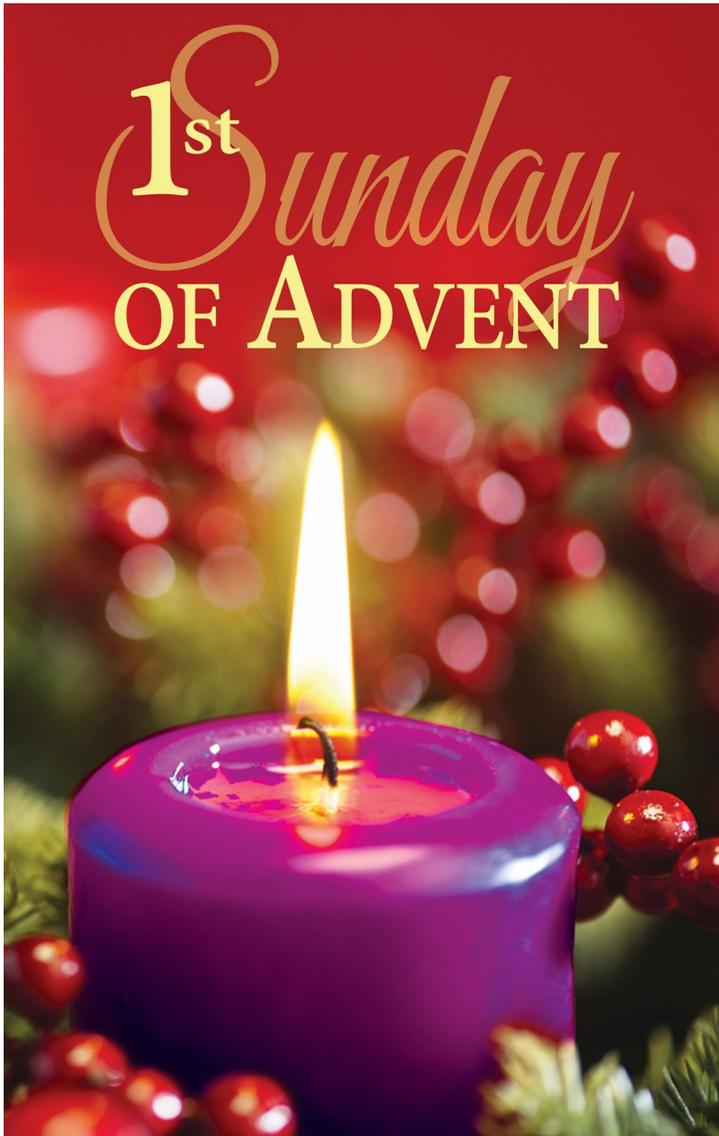


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Mission Statement: We, the members of St. Bartholomew's Parish, will strive to work for a vibrant and loving Eucharistic community. In the spirit of Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of humanity - in our parish, neighborhood, archdiocese and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

BE PREPARED

Our lives are filled with schedules. We may have a calendar on one App for work and another one for our personal appointments and responsibilities. At the end of the day we check the TV schedule or maybe our favorite sports team's schedule. Of course, parishes have Mass schedules as well. God does not work on schedules. Jesus has a habit of bursting into our lives when we least expect and certainly not according to a prearranged timetable. As He told His disciples, "You do not know when the time will come" (Mark 13:33). It is important that we are prepared at all times. The end of our lives may come tonight. The end of the world may come tomorrow. Jesus' arrival into our lives in an unexpected way may come at any time.



We want to be in control of our own lives as much as possible. We long to be the homeowner in the Gospel, organizing our responsibilities for ourselves or others to handle. But there is only so much we can do. We can adopt a healthy diet and lifestyle, but that doesn't guarantee we will live to be a hundred. In the end, we are the clay and not the potter. We pray for the grace to accept how the Lord is molding us.



"We have all withered like leaves" is an apt image at this time of the year in much of the country (Isaiah 64:5). Leaves have fallen from the trees, their life drained. How appropriate we hear these words at this celebration of the Eucharist, when we will receive the bread of life, the Body and Blood of eternal life, which can transform our lifeless withered spirits into vessels of the living Christ.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How can I give control over to God?

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, November 29th AT 9:30 WILL BE FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:

- DECEASED:**
 Albert Pragana
 Pasquale Capuano
 Louis Brusco
 Patrick V. Fox
 Edith D'Aquila

PARISH NEWS



THE NORMAL 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 are donated in loving memory of Edith D'Aquila by Frank D'Aquila.



It can be difficult to prepare our lives for Christ
 Amidst the busy preparations of a material Christmas.



The four weeks before Christmas are a time to prepare our families
 To celebrate Christ' birth; To prepare our minds to accept
 That God's Son became a baby and lived and died for us; To prepare our hearts to accept God's forgiveness, and to change our ways;
 To prepare our souls to receive God's healing grace through the celebration of Mass;
 To take part in not only the work of preparation
 But also the hope and joy in the midst of our work.

In the spirit of giving and the upcoming Christmas season **OUR CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** will be at the rear of the church by next weekend, November 28th and 29th. Please take an ornament from the tree. It is important this ornament, indicating gender and gift specific information, be securely attached to your wrapped package. **If you cannot pick up an ornament, we can use the following as gifts:** socks, t-shirts, slippers (male or female, medium or large), baseball caps, perfumes, body wash, lotions, cologne, canvas bags, or blankets. Please wrap this gift and place a tag noting what is inside.



The final date for returning gifts is Wednesday, December 16th. Last year we were able to donate 420 gifts to 4 different charitable organizations. Thank you as always for your generosity. And may the Lord bless you and yours during this season and always.

Our **SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE** is 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, frozen desserts and candies. These food items should be brought to the church before the Mass on Saturday evening (December 19th) or before the Sunday morning Masses (December 20th) for distribution the week of December 21st. Thank you for your generosity.

Boy Scouts of Troop 5 will be selling fully DECORATED CHRISTMAS WREATHS for only \$20 each, after all the Masses on Saturday, December 5th and Sunday, December 6th. If paying by check, please make check payable to Boy Scout Troop 5.



Please note that Troop 5 is always welcoming new scouts. For more information, please visit troop5yonkers.org or visit their face book page: boys scout troop 5 Yonkers. (Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Bryn Mawr Park Presbyterian Church, 20 Buckingham Road, (address corrected from last week), Yonkers, NY 10701.

FOOD PANTRY: The food pantry is now open. We can use cereal, juice, pasta, pasta sauce and rice, corn, string beans, canned tuna, and canned fruit.

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 and have already given out some to a few families. **St. Bart's has added 4 new families to our list.**

May God bless you all for your generosity and stay safe.

Meals for a Soup Kitchen: **Immaculate Conception in the Bronx is now open.** Donation of ziti for Immaculate Conception daily lunch, will be on **Thursday, December 3rd.** You can drop off your donation at the food pantry door by 9:30am.



ADORATION & HOLY HOUR: This Friday December 4th is First Friday. We will have Holy Hour at 1 p.m. And Saturday December 5th is First Saturday. The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will begin at 3 p.m. All are invited to spend an hour to come and adore Jesus Christ Who is truly present in the Holy Eucharist.



Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Lord God
only You can see into my heart and know that under all the busyness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes You more deeply into my own life. My heart desires the warmth of Your love and my mind searches for Your Light in the midst of the darkness. Help me to be a peacemaker this Advent and to give special love to those who disagree with me. Give me the strength and courage to forgive those who have hurt me. Help me to free my heart from the prison of my anger and hurt.



It is in Jesus the Christ that we find the concept of God.
Not in elevated opinions drawn from our own presuppositions, or preferences about who we want God to be.
The special message of Advent is that God makes Himself known to us.

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To register, please call 914 391-1323,
Sally.pinto@yonkersny.gov

See the flyers on the table at the rear of the church



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 stbartchurch@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 and Edward Minozzi.

Please contact the Parish Office and leave a message or e mail us at stbartchurch@aol.com, if you wish to add a loved one to the sick list.

**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******

November 29, 2020

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

Saturday, November 28 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Albert Pragana +
Pasquale Capuano +
Louis Brusco +
Patrick V. Fox +
Edith D'Aquila +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

Monday, November 30

Saint Andrew, Apostle

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM James Gray +

Tuesday, December 1

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Wednesday, December 2

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No intention

9:00 AM Isadore Heit +

Thursday, December 3

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 AM Joseph T. Pasqualoni, III +

9:00 AM William & Anna Groth +

Friday, December 4

Advent Weekday

7:00 AM No Intention

9:00 AM No Intention

Saturday, December 5

Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Harold Smith, Jr. +

Saturday, December 5 (Anticipated Mass)

5:00 PM For All The People of Our Parish

**Sunday, December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Deacon Bob Clemens (Living)
Oscar Starkenberg +
Mary & Nicholas Maccia +
Mary Gregorio +

11:30 AM For All the People of Our Parish

November 29, 2020

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

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

