

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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  
Karen Maccia McKenna, Parish Office Manager  
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

**WHO CAN YOU FORGIVE THIS WEEK?**

Before the elders of Israel anointed David king, they presented themselves to him, saying, "Here we are, your bone and your flesh" (2 Samuel 5:1). They claimed kinship with him before giving him the kingship. Paul declares that all things, including all of us, were created in Christ and through Christ, which gives us kinship with him. He is our brother as well as our King. On the cross, Jesus declares a sort of kinship with the repentant thief, promising him that he will accompany Him in heaven. In countries that recognize royalty, just being distantly related to the king can bring you a royal title and privileges. Since we are kin of our King, we too are royalty.



When we first met David he was tending sheep, overlooked since he was the youngest of Jesse's sons. Jesus presented Himself as the Good Shepherd, tending his own and rescuing the lost. On the cross He is still the shepherd, welcoming the lost sheep to his heavenly pasture.

Three times those surrounding Jesus on the cross scoffed at this supposed king slowly dying the death of a criminal. The rulers, the soldiers, and one of the criminals each call upon Him to save Himself if He is so powerful. The criminal goes on to demand that He save him as well. None of these people can imagine anyone, especially a king, being so selfless that He wouldn't do whatever He could to save His own life. They cannot understand the paradox of God being born into this world seemingly only to die an ignominious death. Only the criminal who recognizes Jesus' innocence seeks not that his own life be saved, but rather life in a kingdom that the Messiah is willing to die for.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

Who can I forgive this week, imitating the Lord's mercy, sowing the seeds of the kingdom, and bringing a sort of paradise to someone else's heart?

**Blessings**

*Father Raphael*

**ST. BART'S ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE  
ST BART'S BLOOD DRIVE FRIDAY November 25<sup>th</sup>  
12 NOON TO 6PM**

St Bartholomew's Church and the NY Blood Center will be conducting our **103<sup>rd</sup> Blood Drive** on **FRIDAY, November 25<sup>th</sup>** from 12 noon to 6 pm, in the St Bart's McManus Center (Gym).

Since August 1981, our drives have collected 7,682 donations.

It is preferable to make appointments by using:

[https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/280910](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/280910).

NY Blood Center prefers appointments, which take priority, but will allow WALKINS only if the room capacity permits. Or you can contact Tony Sciacca for an appointment. Covid policy and precautions will meet current FDA and CDC guidelines. Face covering will be optional.

We are traditionally asked to run drives during holiday periods when the need for blood is great and the donations are usually down. Your support is just one of many things that make St. Bart's special. Tell your family and friends too.



**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 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.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY—Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive**  
**Reminder that The Social Ministry group in coordination with the Religious Education students is having a special Thanksgiving Food Drive through this weekend November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.**



Bags are in the rear of the church. Please place **Thanksgiving appropriate**, non-perishable fixings especially canned vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruit, applesauce, boxed mashed potatoes, coffee, tea, and juices, etc. in the bag.

**Return the bags to church no later than November 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will also be in need of some frozen turkeys, fresh/frozen pies, or fruit, which can be dropped off at the food pantry before the Masses, the weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 next Saturday and Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.



The Social Ministry Group and the Religious Education Department will be having their annual coat drive. Winter coats (for adults and children) can be brought to the church through the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



*Father Raphael, Father Victor and the Parish Staff wish everyone a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Many blessings on you and your families as you celebrate together.*



Our giving tree will be at the back of the church on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. We are requesting that gifts be returned no later than Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. A special note this year: if your gift is for a child, we are requesting that the gift be placed in a gift bag with tissue paper rather than wrapped (this is a requirement of Elizabeth Seton Hospital for children). If your gift is for an adult, you can either wrap the gift or place it in a gift bag. Thank you for your continued support in this very special season of giving.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY GROUP** will be 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, desserts, canned pineapple and apple sauce. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on Saturday evening (December 17<sup>th</sup>) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 18<sup>th</sup>) for distribution on this Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity!!!



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**  
**Is Christ King in Our Hearts?**

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS LPI*

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.



Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen

**† STEWARDSHIP †**

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits to me?

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday collection: \$3,371.00**  
**On Line giving: \$1,325.00**  
**Total: \$4,696.00**

**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](http://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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).**



**LORD**  
give strength  
to your people

Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, 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, Baby Joseph Anthony Coddington, Tony Sciacca, Megan Weingarten, Richard Gritta, Luz Maria Izurieta, Joan Manno, Ana Herrera, Edna McShane, Faust Venturino and Patricia Nieman.

**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.**

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November 20, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

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**Saturday, November 19 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Louis Brusco +  
Amelia Gagliardi +

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**Sunday, November 20, 2022**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

9:30 AM Antonio D'Addario & Robert Liddell +  
Anna & Tony Guarente +

11:30 AM Antonina & Benedetto Di Chiara +  
5:00 PM Angelina Nguyen (Living)

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**Monday, November 21**

**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM Laarnie Belo +  
9:00 AM Ivano Lucchetti + & Deceased Parents

**Tuesday, November 22**

**Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Loretta & Michael Kennedy +

**Wednesday, November 23**

**Weekday**

7:00 AM Dr. Edward Casey +  
9:00 AM Amelia Gagliardi +

**Thursday, November 24**

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions,  
Martyrs—Thanksgiving**

10:00 AM For All The People Of Our Parish

**Friday, November 25**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Emilio Lucchetti & Family (Living)

**Saturday, November 26**

**Weekday**

9:00 AM Frank G. Nanoia +

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**Saturday, November 26 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Albert Pragana +

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**Sunday, November 27, 2022**

**First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Fiorente & Teresa Venturino +  
Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of Legio Family  
5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

**November 20, 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**

CHRIST THE KING

