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THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

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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 WE RECOGNIZE CHRIST AS OFTEN AS WE COULD?



Infants can do little for themselves,; parents must do everything the infant requires. At the opposite end of the spectrum, seniors are often equally reliant on their children. Sirach instructs children to care for their elderly parents, recognizing that not only their strength but their mind may fail. For both child and parent this may be quite difficult. It is especially then that we must "put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another," for the supple bond of love can easily strain or snap (Colossians 3:12-13).

Abraham lived his life filled with great faith, faith proven by his willingness to do anything the Lord asked him. Simeon and Anna lived lives of tremendous faith, as evidenced by their continual presence in the temple. They immediately recognized the Messiah, "the Christ of the Lord," in this infant boy (Luke 2:26). Do we recognize the Christ of the Lord every time that we could? We know of Christ's presence within us and trust that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for Him. But do we see the Lord's saving power, our redemption, in their eyes?

The timing of the reading of this Gospel makes sense, for this scene can only occur after Mary has borne the Son of God. However, the lives of Anna and Simeon, at least in their later years, symbolize the Advent season.. Both had been waiting for years for this moment—the moment in which they would see the face of salvation. Both must have been filled with incredible faith to recognize the Messiah in this infant boy. Each immediately gives thanks to God for granting them the fulfillment of their final desire before they die. They then proclaim Jesus' power, Simeon to Mary, Anna to the others in the temple, initiating another period of expectant hope.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I better see Christ in my family members? How can I better see neighbors and strangers as my sisters and brothers?

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 27TH AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Louis Brusco
- Elizabeth & Carl Laredo
- Ralph Esposito
- John F. Brusco

- Miguel Angel Ocasio
- Rafael & Edwin Rivera
- Nancy Viola

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, AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Elizabeth & Carl Laredo by Joan Liddell.



THE ALTAR SANCTUARY LAMP is donated in loving memory of Michael Califano by the Martinez Family.



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, a reminder we will be providing **Immaculate Conception, a Soup Kitchen in the Bronx** with a monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts, **on Thursday, January 7th**. Please bring your donation to the Rectory basement (food pantry door) after 8 a.m. on Thursday, January 7th.



A **SPECIAL THANKS** to all who donated gifts to our Giving Tree for our various charities. This year we distributed 270 gifts. We also distributed 16 Christmas baskets. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you and your families.

The Religious Education Group and the Outreach Group are collecting winter clothing (coats, boots, sweaters, gloves, scarves, hats, etc.) Now's the time to clean out those cluttered closets!! You can leave your donated clothing near the food boxes at the rear of the church. Clothing will be picked up and distributed to the needy the week of January 6th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

48" Christmas Wreaths Donated by:

- Quincy Venturino in loving memory of the deceased members of the Venturino & Martucci Families
- Mary Ann & Anthony Cognatello in loving memory of the deceased members of the Cognatello and Gregorio families
- Janet Madonia in loving memory of Dennis Madonia

36" Christmas Wreaths Donated by:

- Maria & Rich Scardino in loving memory of the deceased members of the Scardino and D'Arienzo Families



Poinsettia Arrangements Donated by:

- Joanna Pragana in loving memory of Albert Pragana, Mary & Joseph Cuzzo, Lucille and Victor Serricchio & Christine Bellino
- Frank D'Aquila in loving memory of Edith D'Aquila

Father Raphael and Staff wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead. Stay safe everyone and we pray that 2021 bring us a new year filled with hope, healing, love, happiness and renewed faith.



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

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, January 1st:
11:30 AM (also live streamed)

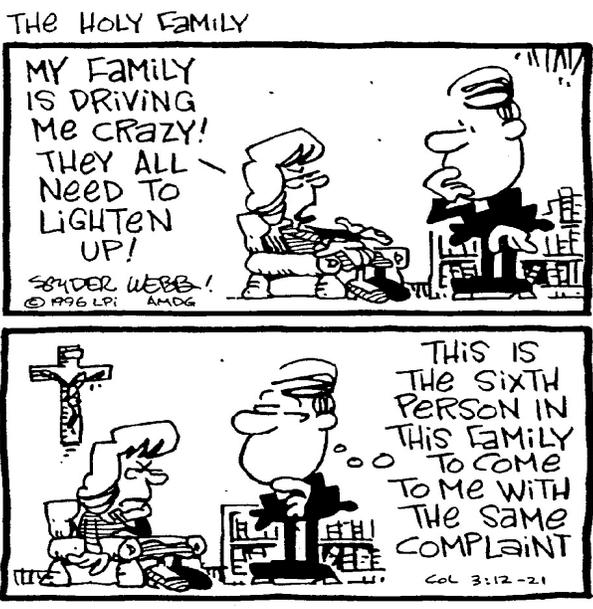
Important Message

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things.
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

The Daily Bible Verses
http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR



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, Edward Minozzi and Robert Minnucci.

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.



Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Nancy Viola.

December 27, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, December 26(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:30 AM Louis Brusco +
Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
Ralph Esposito +
John F. Brusco +
Miguel Angel Ocasio + &
Rafael & Edwin Rivera +
Nancy Viola +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Michael Califano +

Tuesday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Gilbert Egan +

Wednesday, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Richard Califano (Living)

Thursday, December 31

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Intentions of the Brusco Family
4:00 PM (Vigil) For All The People of Our Parish

Friday, January 1

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

11:30 AM Michael Califano +
Charles Kolnik +

Saturday, January 2

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

9:00 AM Christopher Milano +

Saturday, January 2 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +
Frances & Oscar Starkenberg +
Frank Nanoia +
Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +
Patrick Vincent Fox + &
Maria De La Carmen +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

December 27, 2020

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(said now at Mass since we cannot receive Jesus sacramentally during these difficult times).

HOLY



COMMUNION

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.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Happy
New Year*