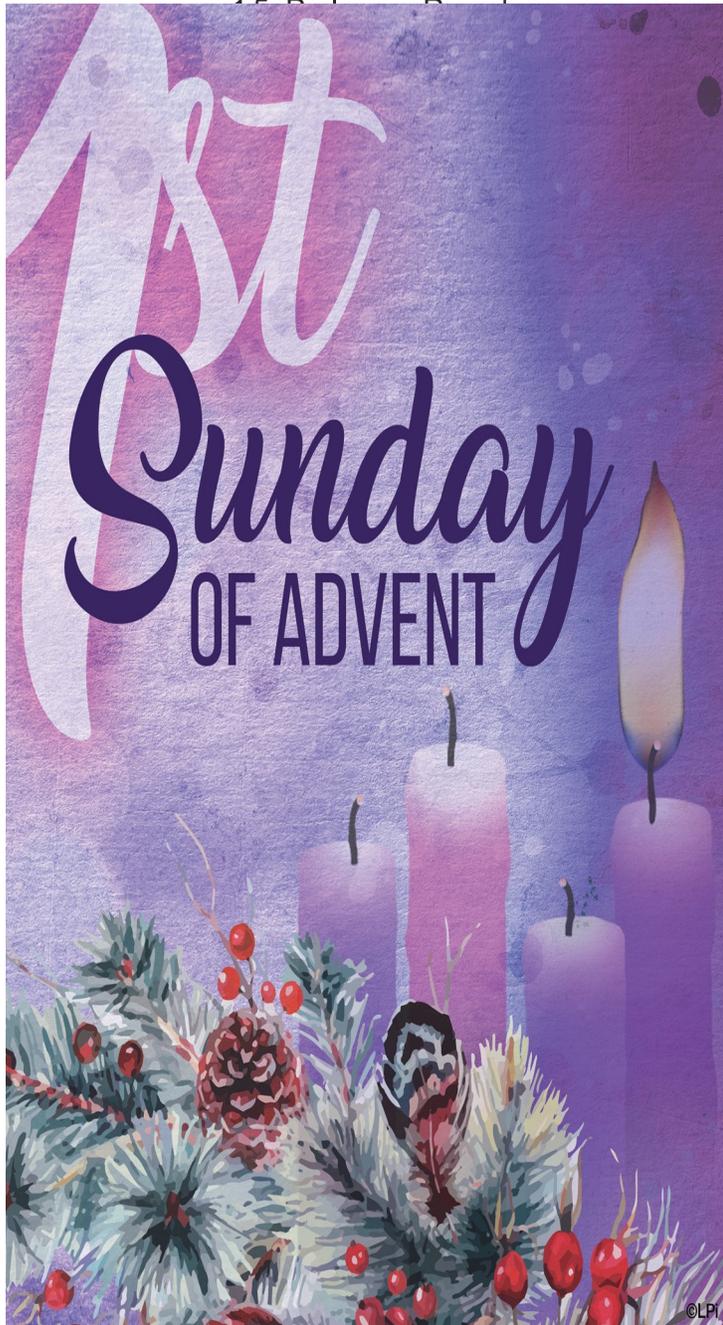


Saint Bartholomew's Church



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

SEEK OUR JESUS IN YOUR NEIGHBOR



The Gospel is a frightening one, and the final line is outright terrifying: "Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36). Matthew tells us what it is like to stand before the Son of Man. Have I given food to my hungry brothers and sisters, or provided for them in their need, or cared for them when they're sick, or visited them in prison? Just to get to that point, we must survive great suffering. Since we don't know what will happen, we must be prepared to face judgment at all times. We have been warned!

Let Paul's words comfort us, lest we despair. The One who judges is also the one who comes to our assistance. When Paul prays that the Christians in Thessalonika be made blameless for the judgment, he prays to the Lord. The judge himself will strengthen us for the last judgment. It's like being given the answer to our final exam! We know what we must do; we must act accordingly, "increase(ing) and abound(ing) in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12).

How do we do that? Perhaps the secret to preparing for the Lord's coming—at Christmas, at the Last Judgment, or fully into our hearts—is to act as if the Lord is already here. After all, He is. Do we see the Lord in our brother and sister in need? The more willingly we see the Lord in our neighbor, the more easily we love those whom we would otherwise overlook, dismiss, or outright reject. How easily do we focus our love solely on our own loved ones, or worse, just ourselves? May we see Jesus in all those in need and act accordingly.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Can I name a person or group of people whom I now realize I have overlooked? How can I seek out Jesus in my neighbor?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezech, MSP

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR:



This **Friday, December 3rd**, is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. **Saturday, December 4th**, is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



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 Boy Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths after all the Mass on Saturday, December 4th and Sunday December 5th. Costs of the wreaths are \$20 each.

Our giving tree will be at the back of the church on Friday, November 26th. 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.



FOR THE WEEKEND MASSES, THE SATURDAY MASS AT 5 PM AND THE SUNDAY MASS AT 11:30 A.M., WILL BE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH. THIS SUNDAY MASS, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 9:30 A.M. WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING

INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Albert Pragana+
- Robert Liddell +
- Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +
- Lewis Di Gennaro +
- Manuel Bautista

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.



Meals for a Soup Kitchen: The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR DECEMBER on Saturday, December 4th one half hour**

before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday December 5th, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. Trays will be available for those who wish to donate food beginning this Saturday and Sunday, November 27th and 28th.

Christmas Wish List

Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), Advent wreath (\$35), (2) 36" wreaths(\$130 each) and (4) 48" wreaths(\$140 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.





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******

Calling All Seniors . . Calling All Seniors . . Calling All Seniors

St. Bart's Seniors Group has resumed their monthly meetings and movie Thursdays series. Please consider joining them – it's a great way to begin to get back to normal. For more information, and to join the Group, please call or text Rich Califano at (914) 643-0498.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS
Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

LOCAL NEWS

The Kiwanis Club of Yonkers is looking for residents of Yonkers over the age of 90. They will be honored for their accomplishments within our community and their contribution to their families throughout their lives. Honorees will receive a gift basket with recognition certificates. Honorees will also have the opportunity to work with a teen volunteer to write their memoir.

First Steps: Collection a biography of each honoree's life to be shared within a program. Family and friends can contribute to the program and donors will be listed. The invitations and other forms may be downloaded from their website (<http://k04645.site.kiwanis.org/90plus/>). Please call for more information and to submit names, addresses and phone numbers of those 90 plus year of age to: Vickie Volino Moore, 90 plus Chairperson, vickalino@aol.com, 914 420-5180.

GRAVE DECORATION SERVICE

If you can't visit your loved one's grave, let Roland Productions Grave Care decorate your loved one's grave on your behalf. Holiday decorations, fresh-cut floral bouquets, planting of annuals, weeding and sprucing up the grave area. Before and After photos sent to you. \$50 per single visit and decoration service. 4 and 10 visit annual decoration discount plans available. Serving cemeteries in the Bronx, Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess. All graves cared for with respect, compassion, dignity and reverence. For holidays, special times, or any time at all. Visit the web site at rolandproductiongravecare.net or call at 845 475-6041. Roland Production Grave Care: "Because Love Never Dies"



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 14th:

Sunday collection: \$5,033.53
On Line giving: \$1,055.00
Total: \$6,088.53

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.saintbartparish.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.

We pray during Advent that we may open our hearts in love and hope as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth.



November 28, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

Saturday, November 27(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Albert Pragna +
Robert Liddell +
Rita & Edward Hoffmeister +

11:30 AM Manuel Bautista +
5:00 PM People of the Parish

Monday, November 29

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Pasquale Capuano +

Tuesday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Valerie Smith+

Wednesday, December 1

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Rudy & Rose Kurak +
9:00 AM Alan Meccia+

Thursday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

Friday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest—First Friday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Saturday, December 4

Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Margaret Mary Barrett +

Saturday, December 4(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +
Harold Smith, Jr.
Joseph Prior +

11:30 AM For All The People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Miguel Angel Ocasio +

November 28, 2021

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.
I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

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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WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

