

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 Saint 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. Join us for our Christmas Masses as we adore the newborn Babe, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, during this blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

CHRISTMAS EVE
(Monday, December 24th)
5:00 pm – Mass in English
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish
Midnight – Mass in English

CHRISTMAS DAY
(Tuesday, December 25th)
8:00 am – Mass in English
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish
11:30 am – Mass in English

NEW YEAR'S EVE
(Monday, December 31st)
5:00 pm – Mass in English
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

NEW YEAR'S DAY
(Tuesday, January 1, 2019)
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00 am – Mass in English
9:30 am – Mass in Spanish
11:30 am – Mass in English
(Holyday of Obligation)

**THOUGHTS FOR THE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Advent is a time to live in joyful expectation of 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!

A Christmas Prayer

Great God of Peace, we celebrate the birth of your 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

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2018

*Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead.
However the following are specifically remembered this week.*

Monday, December 24th

7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
5:00 pm - Christmas Mass - English
7:00 pm - Christmas Mass - Spanish
Midnight - Christmas Mass - English

Tuesday, December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord

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

Wednesday, December 26th – Saint Stephen

7:30 am - Intentions of Christmas Flower Donors
5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration – Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Thursday, December 27th

7:30 am - Victor Lopez by Cynde & José

Friday, December 28th – The Holy Innocents

7:30 am - Deceased of DiMartino, Furia, Petracca, DiCarlo, Lancellotta, Casperino, & Menna Families by Robert & Donna DiMartino
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

Saturday, December 29th

8:00 am - Mary Alfieri Anton by Sr. Rose

+ WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT +

*What Our Lord Asks Is Not Equal Gifts - But Equal Sacrifice.
(Increased Giving Campaign)*

Weekend of December 8 & 9

First Collection: \$4,101.00

Second Collection: \$1,146.00

Retired Religious

Immaculate Conception: \$302.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 28th

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet – Chapel

Saturday, December 29th

NO CCD CLASSES

4:15 - 4:45 pm - Confession – Church

Sunday, December 30th

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

No Second Collection

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday, December 29th

5:00 pm - Community Mass

Anthony, Josephine, Leonardo, & Gabriela Casacalenda
by Sandra

Eugene & Adina D'Allesandro & Deceased of Family
by daughter Sandra D'Allesandro

Giuseppe DeMasi by family

Jackie Lupo by family

Deceased of Mancini & Della Salla Families by Maria

Mary, Donato, Louie, Lena, Irene, & Sabina Mansolillo by Sandra

Rita L. Palumbo by Joe & Jeannette Carreau

Evangelista Rendina by wife & children

6:30 pm - Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 30th

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 - Domenico & Claudina DeFeo & Susan DeFeo Grace
by family

9:30 am - Mass in Spanish

11:30 am - Community Mass

Dino Lopresti by Nancy

Vicente, Gregoria, Vergel, Nimfa, & Milagros Adoptante

Modesto, Dominga, & Erlinda Fernandez

Aurelia Capcap by Rosalinda & Pedro Fernandez

Sanctuary Candle:

Samantha M. Richards by family & friends

Altar Bread & Wine:

Samantha M. Richards by family & friends

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