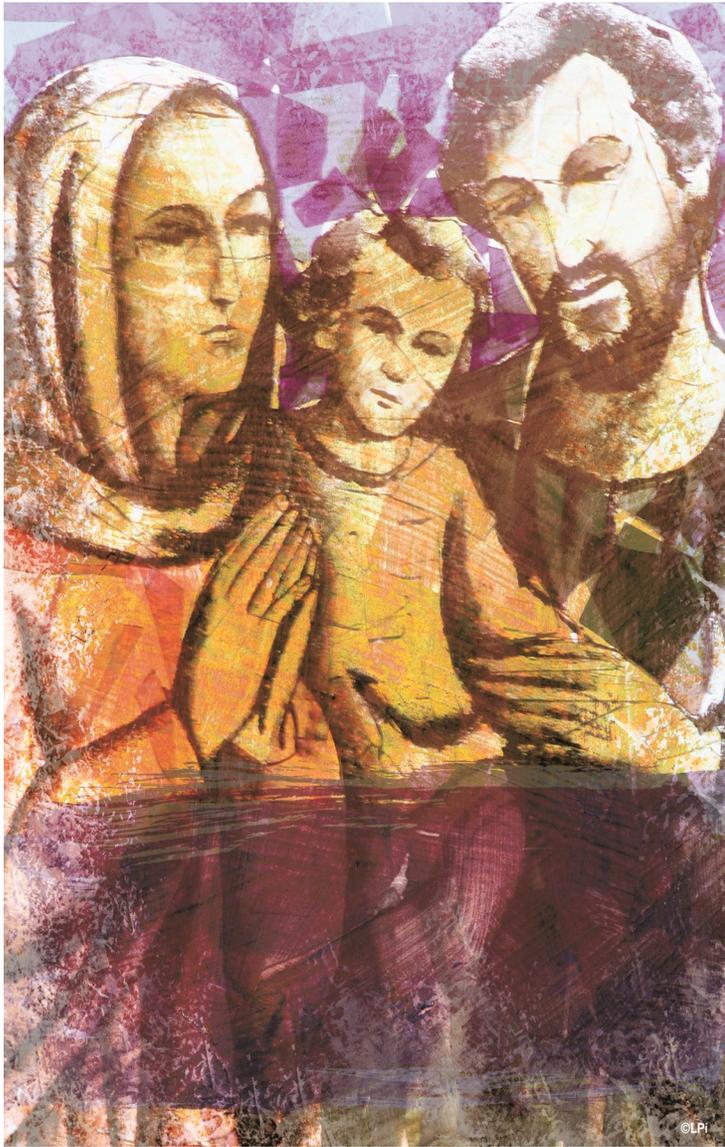


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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
Rev. Anthony Mbanefo, MSP, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Robert A. Clemens
Cheryl Duda, Religious Education Coordinator
Erika Podoprigora, Organist and Music Director

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

Sunday Masses: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday;
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, Anthony Martelli

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

PARISH NEWS

ACT OUT OF LOVE, BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE

The differing treatment of men and women in scriptural passages often presents difficulties today. It helps to consider that society was quite different two thousand years ago.



But Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians has wonderful guidance, directed to women and men like: be gentle and patient, compassionate and forgiving. Act out of love, the love the Lord has shown to us. Sirach's words as well

are instructive to any age: revere and comfort your mother and father. One word that appears in both readings is kindness, truly a quality to show to our sisters and brothers in any era.

The alternative readings today emphasize the patience and obedience of Abraham and Sarah and God's faithfulness in fulfilling the promise made to Abraham. Sarah and Abraham continued to believe that they would have countless descendants, despite all evidence to the contrary. Moreover, after Sarah bore a child in her old age, Abraham was willing to sacrifice him in obedience to God, so strong was his faith that God would keep this promise. Abraham "reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead" (Hebrews 11:19). To Abraham the idea that Isaac would somehow be restored to life was more believable than that God would break a promise.

Patience and faithfulness also characterize the two elderly Jewish people we meet in the Gospel. Simeon and Anna are each portrayed as extremely devout, virtually living in God's house. For years they patiently prayed in the temple in Jerusalem every day. When encountering the boy Jesus, they

FAITH

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(A) ALL
(I) ISSUES
(T) TO
(H) HEAVEN**

each immediately recognize the Savior of the world. Simeon, believing that he would not die until he had seen the Christ, prays to God, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace" (Luke 2:29). Their patience and faithfulness have been rewarded. Just seeing Jesus was enough.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I display the attributes described in today's reading
Pastoral Patterns, Winter, 2017-2018

New Year's Blessing

Heavenly Father, in this time of new beginnings,

We recall how the heavens celebrated the birth of Christ. We think back to the new Kingdom He proclaimed, and remember the new life we gained in our baptism.

In this time of new beginnings, and at the beginning of the New Year,

May we always act as good examples of the new life in You that all Christians have And be the same for others. Give us the joy that is ours as members of God's family.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE, SANCTUARY LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES are donated in loving memory of Frank Nanoia by Angela & Louis Brusco.



Religious education classes resume on Tuesday, January 2nd.



SHARING COMMUNITY MEAL: This Thursday, January 4th, we will be providing our Sharing Community Meal. Please bring your ziti or dessert to the rectory. Doors will open at 6:45 a.m. The Sharing Community truly appreciates our efforts.

Calling all Seniors! Calling all Seniors!

Join fellow seniors for Mass and Gathering Thursday, **January 4th**
9 a.m. Mass with a Special Blessing followed by light refreshments and gathering at McManus Parish Center.



HOLY HOUR: This Friday, January 5th, is First Friday. We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. with our regular monthly Holy Hour at 1 p.m. On Saturday, January 6th, 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.

Our **MONTHLY FAMILY MASS** will be celebrated next Sunday, January 7th at the 10 a.m. Mass. All children and their families are encouraged to attend. Family breakfast will follow the 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



BE "INFORMED" FOR DECEMBER

We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to www.formed.org which gives you access to quality Catholic on line programs, movies, audios, and books. Simply register with parish code **YWHDC2** and enjoy. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Study: *Beloved: Mystery and Meaning of Marriage or Living Marriage*. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth or Mary of Nazareth*; or listen to: *Marriage and Family, Three to Get Married, How to Apply Faith to our Families or Counting Your Blessings*. Contact Cheryl Duda at 914-476-6676 if you have any questions.



Father Raphael, Father Anthony and Staff wish you a very Happy New Year and many blessings in the year ahead.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 2nd.

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



Sunday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

(This Mass fulfills your Holy Day, January 1st obligation, and does not fulfill Sunday Mass obligation).

Monday, January 1st

8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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

Our warmest welcome to our visitors. We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. If you are looking for a "Church" home," please consider our faith community. Speak with any of our hospitality ministers after Mass or contact the parish office.

And our course welcome to each and every parishioner. Thank you so much for all you do for St. Bart's all year round. We remember especially our Sick and Homebound; you are always in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord grant you healing and peace.



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 worshipping 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 that others are amassing.



SAVE THE DATE

St Bart's Winter Festival

Saturday, February 17, 2018, 6 PM

Dinner, Music, Dancing and Prizes. Stay tuned for more details!!



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Sunday Collection Update

Amount Needed Weekly	\$ 7,000.00
Actual Received Last Sunday	\$ 5,572.80
Balance	- \$ 1,427.20
*(Envelopes \$5,322.80 + Online \$250.00)	

Amount Needed for Month of December	\$35,000.00
Amount Collected Thus Far	\$22,184.70

"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!

It's time to sign up for on line giving with We Share. Please contact the parish office or take a flyer and sign up sheet at the rear of the church.



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Marian Fletcher, Ann Lackner, Richard Meyers, Rosalie Heit, Andrea Objay, Audrey Falcone, Louis Brusco, Michael Tomanelli, Ariella Castillo, Gail Chappory, Randolph Castillo, Jr., Deacon Jim Byrne, Gregory Clemens, Mary Bryce, Anna Bonacci, Efrain Arzola, Henry Joseph, Deacon Bob Clemens, Carolyn Cesta, William Bodack, Joseph Mahoney, Mary De Santis, Leticia Agosto, Manuel Obalde, Jr., Gina Obalde, Rosalia Guzman, Ann McGarry, Daniel Pezzola, Brittany Arzola, Ron and Sally Petro, Anthony Guarente, Theresa Venturino, Nicholas Arzola, Angela Lutomski, Richard (Dick) Novak, Cynthia Mascetta King, and Matthew Fitzpatrick.

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

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

Our **YOUTH GROUP** meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building. Their next meeting is **next** Sunday, January 7th. **Follow our Youth Group on Twitter @ St_Barts-Youth.**

Our newly formed **EDGE GROUP (AGES 11-13)** meets the second Sunday of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass in the school building.

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

December 31, 2017

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary And Joseph
Saturday, December 30 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +
10:00 AM Deceased Members of Casey & Chimenti families
11:30 AM Lena & Patrick Castaldo +
5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish IL)
**(VIGIL FOR JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF
MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)**

Monday, January 1

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

8:30 AM Maria Loreta & Luigi Lucchetti +
10 AM Michael & Josephine Califano (Living)
11:30 AM Dina Legio +

Tuesday, January 2

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

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Patrick Rogers +

Wednesday, January 3

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Frank Nania +

Thursday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

First Friday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Ernest & Irene Russo & Mary Evans +

First Saturday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Antonio Marchetti +

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:30 AM Caroline Klee +
10:00 AM Dennis Madonia +
11:30 AM Vincent J. Campisi & Julieann Campisi Moroch +
5:00 PM Maria de Carmen Vazquez & Julio Blanco

+

December 31, 2017

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY



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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.