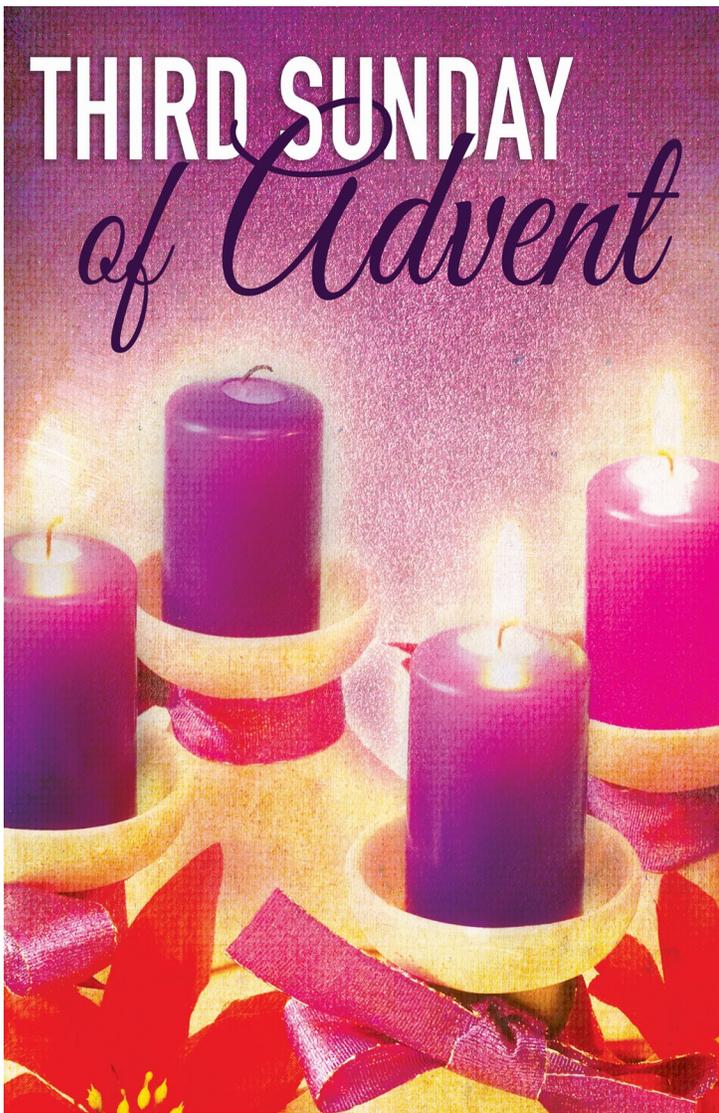


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

DO YOU RECOGNIZE JESUS IN OTHERS?

The passage from Isaiah we hear today was written during a time of great hope. The Jewish people had been released from exile and could finally return to Jerusalem. Isaiah invokes "a year of favor," a jubilee year in which all property reverted to its original owner (Isaiah 61:2). In the truest sense, the original owner of all worldly goods is God, who then distributes them generously and equitably. The Messiah, Jesus Christ, is the fulfillment of this promised year of favor, bringing glad tidings, liberty, justice and praise. Moreover, because He is with us always, every year is a year of favor. What in Isaiah's day was an emancipation from exile and a hope in a return to the holy city has with Jesus become emancipation from sin and hope in life everlasting.



"Who are you?" John is asked repeatedly, to which at first he only responds with who he is not. He is not the Messiah who has been promised, Elijah whose eventual return many anticipated, nor a prophet like Moses raised up from among their kin. No, he is the messenger, the one to prepare the way of the Lord. Just as Isaiah prepared the road to the holy city, John prepares the road into our hearts.



John tells the religious leaders that there is One among you whom you do not recognize" (John 1:26). Throughout all of Jesus' public ministry, many of these same leaders failed to recognize Him. It is our challenge now to recognize Him. Do we recognize Him in the least of our brothers and sisters? Do we recognize Him in our community, when two or three are gathered in His name?" Do we recognize Him in the Eucharist, His Body and blood poured out for us? Do we recognize Him in times of difficulty and uncertainty?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

When and where do I recognize the presence of the Lord in the world?

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, DECEMBER 13TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

Josephine Giuriceo, Joseph Prior, Reverend James F. McNamara
Deceased Members of the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

(1) Christmas wreath 48" (\$125 each) and (2) Christmas Wreaths at 36" (\$80 each) as well as poinsettia arrangements (\$60 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested. Also there is a need for Altar banners. Again, please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



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 BREAD AND WINE, ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP, AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory



deceased members of the Brusco and Nanoia Families by Angela Brusco.

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 and have already given out some to a few families. St. Bart's has added 4 new families to our list. May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

In the spirit of giving and the upcoming Christmas season OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is set up at the rear of the church. Please take an ornament from the tree. It is important this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package.



If you cannot pick up an ornament, we can use the following as gifts: socks, t-shirts, slippers (male or female, medium or large), baseball caps, perfumes, body wash, lotions, cologne, canvas bags, or blankets. Please wrap this gift and place a tag noting what is inside.

The final date for returning gifts is THIS Wednesday, December 16th. Last year we were able to donate 420 gifts to 4 different charitable organizations. Thank you as always for your generosity. And may the Lord bless you and yours during this season and always.

Our SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE 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, frozen desserts, candies, and Christmas plates and napkins. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on Saturday evening (December 19th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 20th) for distribution the week of December 21st. Thank you for your generosity



THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: Monday, December 21st.



Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 21st, 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 4 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st. Any changes to this will be noted in the bulletin or on our face book

Please Note: If anyone drinks Wyler or Crystal Light Lemonade or Iced Tea, please save the empty clean containers and drop them off in the food collection box at the rear of the church. These are needed for a mission project for the religious education students. Thank you!!!



Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th:
4 PM Vigil with Carols beginning at 3:30 PM
This Mass is also live streamed.*

*Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
9:30 AM Mass (also live streamed)
11:30 AM Mass*



*New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st:
4 PM Vigil (also live streamed)*

*New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God:
11:30 AM (also live streamed)*

RESULTS – ST BART'S BLOOD DRIVE – FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2020

A Special Thank You!!!



St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 95 donors who came down to the 97th Blood Drive on 11/27/20 to donate 91 pints. Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7361 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage. 69 donors gave a regular donation. 11 donors gave a double red cell donation using the ALYX system. 15 donors were deferred for various reasons. There were 21 new donors and 10 walk-ins. 24 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend. These 24 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by calling NYBC at 800-933-2566. If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.



We are planning our next drive sometime in the spring and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all!
Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson
tonscia@aol.com



ADVENT PRAYER WEEK 3
Loving God, we thank you for the joy you bring us. Help us prepare our hearts for the precious gift of Your Son. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and to do your word.
We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem,
Jesus our Lord. Amen.



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.



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 and Edward Minozzi.

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.

**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******

December 13, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 12(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Josephine Giuriceo +
Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
& Rosary Altar Society
Joseph Prior +
Reverend James F. McNamara +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, December 14

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

7:00 AM Special Intention

9:00 AM Aristides, Orientale, & Silvia Scipioni, &
Angela Rush +

Tuesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Alberta Blasewitz & Joan Magratten +

Wednesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No intention

9:00 AM The Oborski Family (Living)

Thursday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Deceased Members of DePole & Faranda
Families

9:00 AM Marietta & Vincenzo De Sanctis +

Friday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Lucas Vazquez +

Saturday, December 19

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Dina, Frank & Carmela Legio +

Saturday, December 19(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Mary & Joseph Cuzzo +
Robert Liddell +
Ethel Castagnozzi +
Patrick V. Fox +
Louis Brusco +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

December 13, 2020

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

