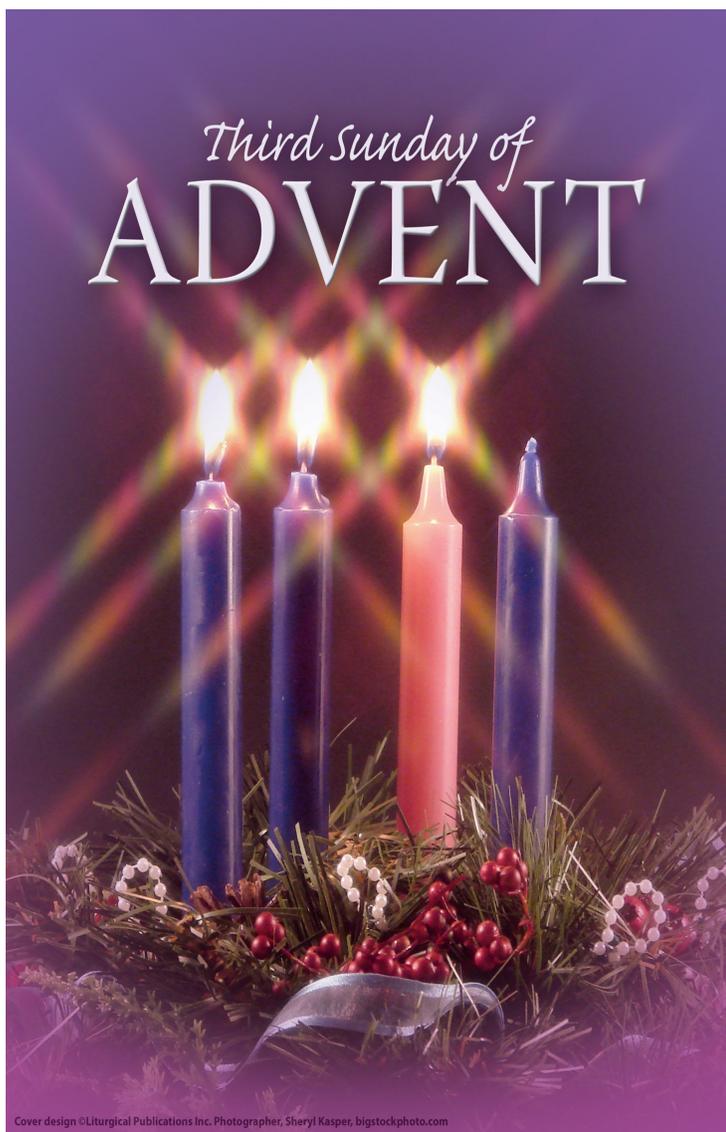


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and 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

BE A WITNESS TO CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

Isaiah saw an Israel that no one else could see. Scripture scholars tell us that today's first reading was written when the Jewish people were permitted to return to Jerusalem after years in exile, but found that the city had been utterly destroyed. But Isaiah saw blooming flowers where his compatriots saw a barren desert. He saw God's glory and splendor, not the desecration of the temple. "Be strong, fear not!" he urged his neighbors, for God would save them (Isaiah 35:4). There are times and will continue



to be times when we look at the world, or the country, or our community, and see much to be pessimistic or downright hopelessness about. But with the eyes of a prophet, with the eyes of faith, we can envision "the splendor of our God" emerging from the doom and gloom (35:2).

But it is not easy. Witness John the Baptist. What happened to the unborn child who leaped in the womb in Mary's presence when she herself was with child? What happened to his memory of the Holy Spirit coming down like a dove when he baptized Jesus? What happened to his certainty we saw last week when he announced that the kingdom was at hand? Perhaps the four walls of Herod's prison acted like a barrier to his deeper vision. Or perhaps he questioned why a Messiah who healed the blind and deaf and even raised the dead failed to free the imprisoned. What happened to proclaiming liberty to captives? Had God abandoned him? Have we not wondered the same ourselves?

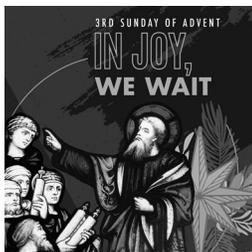
When James refers to "the coming of the Lord" in this passage (5:7), he is speaking of Jesus' Second Coming, but it can be applied to the Lord's presence at any time. Is it really at hand" (5:8), how are we not seeing it? How are we not feeling it? "Be patient," James counsels (5:7). In today's world, where communication, information, and entertainment are immediately available any time, it takes patience and thoughtful consideration to recognize the Lord. In the busyness of these weeks before Christmas, let us take the time to ponder and discern the Lord's presence in our lives.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Have others recognized Christ's presence in me? What can I do during Advent and Christmas to witness to Christ's presence in the world?

Blessings

Father Raphael



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 Advent Wreath has been donated in loving memory of the Hoffman & Guarente Families.

The Advent and Christmas Candle Set has been donated in loving memory of Theresa Venturino & the deceased members of the Venturino and Martucci Families.

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 **THIS WEEKEND ONLY, DECEMBER 10th and 11th.**



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 17th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 18th) for distribution on Monday, December 19th. Thank you for your generosity!!!

Movie Thursday: *this Thursday, December 15th, 10 am*
The Bells of St. Mary's

CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION



Christmas Wish List



(2)36" wreaths(\$130 each), (2) 48" wreaths(\$140 each) and Pointsettia arrangements (\$75 each) can be donated in memory of loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested at 914 965-0566.

Our giving tree is at the back of the church. We are requesting that gifts be returned no later than Thursday, December 15th. 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.



If anyone in the Parish is a plumber or electrician, please contact the parish office.



THE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONFESSION/SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS: THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, Advent Reconciliation Monday, Monday, December 19th, gives Catholics the opportunity to go to any parish for confession. However, times for confession at some parishes may vary.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE!!!!

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH WILL HOLD CONFESSIONS FROM 2 to 4 PM AND

FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Saturday, December 24th

VIGIL AT 4 P.M. (not 5 p.m.)

Begins with Carols at 3:30 p.m.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Begins with Carols at 11:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Sunday, December 25th

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

(There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas day)

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR'S MASSES:**

Saturday, December 31st

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Season That Gives Back

I don't have anything left to give. You can't pour from an empty cup. All I do is give. Who is giving to me?

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

LPI

† STEWARDSHIP †

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

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 27th

Sunday collection: \$2,443.00

On Line giving: \$1,215.00

Total: \$3,658.00

**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, 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, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

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Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

Saturday, December 10 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

**Sunday, December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name and
Rosary Altar Societies
Carmen Lopez Rivera +

11:30 AM Julia Mulvaney McGee +

5:00 PM Bruno Aloia +

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM Gloria Bassey+

9:00 AM Helen & Pete Pietrowski +

Tuesday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:00 AM Leticia Serano +

9:00 AM Theresa Venturino +

Wednesday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Anne Morrissey +

9:00 AM For All The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 15

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Marietta & Vincenzo De Santis +

9:00 AM Alberta Blasewitz & Joan Magratten +

Friday, December 16

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Anna Whiteman +

9:00 AM Marion Howley +

Saturday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Geraldine & Stanley Doman +

Saturday, December 17 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Tacyn &
Marchak Families

**Sunday, December 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM John & Geraldine Mazza +

11:30 AM Deceased Members of the Legio Family

5:00 PM For All The People Of Our Parish

December 11, 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

