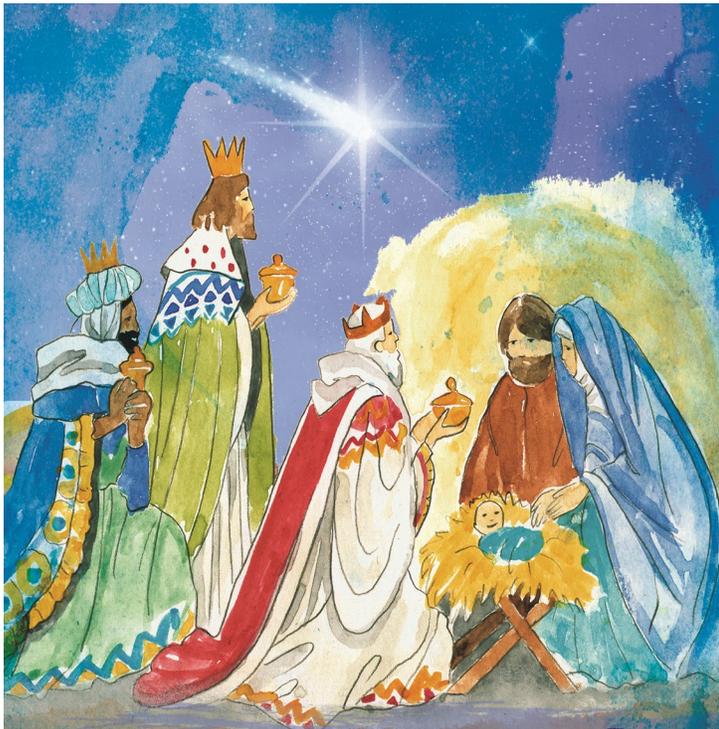


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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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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
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

BECOME AN INSTRUMENT OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST



Our mission to evangelize means that we are called to pass God's word and blessings on to others in the first reading, God speaks to Moses, who passes those words on to Aaron and his sons, who are called to pass God's blessings on to all the Israelites. Saint Paul, one of our greatest evangelizers, here passes along his insights into Christ's birth and life to the Galatians. The shepherds become the first evangelizers of Jesus' birth, bringing the angels words to all those gathered in a the stable around the holy infant. Mary's role was unique, as she herself brought the Word into the world.

There is a passage early in Genesis in which we get the delightful image of God strolling through the Garden of Eden at sunset ("the breezy time of the day"), perhaps encountering the newly-created man and woman. But before that very verse ends (Genesis 3:8), the tone changes, for we hear that they are hiding in shame. Humanity had sinned and separated itself from the divine. Until Mary. Mary, conceived without original sin, was God's choice to bring the divine back into the world. In her womb the divine and the human blossom. When she bears the Son of God, the world changes anew.

As we begin the twenty-first year of the twenty-first century since Jesus was born, we have the opportunity to change the world anew once again. Today is the World Day of Peace, a perfect time to bring the peace of Christ into our hearts and collectively let the peace of Christ reign over the world. We must imagine the change we wish to make and so we imagine peace on earth, all over the earth, the peace that the angels announced on that first Christmas night, the peace the shepherds made known, the peace Mary treasured in her heart.



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I become an instrument of the peace of Christ in the world? To whom do I need to bear that peace??

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. HIS SUNDAY MASS, January 3rd AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

DECEASED:

- Paolo & Prosperina Merli
- Frances & Oscar Starkenberg
- Frank G. Nanoia
- Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III
- Patrick Vincent Fox
- Maria De La Carmen



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, ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



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, if you would like to make cash donations, you can do so. We use the cash donations to purchase Shoprite gift cards for some of our needy families. **May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.**

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: Also, a reminder we will be providing **Immaculate Conception in the Bronx** our monthly contribution of baked ziti and desserts on **Thursday, January 7th**. You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



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!!



PRAY FOR WORLD HEALING

Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us Your children an awareness of Your presence, and give us perfect confidence in You. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to Your never-failing care, knowing that Your love and power surround us, trusting in Your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when Your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Year of St. Joseph Prayer to St. Joseph

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.



THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:
MASSES MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND



9 AM (9 AM MASS LIVE STREAMED ALSO FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME)

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES AT 9:30 AM (ALSO LIVE STREAMED FOR THOSE AT HOME) AND 11:30 AM.

WHEN ATTENDING MASS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH.

****CONFESSIONS ARE ON SATURDAY FROM 4 TO 4:30 PM****

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTSM lpi



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.

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD IS IN SUPPORT OF OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS.



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, Robert Minnucci, Joseph Caloia and Crystal Scales.

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 repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Debbie Dieffenthaler.

January 3, 2021

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

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 G. Nanoia +
Joseph T. Pasqualoni III +
Patrick Vincent Fox + &
Maria De La Carmen +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

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

Tuesday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Louis Brusco +

Wednesday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Maria & Joseph Nguyen +

Thursday, January 7

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM Deacon Anthony Mercandetti +
9:00 AM Josephine Califano +

Friday, January 8

Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention
9:00 AM Maria & Joseph Ngo +

Saturday, January 9

Christmas Weekday

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Acevedo Family

Saturday, January 9(Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

Sunday, January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

9:30 AM Helen Clemens +
Deceased Members of the Holy Name and
Rosary Altar Societies
Frank, Carmela, & Dina Legio +
Dennis Madonia +
Amilcar Blanco + &
Julio Blanco +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

January 3, 2021

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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



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.



WE ALL NEED A LITTLE HUMOR

EPIPHANY

