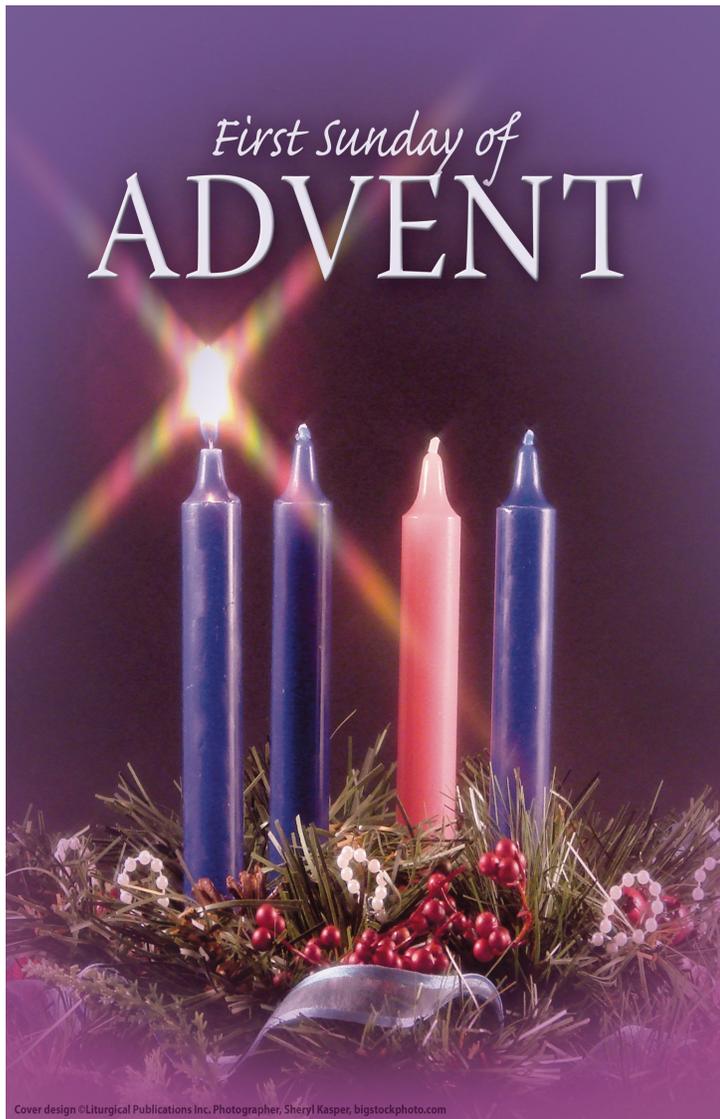


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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. 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

ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION

We tend to think of Advent as the four-week season we use to prepare for the anniversary of the coming of Jesus into the world two thousand years ago. But the Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent focuses on the Second Coming of Jesus, an event in the future. Because we cannot anticipate when this will happen, we need to be prepared at all times. Luke warns us that "the anxieties of daily life" (Luke 21:34) can easily distract us. It's as if he realized how busy the holidays would become!!



Saint Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians would be good to keep in mind as we become overwhelmed with the busyness of the holidays. "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). When we stress out during a long day of Christmas shopping, it can help to think of the love we have for the ones we're shopping for. We can also show our love for all people by buying gifts for those who cannot afford to do so themselves.

The Gospel seems out of place in another sense today. Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year. Yet the Gospel passage is all about the end of the world. The instruction for both is the same, however: Prepare. We are called to be prepared and be ready at all times, whether marking a beginning or anticipating an eventual end.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I prepare myself for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas and at the end of time?

*Pastoral Patterns*

**Blessings!!**

**Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP**

**Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent**

Lord God  
 only You can see into my heart and know  
 that under all the busyness of my life,  
 there is a deep longing to make this  
 Advent one that welcomes You more  
 deeply into my own life. My heart de-  
 sires the warmth of Your love and my  
 mind searches for Your Light in the midst  
 of the darkness. Help me to be a peace-  
 maker this Advent and to give special  
 love to those who disagree with me. Give me the  
 strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt  
 me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my  
 anger and hurt.



AMEN

**Online Ministries**

**PARISH NEWS**



**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation.** Masses are as follows: Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Vigil Mass at 7: 00 p.m. and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. and 12 Noon.

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Lou De Muro and Robert P. Mistal.



*Rest in Peace*



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE, ALTAR CANDLES, and SANCTUARY LAMP** have been donated for the intentions of Tony and Ann Marie Martelli in celebration of their "40th" wedding anniversary. Congratulations and God's blessings.



**Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!**

Join fellow seniors on **Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** for the 9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering in the **Rectory Basement.**

**SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>,** we are providing the Sharing Community with our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement. The door will be opened at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-0566**



**HOLY HOUR: This Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is First Friday.** We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m.

**Our Parish Giving Tree**

*In keeping with the true spirit of Christmas, we have the opportunity to share our resources with several charities who serve the disadvantaged, both adults and children (Immaculate Conception's Needy Families, Richmond Hill, Westchester Living Center, and the Central Committee of Veterans Org.) Please take an ornament(s) from the tree in the back of the church. It is important that this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. Please return all wrapped packages to the church, no later than Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.*



**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**

This Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Breakfast with Santa after the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses in McManus Parish Center.



Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Mass at 7 a.m. followed by light breakfast and also Mass at 5:30 p.m. followed by **FREE dinner** in McManus Center in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe .

Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Annual Christmas Luncheon, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. in McManus Parish Center

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., The Nativity Play in the Church presented by St. Bart's Parishioners

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Reconciliation Monday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The women of the Parish are invited to join the members of the Rosary Altar Society this Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> for their annual Christmas dinner at Fogarty's (at 6:30 p.m.) on Kraft Avenue in Bronxville, NY. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call Josephine at 914 476-5386 or Dolly at 914 969-6575.

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE NATIVITY PLAY**

Come and see your fellow parishioners perform the Nativity Play

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.



**THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION (SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION) BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 3 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**



Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), 4 Christmas wreaths (\$125 each) and 11 Christmas arrangements (\$60 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.

Boy Scouts of Troop 5 will be selling fully decorated Christmas wreaths for only \$15 each, **this Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> after the morning and evening Masses.** If paying by check, please make check out to Boy Scout Troop 5.



Our **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. **Their next meeting is NEXT Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Our **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10)** meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building. **Their next meeting is Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update**

Amount Needed Weekly	\$7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$5,470.05
Balance	- \$1,529.95
*(Envelopes \$5,114.05 Online \$356.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of November	\$28,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	<b>\$23,399.30</b>

"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 information sheet received in the mail.**



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, and Manuel Obalde, Jr.

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

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.. **Their next meeting is this Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> after Santa's Breakfast.** Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St\_Barts-Youth.

**St. Bart's and Hudson Valley Blood Services express sincere appreciation to the 67 donors and 10 volunteers**



**who came down to our 91<sup>st</sup> Blood Drive on 11/23/18 to donate 73 pints.** Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 6898 units of blood. Once again, Hudson Valley Blood Services can depend on



St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage. 13 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system; 47 donors gave a regular donation; 7 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 4 new donors and 21 walk-ins. 28 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 28 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling HVBS at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 7747.

Remember, the need for blood is always great.

**Once again, thanks to all!**

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

December 2, 2018

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Mass  for the  
Intentions Week

**Saturday, December 1 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Josephine Giuriceo +

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**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM Oscar Starckenberg +

10:00 AM Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM Patrick Castaldo+

5:00 PM Isadore Heit +

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**Monday, December 3**

**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

7:00 AM Song Phan +

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

**Tuesday, December 4**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Mae & Jerry Carrasquillo (Living)

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti+

**Wednesday, December 5**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Xuan Nguyen +

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, Jr. +

**Thursday, December 6**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM A Needy Soul +

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone (Living)

**Friday, December 7**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM A Needy Soul +

9:00 AM All the Souls +

7:00 PM Vigil Richard C. Morrissey (Living)

**Saturday, December 8**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Dec. Mem. of the Capuano and Lucchetti Families

12 NOON Joseph Mahoney +

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

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Pisacreta Family

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**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

**Second Sunday of Advent**

8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

10:00 AM Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM Frank, Carmela & Dina Legio +

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +

December 2, 2018

## ADVENT A TIME OF PREPARATION

It can be difficult to prepare our lives for Christ  
Amidst the busy preparations  
Of a material Christmas.



The four weeks before Christmas  
Are a time to prepare our families  
To celebrate Christ' birth;  
To prepare our minds to accept  
That God's Son became a baby  
And lived and died for us;  
To prepare our hearts to accept God's  
forgiveness,  
And to change our ways;  
To prepare our souls to receive  
God's healing grace through the  
celebration of Mass;

To take part in not only the work of preparation  
But also the hope and joy in the midst of our work.

It is in Jesus the Christ that we find  
the concept of God.

Not in elevated opinions drawn from  
our own presuppositions, or  
preferences about who we want God to  
be.

The special message of Advent is that  
God makes Himself known to us.

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**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN MASS  
TIME. ON CHRISTMAS  
EVE, MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>. THE  
5 PM VIGIL MASS IS  
CHANGED TO 4 P.M.**



**CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 3:30 PM  
PRIOR TO MASS.**

### LOCAL EVENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

**St. Joseph's Seminary Schola Cantorum** presents an Advent & Christmas  
Concert with favorites of the Christmas season and carols from around the world  
This Sunday December 2, 2018, 4:00 p.m. (reception to follow)  
St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY  
\$25 Offering for Tickets

Tickets and more information are available at: [www.DunwoodieMusic.org](http://www.DunwoodieMusic.org) or by  
calling the main seminary office at [\(914\) 968-6200](tel:9149686200).

**St. Joseph's Seminary and College**, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, NY; Part  
time assistant needed; 1 to 2 years University/College experience; Reports to  
Events Coordinator/Supervisor of Support staff; Education : Associates Degree  
Base Pay: Hourly. Send cover letter and resume to [dpizzola@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:dpizzola@dunwoodie.edu).

**The Province of St Mary of the Capuchin Order** is seeking part-time aides for  
total care assistance with their Senior Friars in Yonkers. This job requires lifting.  
Hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m., various days including weekends are available.  
Experience is preferred. Interested applicants should send resumes to:  
[jobs@capuchin.org](mailto:jobs@capuchin.org). Please include the days of week that you are available to  
work.