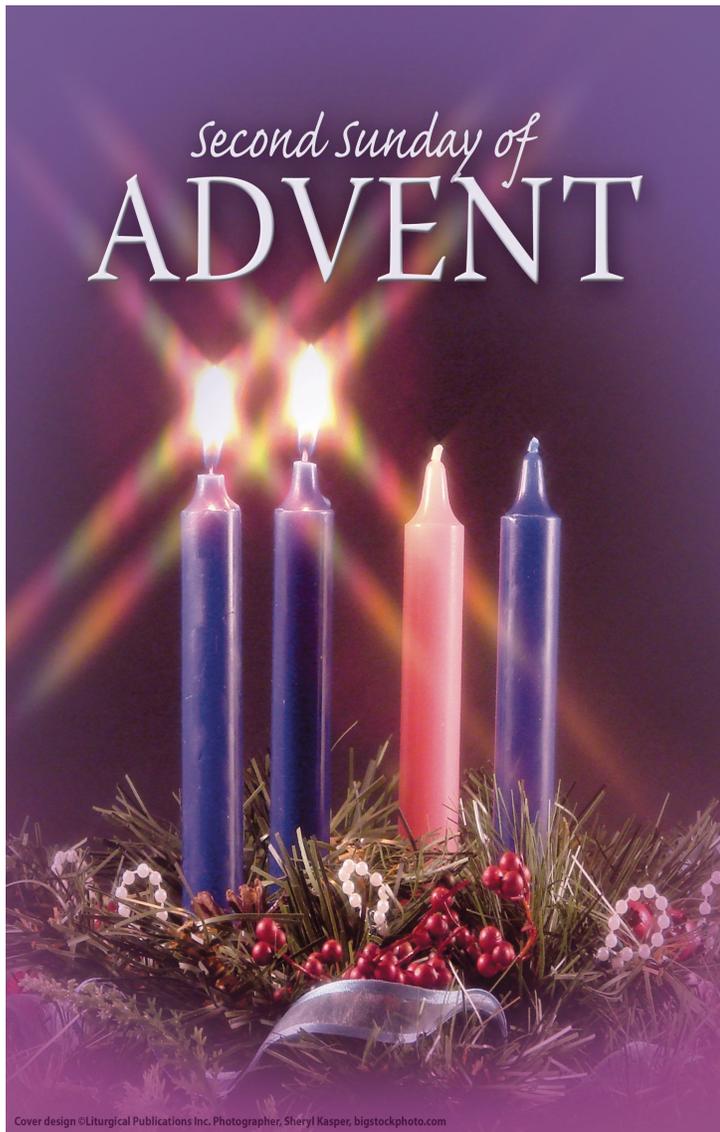


# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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

## TIME TO REPENT

The wolf does not become the lamb, nor the lamb the wolf. In Isaiah's vision animals that are natural enemies are able to get along, not by ceasing to be what they are, but by changing their behavior. Note the lion eating hay, embracing a vegetarian diet in order to coexist with the ox. Also note that in each pairing, one is gentle and often young: a lamb, a calf, a baby. Possibly the presence of such a harmless creature on God's holy mountain tames the fierce one. We are called to be the peaceful ones, finding ways to reduce tension and reconcile with those with whom we've failed to get along.

John the Baptist is the first to refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God, though that comes only after he sees him, not in today's Gospel. Jesus, the Lamb, is put to death after a threatening crowd, like a pack of ravenous wolves, demands that he be killed. Isaiah's vision of the world after the Son of David, the root of Jesse, arrived, was not realized. The world carried on with its injustices, its poverty, and its aggression. And it still does. Yet, the vision of God's peaceable kingdom sustains our hope. John's first words provide a path: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). To reach that kingdom, where all will live in harmony, we need to repent. All of us are called to be sorry and atone for our sins. And it begins with me.

The qualities of the spirit of the Lord that Isaiah lists at the beginning of this passage may sound familiar, for they are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which were bestowed on us all at Confirmation. The Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of the Lord when we make the effort to use those gifts for the benefit of each other. In doing so, we produce good fruit (as John the Baptist calls us to do) and harmonize with one another (as Paul tells the Romans).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Of what do I need to repent and how can my repentance produce good fruit?

## Blessings

*Father Raphael*

## Christmas Wish List

*Our traditional Advent and Christmas candle set (\$100), Advent wreath (\$35), (2) 36" wreaths (\$130 each), (4) 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. More items may be listed in the following weeks.*



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



# 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.

Take Note



**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.

*Thank you to all who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your generosity was most appreciated. 27 baskets were distributed.*

**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:**

**SOUP KITCHEN**

The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans **will be collected FOR December this Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and this Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.**

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 the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



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

**Tai Chi Demonstration: December 8<sup>th</sup> 11:45 to 12:45**

**Movie Thursday: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am**  
**The Bells of St. Mary's**

**CONTACT RICH CALIFANO FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE SCHEDULE FOR MASSES IN ST. BART'S IS AS FOLLOWS:

### MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 7 AM AND 9 AM

SATURDAY MASS: 9 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5 PM

SUNDAY MASSES

9:30 AM, 11:30 AM & 5 PM

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

## RESULTS – ST BART'S BLOOD DRIVE – November 25, 2022

St. Bart's and New York Blood Center express sincere appreciation to the 60 donors who came down to the 103<sup>rd</sup> Blood Drive on 11/25/2022 to donate 66 pints.

Since 1981, St Bart's blood drives have collected 7748 units of blood.

Once again, NYBC can depend on St. Bart's friends and parishioners to understand the need for blood, particularly during critical times of shortage.

54 donors gave a regular donation.

6 donors gave a double red cell

donation using the ALYX system.

2 donors were deferred for various reasons.

There were 15 new donors and 11 walk-ins.

16 prospective donors had signed up but were not able to attend.

These 16 prospective donors and anyone else who is interested can make an appointment to donate at their convenience by going to the web site:

<https://nybc.org>

Then select SCHEDULE NOW; Enter Zip Code; SEARCH or calling NYBC at 800-933-2566.

If you wish, ask to credit your donation to St. Bart's group # 07747.

We are planning our 104<sup>th</sup> drive near Easter 2023 and look forward to continuing this much needed community service.

Once again, thanks to all!

Anthony Sciacca, Chairperson

**Advent Vespers Service**  
**Next Sunday, December 11, 2022 4:00**  
**P.M.,**  
**Third Sunday of Advent at Sacred Heart**

Parishioners of St. Anthony, St. Bartholomew, Christ the King, St. Joseph, and Sacred Heart will gather to pray the Church's beautiful Advent Evening Prayer in preparation for the celebration of Christmas.

This Prayer of the Church consists of psalms, a reading, hymns, intercessions, and quiet meditation. It is an uplifting and focused spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Please come, and bring friends to pray with other parishioners, catechumens, and candidates.

### † STEWARDSHIP †

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

## TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

### SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 20th

Sunday collection: \$2,353.00

On Line giving: \$1,350.00

Total: \$3,703.00

## 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](http://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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com).**



LORD  
give strength  
to your people

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](mailto:stbartschurch@aol.com), if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.**



*Rest in Peace*

*Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Steven Fitzpatrick.*

December 4, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*

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**Saturday, December 3 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**Sunday, December 4, 2022  
Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Elizabeth & Carl Laredo +  
Joseph Prior +

Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

11:30 AM Mary Gregorio +

5:00 PM Fidelia Aguilar Galvad +

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**Monday, December 5**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Evangeline Yaskovic +

9:00 AM Harold W. Smith, Jr. +

**Tuesday, December 6**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Rich Barry (Living)

9:00 AM Audrey Falcone +

**Wednesday, December 7**

**Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Thursday, December 8**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 AM Eugene Ubawike, Jr. +

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Lucchetti &  
Capuano Families

7:00 PM Deacon Robert Clemens +

**Friday, December 9**

**Advent Weekday**

7:00 AM Deacon Robert Clemens +

9:00 AM Joan Tracey +

**Saturday, December 10**

**Advent Weekday**

9:00 AM Benjamin & Corazon Sotto +

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**Saturday, December 10 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Andrew Tacyn +

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**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 +

December 4, 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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registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection

Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 965-0566.

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:

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Address:

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City/Zip:

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Telephone:

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Comment:

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- 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

