

# Saint Bartholomew's Church

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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  
Rev. Victor Ameh, MSP, Associate 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 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

FINDING OUR WAY TO JESUS



The Israelites had finally returned to their holy city from years in exile, only to find a ruined Jerusalem and a desolate Judah. But Isaiah realized that the Lord was with them and was determined to convince others that the Lord's glory would shine on them, shine around them, shine through them. One by one, or in pairs, or in whole families, sons and daughters, young and old: they all returned to their homeland. But that was not it, for light has no end. Foreigners from Midian, Ephah, and Sheba—Abraham's descendants who had separated from the Chosen People centuries before—streamed into the glorious city. Even though they had not shared in their trials and suffering, they were welcomed into the shining radiance of the holy land.

The magi relied on both science and faith to guide them to the Lord. They observed the night sky and studied the movement of the stars and planets, drawing conclusions from the travels of these heavenly bodies. Without knowing what this remarkable star was, they realized its importance and journeyed all the way to Jerusalem. But, still a few miles from their destination, they needed guidance from the chief priests and the scribes (who quoted Micah's words) to direct them to Bethlehem. By science or faith alone, they did not know enough; together they found the Lord.

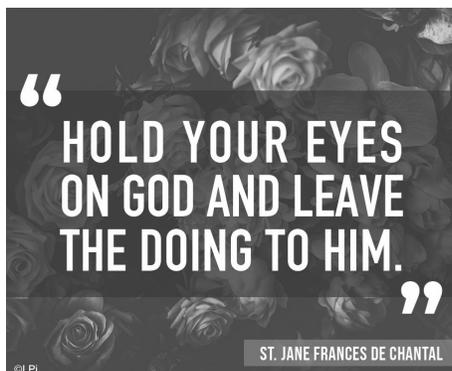
Isaiah mentions gold and frankincense, gifts befitting a king. But the magi also bring myrrh—used to anoint a body after death—because this king is also victim, called to suffer, like Isaiah's suffering servant, for the sins of all.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

How do I use both reason and faith to find my way to Jesus?

Blessings

Fr. Raphael Ezeh, MSP



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.



Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all the faithful departed especially Francisco Vargas.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE are donated and the ALTAR CANDLES AND SANCTUARY LAMP are lit in loving memory of Frank Nanoia by Angela Brusco.



**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.



**Meals for a Soup Kitchen:** The Immaculate Conception monthly meal of either ziti or rice and beans will be collected FOR JANUARY on this Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> one half hour before the 5 p.m. Mass and on this Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup>, one half hour before the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses.



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON FEAST DAY JANUARY 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.



St. Elizabeth Seton

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



### 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\*\*\*\*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS **The Light of the Moon**

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, LPI*

### 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!!!! **Go to: [www.saintbartsparish.org](http://www.saintbartsparish.org) and click on the We Share online giving link.** Thank you!!!



### TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 19<sup>th</sup>:  
Sunday collection: \$2,948.00  
On Line giving: \$1,280.00  
Total: \$4,228.00

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**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).**



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ann Lackner, Gail Chappory, Anna Bonacci, Deacon Bob Clemens, 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 and Lucille McGeough.

**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.**



*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen*

January 2, 2022

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30 AM Giacomo & Blanche Bilancia +  
Frances & Oscar Starkenberg +  
11:30 AM Lily & Ralph Pagan (Living)  
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

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**Monday, January 3**  
**Christmas Weekday**

7:00 AM Frank Nanoia +  
9:00 AM Paolo & Prosperina Merli +

**Tuesday, January 4**  
**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

7:00 AM Nancy Nguyen (Living)  
9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family

**Wednesday, January 5**  
**Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

7:00 AM Louis Brusco +  
9:00 AM Joseph Caloia +

**Thursday, January 6**  
**Christmas Weekkday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Graziella Lucchetti +

**Friday, January 7**  
**Christmas Weekday**

7:00 AM No Intention  
9:00 AM Charity Ubawike +

**Saturday, January 8**  
**Christmas Weekday**

9:00 AM Paul Pompeo +

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**Saturday, January 8 (Anticipated Mass)**

5:00 PM Ernest & Irene Russo and Mary Evans +

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**Sunday, January 9, 2022**  
**Baptism of the Lord**

9:30 AM Deceased Members of the Holy Name  
& Rosary Altar Societies  
Dennis Madonia +  
11:30 AM For All the People of the Parish  
5:00 PM For All the People of the Parish

January 2, 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**

EPIPHANY

