

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

+A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL+

The first greetings of this holy season were sent by God through an angel who announced not to the mighty, but to the poor shepherds. "A Savior has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord!" Let us keep Christ at the heart of Christmas and take time to think of His divine love for each of us. Our prayers go out to those who have given so much of their time, talent and treasure for the good of our parish community of St. Bartholomew! We shall remember all who are sick, lonely or afflicted by sorrow, as well as those who will celebrate Christmas without Christ. May they respond to the kind invitation of Christ calling them back to His divine love. Together with Christ, we invite them to come back home. To one and all, a most Blessed and Merry Christmas!

+CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE+

A warm welcome is extended to our parishioners and friends of the parish—both those who worship with us each Sunday, as well as those who have been away for a time. Join us for our Christmas Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during the blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

CHRISTMAS EVE

(Sunday, December 24th)

5:00 pm – Mass in English

7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Midnight – Mass in English

CHRISTMAS DAY

(Monday, December 25th)

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(Monday, January 1, 2018)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother

8:00 am – Mass in English

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Mass in English

(NOT a Holyday of Obligation this year.)

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

A Christmas Prayer—Great God of Peace, we celebrate the birth of our Son, Jesus, remembering the words of the angels on the night of His birth. "Peace on earth to all of good will." Today, as never before, Heavenly Father, we pray for your loving peace. May peace be the guiding force in the hearts of our world leaders. May peace reign in every corner of the globe and in the hearts of every man, woman, and child upon this earth. This Christmas and always, may we embrace your wonderful gift of peace with courage and conviction. In so doing, we will also be embracing your greatest gift to us, your Son, the Prince of Peace. **AMEN**

THOUGHTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

—Advent is a time to live a joyful expectation at the coming of the Lord Jesus. One may presume that this kind of expectation anticipates a large momentous event. Today's Scriptures tell us that it is to the smallest and humblest that the Lord will come. Consider **Bethlehem**: "Too small to be among the clans of Judah." Yet it is this small seemingly insignificant place that the Son of God is to be born. Or consider **Mary**, a simple Jewish girl living a seemingly insignificant life. Yet it is her womb that the very Son of God dwells. Now consider **yourself**: Perhaps you consider yourself too small or too insignificant for anything awesome ever to happen. Yet today you are given the opportunity to become the very dwelling place of God by listening to God's divine word and receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. In the town of Bethlehem, the world was changed forever. In the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary grew the One who would save the world from sin and death. And within you lies the potential to bring justice, peace and God's love to all you meet today!

ADVENT GIVING TREE—We would like to thank everyone who so generously donated gifts for the Advent Giving Tree. Many children and their families in the parish were assisted and blessed through your kindness and personal sacrifices. **THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 25—31

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.)

However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

Monday, December 25—Nativity of The Lord

8:00 am – Christmas Mass – English
9:30 am – Christmas Mass – Spanish
11:30 am – Christmas Mass – English

Tuesday, December 26 – St. Stephen

7:30 am – Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, December 27 – St. John

7:30 am – Vera Matarese by son Vinnie

Thursday, December 28

7:30 am – Victor Lopez by Cynde & Jose

Friday, December 29

7:30 am – Jacqueline Lupo

Saturday, December 30

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
by a devotee

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm – Collective Mass

Josephine, Anthony, Gabriela &
Leonardo Casacalenda by Sandra
Eugene & Adina D'Allesandro &
Deceased of Family by daughter
Sandra
Jacqueline Lupo by family
Mary, Donato, Louie & Lena Mansolillo
by Sandra
Diana Procaccini by family

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 31 – Feast of The Holy Family

8:00 am – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish
11:30 am – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25--31:

Sanctuary Candle: Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Dino LoPresti by Nancy
Samantha Richards by family

Altar Bread & Wine: Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Dino LoPresti by Nancy
Samantha Richards by family

DECEMBER 24, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Friday, December 20

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

Saturday December 30

No CCD Classes

Sunday, December 31

No Second Collection

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks is

Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)
Weekend of December 9—10
(Snow Storm)

Envelopes & Loose Collection:	\$2,180.00
Second Collection: Retired	
Religious	842.00
Total Income	\$3,022.00

Our sincere thanks to all those making our
Increase Giving Campaign possible

Saint Bartholomew Church HOLY NAME SOCIETY “MACARONI DINNER”

**Sunday, January 28, 2018
Dinner Served at 1:00 pm
Saint Bartholomew Church Hall
+++++**

**DONATION: \$20.00 Adults
\$10.00 Children under 10 yrs.**

**Reserve your tickets now at the Parish Office or
from Holy Name Society members. Everyone is
welcome to attend!**

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