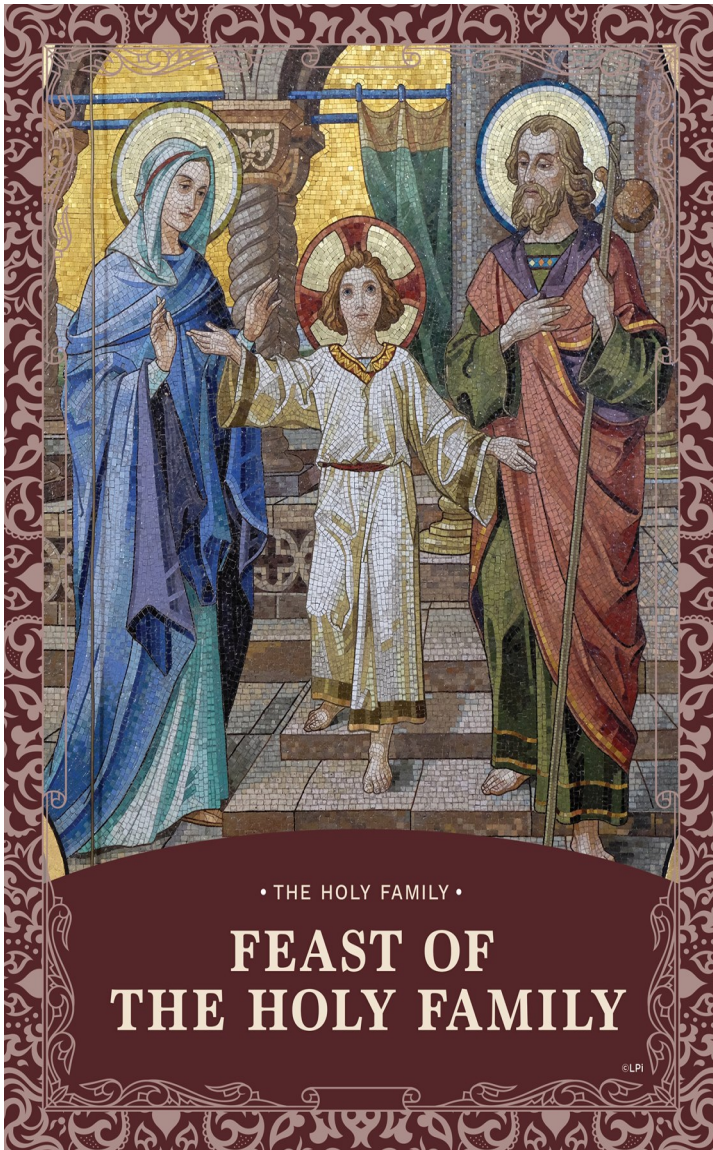


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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. Mark Ameh, MSP, Pastor
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Dr. Anthonio Ciacca, Music Director

Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
Religious Education Office: (914) 476-6676

Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
9:30, **11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)** 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

BE MORE LIKE THE HOLY FAMILY

St. Paul teaches the burgeoning Christian family in Colossae the importance of "bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:13). This needs to happen for any family to thrive and grow. Families will have disagreements. Family members will hurt one another unintentionally or not. In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph could have punished Jesus for not telling them that He was staying in the temple. Jesus could have been offended that He was being treated like a child. But any negative feeling they had they bore without lashing out and they forgave one another for their misunderstandings.



Because she was childless for so long, Hannah promised God that if she had a son, she would consecrate him to the Lord. Today we would never consider giving a little child over to the priests of our parish. Yet, parents generally bring their newborns to the church to be baptized, consecrating them in their faith. Though the newborn's parents still raise the child as their own, they also understand that all of us are God's children and they trust God to watch over their precious baby, for he or she is precious to God as well. We place our children in God's hands, as our parents likely did when we were young.

Luke tells us that all who heard the twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple "were astounded at His understanding" (Luke 2:47). His response to His parents when they finally find Him shows that He understands that He is the Son of the God who welcomes being called "Abba," an intimate term for "Father." He understands that even though His mother and father love Him with all their hearts, His Father loves Him with a divine love a perfect love. Later He will tell His disciples that the Father loves them perfectly as well.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How can I help my family be more reflective of the Holy Family? What difficulties stand out in our family life?

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Resolve to stay faithful to Jesus Christ. He is the one Truth, Way and Life. There's no reason to look elsewhere.

Resolve to not let anything – a career, a significant other, social media, a house – become an object of worship. Resolve to watch your language and not speak any destructive talk, especially involving the name of God.

Resolve to prevent burnout by putting aside work one day a week. Trust God to provide for your needs that day and just enjoy the time He's given you.

Resolve to talk to your parents on a regular basis, and show them love and respect. Resolve to be angry less. Channel any feelings of rage, which Jesus said are as severe as murder, into worshiping God and serving others. Resolve to honor your commitment to your spouse. Whether in thought or in deed, stay pure and loyal in the union God made.

Resolve to not take anything that's not yours, including stuff you can hold and put in your pocket, and plenty that you can't, like music downloads, streaming movies and hours on your timecard. Resolve to speak about others only with truth and love, not gossip. Resolve to be content with what you have, and not worry about what others are amassing.



PARISH NEWS

THE NORMAL 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.



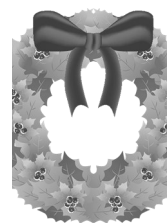
Father Mark and the Parish Staff wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead.

For this week the Parish Office will be open on Monday and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

A 5' wreath was donated in loving memory of Dennis Madonia by Janet Madonia

A 5' wreath was donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Cognatello & Gregorio Families by Mary Ann and Anthony Cognatello.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY



**Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
Wednesday, January 1st
10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish Mass)**

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

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



St. Joseph's monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected for January on **NEXT Saturday, January 4th one half hour before the 5 p. m. Mass and on Sunday January 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, December 28th and 29th.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED GIFTS FOR THE GIVING TREE

400 Gifts were distributed to Richmond Center, Elizabeth Ann Seton Hospital & The Westchester Center. 21 Christmas baskets were handed out and 30 bags of clothes were donated to St. Vincent de Paul.



Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you!!!



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S

IS AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
7 AM AND 9 AM SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM
SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM
SUNDAY MASSES
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM (SPANISH) & 5 PM



CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 15, 2024

Sunday collection: \$3,310.00
On Line giving: \$1,330.00
Total \$4,640.00

**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, Gina Obalde, Ron and Sally Petro, Richard (Dick) Novak, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Steven Sarich, John McKenna, Antony Gorge Ferreira, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Ann Pezzola, Edith Kelly, Carole Romanowski, Susan Rivera, Kenneth Chappory, 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, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Patricia Nieman, Richard Romanowski, Salvador Aviles, Judy Hanrahan, Theresa Liuzzi, Barbara Olivieri, Samuel Olivieri, Michael & Joseph Diaz (twin babies), Rosaria Mercandetti, Tom Swetz & Martha Cesaitis.

Please call 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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Dear God,

*Help my family to be holy, too!
Amen.*

December 29, 2024

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 28

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

Sunday, December 29
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30 AM Paul Maniscalco, Jr. + Sr. Frances Smith, SC +
11:00 AM Gloria DeLuccy +
12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Monday December 30
Sixth Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

7:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Faust Venturino +

Tuesday, December 31
Seventh Day Within The Octave Of The Nativity

7:00 AM Yolanda Soristantos +
9:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Vigil For All The People Of Our Parish

Wednesday, January 1
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 AM Michael & Josephine Califano +
12:30 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

Thursday, January 2
Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Michele Ricardo +

Friday, January 3
Christmas Weekday—First Friday

7:00 AM Charles Hicks (Living)
9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, January 4
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

Saturday, January 4

5:00 PM Deceased Members Of The Tobias Family

Sunday, January 5
Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Joseph Caloia +
11:00 AM Steven Fitzpatrick +
12:30 PM For All the People Of Our Parish
5:00 PM Judith Velez (Living)

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. Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of St. Bartholomew's Parish must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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: _____

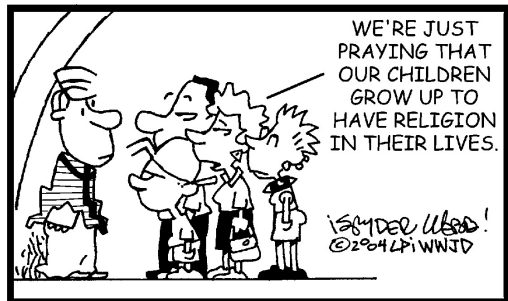
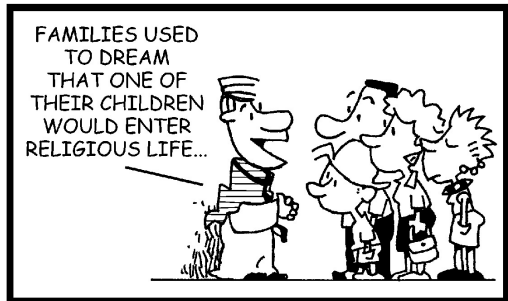
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Comment: _____

- 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

HOLY FAMILY



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