Scardino, Debra Anderson, Rosie Hernandez, Armando Moreno, and Patricia and Manny Alonso, and Maria Perez. Thank you to Father Victor for his help as well. If I have forgotten anyone, my apologies!!*

**St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
January 13**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy. Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was called Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



**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\*\*\*\***

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**I Hope I Am Like Him**

“Who is this Christ? Is He like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like Him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI

**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.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.** Thank you!!!



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

*December 26th:*  
**Sunday collection: \$2,260.00**  
**On Line giving: \$ 950.00**  
**Total: \$3,210.00**

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**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, 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, Lucille McGeough and Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington.

**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.**

**LOCAL NEWS**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization that helps to meet the needs of its membership. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at St. Ann's Church in Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, at 1:00pm. Their next meeting will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call 914 423-5331 or email [CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicWWofYonkers@gmail.com). New members are welcome.

January 9, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Saturday, January 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ernest & Irene Russo and Mary Evans +  
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**Sunday, January 9, 2022  
Baptism of the Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name  
& Rosary Altar Societies  
Dennis Madonia +  
11:30 AM For All the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish  
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**Monday, January 10**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

**Tuesday, January 11**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

**Wednesday, January 12**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Marie Sabat Porcello +

**Thursday, January 13**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Florence "Rusty" Berardi +  
9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

**Friday, January 14**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Emil & Victoria Kurak +  
9:00 AM Barbara Howley +

**Saturday, January 15**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Lily & Ralph Pagan (Living)

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**Saturday, January 15 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Harold Red Thela +  
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**Sunday, January 16, 2022  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Annetrude Cordes +  
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi +  
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

January 9, 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**

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

