

Saint Bartholomew's Church

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Rectory/Parish Office : (914) 965-0566
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Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday (Vigil);
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.

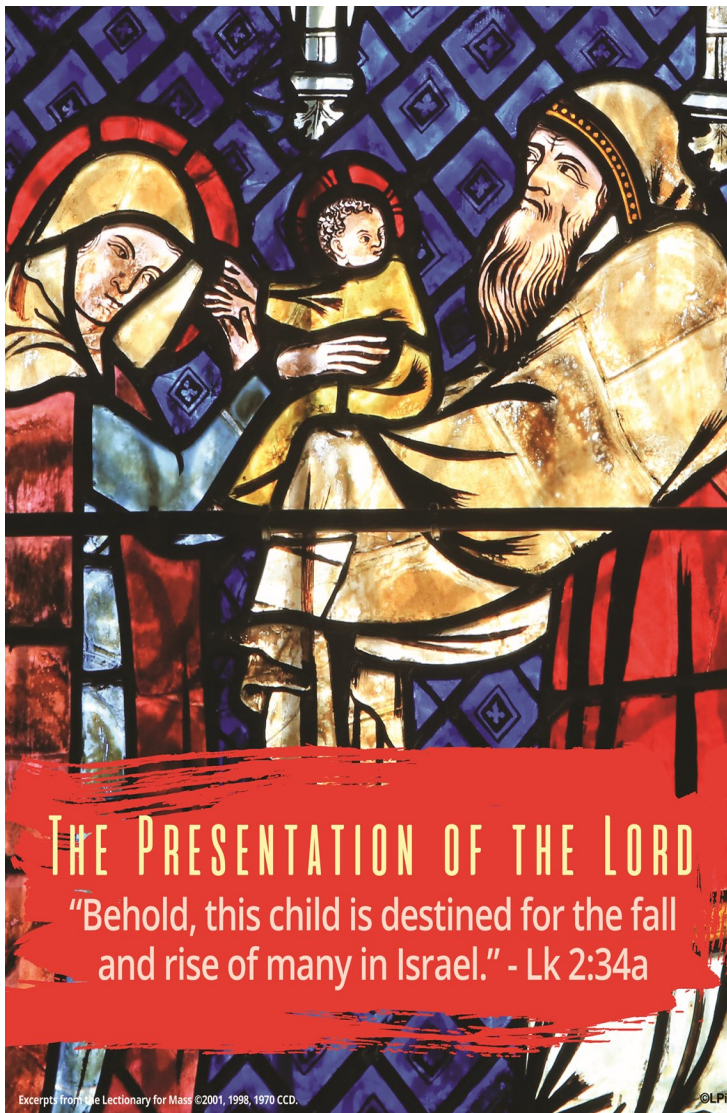
Parish Council: Meets on the Monday evening after the third Sunday of the month.

Holy Name Society: Meets on the Monday evening after the second Sunday of the month. President, 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



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.

BE OPEN AND HEAR OTHERS

The author of the Hebrews goes to great pains to explain how Jesus was able to bring salvation to the world. As God is all powerful, we can imagine that God could have put an end to death at any time by executive fiat. But in order to truly conquer death, God had a share in our human nature, to be tested and to suffer in flesh and blood. Our God is a God who has led the way to salvation by suffering and dying, just as we all will.



It is Jesus' final visit to Jerusalem that we remember, when He was welcomed by cheering onlookers, celebrated the Last Supper, was arrested, sentenced, and put to death. Today we hear of His first visit to Jerusalem. Jesus, who was sent to fulfill the law and the prophets, is brought to the temple as Mary's firstborn son to fulfill the law and is recognized by the prophets Simeon and Anna as the Messiah.

After Anna's encounter with the Lord, she spoke to "all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem" (Luke2:38). She was a second witness, as the Law requires. But did anyone listen? Did anyone take to heart the words of this old woman? Or did the others in the temple dismiss her as just a crazy old lady? Recall that at the end of Luke, it is women who are first to visit the empty tomb. When they return to the apostles with the news that Jesus had been raised, the apostles thought "their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them" (Luke24:11). Would Anna have fared any better when telling people that this tiny baby would be the source of their salvation?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Whom do I ignore without even considering that they may be speaking the truth? How can I be more open and attentive to other people's voices?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael, Ezech, MSP

FAMILY MASS AND BREAKFAST: This Sunday, February 2nd, there will be our family Mass at 10 a.m. with breakfast following in McManus Parish Center. Please join us.



PARISH NEWS



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, are donated in loving memory of Margaret & Carmine Maccia by John & Karen McKenna.

FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE: This Monday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. We will have the Blessing of Throats during all the Masses on Saturday, February 1st and Sunday February 2nd.



We will be providing **Immaculate Conception, a Soup Kitchen in the Bronx** with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts this Thursday, February 6th. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday. If the doors are not open, leave your donations by the food pantry door. **If you'd like to contribute, please call the Parish Office at 914-965-**

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Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

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



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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEBRUARY 2ND, CANDLEMAS DAY

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations, she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation to the Temple forty days later—February 15th. (Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for forty days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." This feast emphasized Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the church in the West celebrated Jesus's birth on December 25th, the Presentation was moved to February 2nd, forty days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name of Candlemas.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



SAVE THE DATE

St. Bart's Annual Winter Festival Dinner-Dance, is Saturday, February 15th. Come and join us for a night of fun!! Adults: \$20, Children \$10 (Ages 12 and under) and Family \$40. Call the parish office for more details.



Youth Week, February 16th to February 22nd

ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday, February 7th, is First Friday. We will have First Friday Adoration beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m. with a Holy Hour at 1 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

The 2020 Mass Book is open with dates available. Consider giving a loved one or someone (living or deceased) who has a special place in our life, the graces associated with having a Mass offered on their behalf. You may have a thanksgiving Mass offered for your loved one or yourself on such occasions as birthday's, wedding anniversaries, etc. Also you may consider offering the Altar Flowers (\$100; or \$125 for roses), Altar Bread and Wine (\$30), Altar Candles (\$10) or the Sanctuary Lamp (\$10) for your intention. Come to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NOTE: The 2021 Mass book will open on Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wednesday) after the 9 a.m. Mass

Our YOUTH GROUP meets in the school building on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be no meeting this Sunday, February 2nd (Super Bowl Sunday).

Our EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13) meets in the school building on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass. Their next meeting is next Sunday, February 9, 2020.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (AGES 4-10) meets the third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m. in the school building.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us when you are able.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

LOCAL NEWS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Yonkers is a social, religious and bereavement organization which helps to meet the needs of its membership. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at St. Ann's Church, Father Anthony Hall, 31 College Place, Yonkers, NY. Their next meeting is Thursday, February 20th. For more information, please call 914 423-5331. New members are welcome.

Consider Adoption, what better way is there to respect life in all of its stages than by adopting a homeless child. Be the light in the darkness for them. If there is room in your heart, consider adoption. Contact Downey Side Adoption at: c/o Grace Episcopal Church, 33 Church Street, White Plains, NY 10601, 212 714-2200, Kimberly Frink.



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING Sunday Collection Update

January 19, 2020- Tithing

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows: Envelopes (\$4,524.40), Online (\$ 520.00), Total (\$5,044.40)

"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!"

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!!!! Go to: www.saintbartsparish.org and click on the We Share online giving link. (WE SHARE HAS REPLACED PARISH PAY).



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 Lutowski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Larry Vandak, Harold Sullivan, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Anthony Spinner, Edison Blanco, 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, Frank Marra, Ellen Chimenti, Doreen Madonia, Gianna Whitehead, Gloria DeLuccy and Sister Joan Mary Gleason.

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



Rest in Peace

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, especially Elizabeth (Betty) De Meo.

February 2, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 1 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM George Goresen +

Sunday, February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 AM Annetrud Cordes +

10:00 AM For All the People of Our Parish

11:30 AM Patrick V. Fox +

5:00 PM Emilio Spena & Robert Areizaga, Jr. +

Monday, February 3 Feast of St. Blaise

Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Carmine Nicholas Maccia +

Tuesday, February 4

Weekday

7:00 AM Jaelynn Pelkisson +

9:00 AM Linda & Gene Skelly +

Wednesday, February 5

Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Johanna Sokol +

Thursday, February 6

Saint Paul Miki & Companion, Martyrs

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Giustino Rende +

Friday, February 7

Weekday

7:00 AM For the Intentions of Maria Rosa Ferreira

9:00 AM Eleanor Ann Yacko-Nader +

Saturday, February 8

Weekday

9:00 AM Robert & Lillian Kurtz +

Saturday, February 8 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Ralph Verderosa +

Sunday, February 9, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Deceased Members of Holy Name Society
& Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Mary & Albert Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

5:00 PM Felix Vazquez & Jose Romero +

February 2, 2020



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 complete 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 Rectory. 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.
- I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.