February 2, 2020

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday:
8:30 am - 12:00 pm
and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am—12:00 pm
Friday: CLOSED

MASSES
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 PM
Anytime by request.

BAPTISM
Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
The Sacrament is available to anyone in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit. Please notify the Parish Office of the sick confined to their homes or hospitalized.

BULLETIN PUBLICATION DEADLINE:
12:00 NOON MONDAY
The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service will be rewarded! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom will be rewarded!

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

**NAME**

**STREET**

**CITY & ZIP**

**PHONE**

Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.

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**Parish Offertory January 26, 2020**

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<td>Jan. 26: 518 Envelopes mailed out for the week</td>
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Families signed up for online giving: 38

A donation of $900 was made to the Parish Preservation Fund from the sale of Rosaries.

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom!

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**Readings for the week of February 2, 2020**

- **Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10b]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- **Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
- **Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
- **Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
- **Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bed [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct
- **Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
- **Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34
- **Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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**This Week’s & Coming Events at St. Bartholomew Church**

- **Feb. 2**
  - Breakfast in the Parish Center hosted by our Holy Name Society
  - Family Catechesis—All Faith Formation families K-12
  - Including younger siblings
  - Confirmation Candidates
  - And parents Noon to 1 pm

- **Feb. 5**
  - Catholic Daughter meet in The Church Hall —1 pm

- **Feb. 7**
  - Adoration starting at 8 am and concluding with Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

- **Feb. 9**
  - Faith Formation grades K-8

- **Feb. 13**
  - Food Pantry bag pack
  - 6 pm—Parish Center

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**February 8-9 The Presentation Of The Lord**

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<td>Saturday, 4:00 PM</td>
<td>Frances Dwyer&lt;br&gt;Riley Dwyer&lt;br&gt;Micah Saddler</td>
<td>Cheryl Sanoski</td>
<td>Ted Ferrara&lt;br&gt;Don Greer&lt;br&gt;Lorraine Greer&lt;br&gt;Dave Sepos</td>
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<td>Sunday, 9:30 AM</td>
<td>Isabella Buell&lt;br&gt;Samantha Guerrero&lt;br&gt;Luke Adkins</td>
<td>Russell Adkins</td>
<td>Chris Combine&lt;br&gt;Bob Demofonte, Sr.&lt;br&gt;Melinda Hogue&lt;br&gt;Peg Marriotti</td>
<td>Lynne Bresnahan&lt;br&gt;Olivia Davis&lt;br&gt;Pat Murray&lt;br&gt;<strong>Volunteer Now</strong></td>
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Wow! Just, Wow!!! What a phenomenal Spaghetti Dinner last Sunday!!! We cannot possibly thank everyone who helped make it happen enough!!!! All the men of Holy Name, our Faith Formation students, all who helped with baked goods and auction items, the special Castro table, those who helped deliver free meals to our homebound parishioners, and anyone and everyone who helped in any way what so ever! God bless you all for your generosity for the good of our Parish!!! We will publish the financial information once it is finalized in the weeks ahead.

There’s a lot going on again this weekend too, especially as it is the first Sunday of the month and we have our Family Faith Formation time in the Parish following Mass on Sunday. Make sure you join us—as this is for ALL of us, cause we all need it, starting with me!

This coming Monday, February 3rd we also celebrate the Feast of Saint Blaise. Blaise was a 4th century doctor Bishop who refused to renounce his faith to save his life. As he was being marched to his execution, he encountered a panicked woman whose son was choking on a fish bone. Blaise healed the boy, and then was martyred for the faith. There’s also another story of a panicked woman whose pig was stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, it did so, and the piggie returned to her unharmed. The woman later brought Blaise candles in his prison cell, to illumine the darkness he was facing. Hence, for centuries we have sought the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr for all ailments of the throat, by the imposition of candles on the throat. (in some places they light the candles for the blessing. I, however, do not.) I will offer the traditional blessing of throats at the end Mass today in a general way as part of the final blessing—that blessing is fully valid and satisfactory. However, if you wish to have the blessing with the candles touching your throat. I will remain in front of the altar at the end of Mass—simply come forward to have the candles touch your throat. I will also be offering the blessing after 7:30 AM Mass on Monday, should you wish to wait and receive it then.

We are also blessed this weekend to celebrate Scout Sunday. We have many kids involved in Scouting in our Parish, and we are blessed to honor them in a particular way this Sunday—and to also put them to use during Mass as well! So far, the following kids will be involved at Mass on Sunday—Webelos (4th grade): Luke Adkins, Aaron Burk, Giuseppe Vasconi; Bear (3rd grade): Noah Scott; Tigers (1st grade): Max Adkins, Vincent Belin, Manny Roskos; Lions (Kindergarten): Adam Burk, Liam Gaines. God bless you boys, your parents, and your leaders!

You will notice another full page in the bulletin this weekend for our upcoming ‘Lenten’ faith formation series on the Seven Deadly Sins and the Seven Lively Virtues.’ This is a neat program put our by Bishop Robert Barron and it explores our spiritual journey from sin to sanctity. Please consider joining us for these sessions on Monday evenings beginning February 17th (yes, it starts prior to Lent this year in order to get all 7 sessions in). Fill out the registration form in the bulletin and place it in the collection or send it to the office. Don’t hesitate to call or speak with me with any questions. I think this will be a good journey for us this Lent!

I will be taking a break before all of the Lenten festivities begin at the end of this month—so we welcome Fr. Stan Swacha with us for Mass the next 2 Saturdays, and the Fr. Richard Allen with us next Sunday. God bless these men for their willingness to come and celebrate with us here at St. Bartholomew’s.

Have a good week! God help us all! -Fr. Matt

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**Mass Intentions**

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**Prayer Line**

Need a prayer for yourself or someone else? Call or email the Parish

Office to activate our Prayer Line: 724-962-7130 or secretary@saintbartholomews.com

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**Donate Online**

NEW YEAR, SIMPLIFY AND GIVE ONLINE!!!

Visit saintbartholomews.weshareonline.org or scan the QR below and click “Give Online”

Click on the collection you wish to donate to.

Click “Recurring Donation,” then enter your donation amount and frequency.

Once you’ve added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. For more information contact the Parish office at 724-962-7130.
St. Joseph Daily Mass Schedule
79 Case Ave. Sharon PA
724-981-3232

Tue. Feb. 4  8:00 am
Wed. Feb. 5  12:10 pm
Thur. Feb. 6  8:00 pm
Fri. Feb. 7  8:00 am

Saint Michael Daily Mass Schedule
85 N. High St. Greenville PA
724-588-9800

Tue. Feb. 4  9:00 am
Wed. Feb. 5  9:00 am
Thur. Feb. 6  6:30 pm
Fri. Feb. 7  9:00 am

Notre Dame Daily Mass Schedule
2325 Highland Rd. Hermitage PA
724-981-5566

Tue Feb. 4  9:00 am
Wed. Feb. 5  7:30 am
Thur. Feb 6  9:00 am
Fri. Feb. 7  9:00 am

Church of the Good Shepherd
Daily Mass Schedule
3613 Sharon Rd. West Middlesex PA
724-528-3539

Tue. Feb. 4  8:30 am
Wed. Feb. 5  7:00 pm
Thur. Feb. 6  8:30 am

Our Lady of Fatima Daily Mass Schedule
601 Roemer Blvd. Farrell PA
724-346-3359

Fri. Feb. 7  7:00 am

Immaculate Heart of Mary
Daily Mass Schedule
100 Penn Ave. Mercer PA
724-662-2999

Tue. Feb. 4  8:00 am
Wed. Feb. 5  8:00 am
Thur. Feb. 6  8:00 am
Fri. Feb. 7  8:00 am

Saint Adelbert Daily Mass Schedule
1035 Fruit Ave. Farrell PA
724-346-3359

Tue. Feb. 4  8:00 am

Saint Anthony Daily Mass Schedule
804 Idaho St. Sharon PA
724-342-7391

Wed. Feb. 5  8:00 am
Thur. Feb. 6  8:00 am
Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of Angela Masson
and Rose Piccirilli
By St. Bartholomew Parish

Pray the Rosary

Come and pray the rosary for the intention of all of the students, teachers and staff in the Sharpsville and surrounding school systems beginning at 7:30 am on Thursday February 6 in the Church. All are welcome!

Food Pantry

This week we are asking for cereal, complete pancake mix & syrup, pop tarts, breakfast bars, canned protein, canned vegetables, & spaghetti and sauce. Please drop off in one of the bins in the Church, at the Parish Center, or in the bin by the main door at D’Onofrio’s in Hermitage. Prayerfully consider making a contribution so others may

The care taker’s house at St. Rose Cemetery is available for rent. If you are interested please call 724-346-3711. Monthly rent is $850. House has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, L.R. and D.R.; includes grass cutting and snow plowing. Utilities paid by tenant. No pets allowed.

Prince of Peace Center’s Bowl-a-Thon 2020

Prince of Peace Center will host its annual Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser at 12:30 pm on Sunday, February 23rd at Thornton hall Bowling Lanes. Cost is $30 per person, which includes: three games, show rental, T-Shirt, door prize entry, and food, drink and snack tickets. Individuals and teams of up to 5 are welcome to register for the event before Feb. 7th. For more information call (724) 346-5777 ext 14 or visit www.priceofpeacecenter.org

How do we fight corruption in the world & in the Church? We start with the corruption of sin in our own lives. The more virtuous we are the more the Lord can use us in even apparently small ways. Stay joyful in the Truth of the Lord, stay humble, pray hard & fight sin & evil.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Will begin 8:00 am on Friday, February 7 and continue throughout the day concluding with Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Come spend some time with the Lord
Lenten Faith Formation Series

THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS
THE SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

Join us for 7 Mondays as we examine this study program by Bishop Robert Barron which includes a video by the Bishop, weekly reflections, guided group discussions, and a soup/sandwich dinner.

Monday evenings, Feb. 17th—March 30th from 6:30—8 PM in the Church basement.

All are welcome!

$25 per person—includes study guide and dinner.
RSVP by February 10, 2020
Saint Bartholomew Church
311 West Ridge Avenue
Sharpsville PA 16150
724-962-7130

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ________________

$25 per person—includes study guide and dinner.
Return to Parish Office or Place in Collection Basket
THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS — THE SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES
Card Party

Immaculate Heart of Mary Women’s Guild is hosting a card party

Sunday March 15, 2020
1 to 4 PM
Saint Bartholomew Church
311 West Ridge Ave.
Sharpsville, Pa 16150

Bring your card playing friends for a day of fun.

We will have regular playing decks available, but if you have a game needing a special deck (UNO, Phase 10 etc.) please bring it with you.

Cost of admission will be $6 per person. Luncheon and refreshments will be provided along with a table prize for the high scorer.

Please call the Parish office for tickets at 724-962-7130.

Card Party