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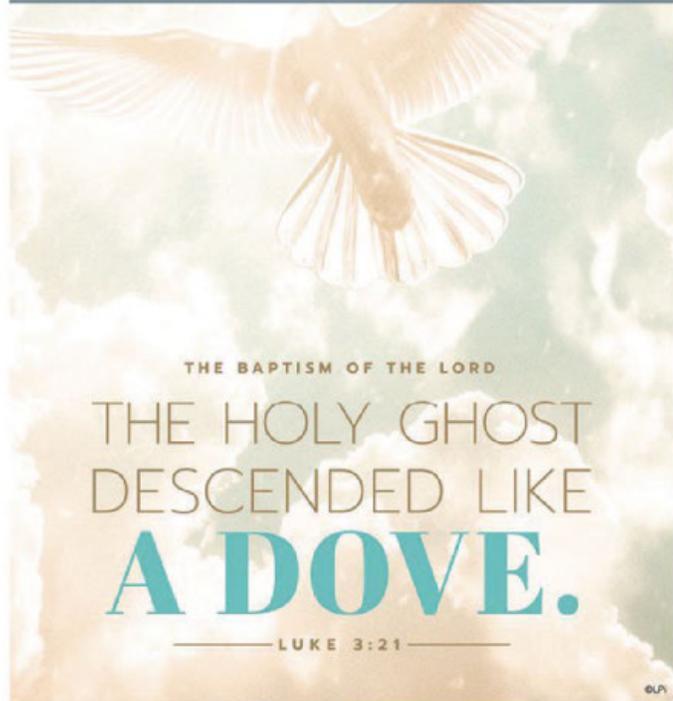


January 12, 2025

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025



NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____

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

Rev. John Miller, *Pastor*

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Gabby Herndon, *Youth Minister*
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Jill Cataldi, *Director of Liturgical Music*
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MASSES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 9 AM-2 PM and 4:30 PM to 7 PM
Thursday 9 AM -12

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays 5:15—5:45 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.

ANOIDING 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.

Holy Name Society—stbartholyname@gmail.com

Immaculate Heart of Mary Women's Guild—

stbartihmwomensguild@gmail.com

150th-stbarts150@gmail.com



Monday January 13	NO MASS
Tuesday January 14 6:00 PM	Marianne Iorio Sister Tessie
Wednesday January 15 7:30 AM	Vincent Ciambotti Petie Ann Kelly Zipay
Thursday January 16	NO MASS
Friday January 17 7:30 AM	Cory Hosick Mary Jean Hosick Scott & Barbara Spiegall
Saturday January 18 5:30 PM	Tessie Lutz Kenneth Lutz
Sunday January 12 8:30 AM	John Stevens Randi & Jack Blake



We are in need of donations for the Chinese Auction and gift card donations for our popular gift card side-affle at our upcoming annual spaghetti dinner. Basket donations can be made through the Parish Office, gift cards can be made through the office or placed in the offertory basket at Mass.

Food Pantry 5K Update:

On behalf of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Women's Guild, we are pleased to report the 5K race and 1 mile fun walk raised \$2,824.22 for the St. Bartholomew Food Pantry. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this event another great success!

Hope to see you at our next race on November 8, 2025!



We are all in the need of prayer's for yourself or someone else. Please call our prayer line at 724-962-7130 or you can e-mail us at secretary@saintbartholomews.com



Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of

Tessie DelFratte

By: **Marcia Combine & Glenn Simnick**



From our Pastor's Desk

The **Bible Study on the Eucharist** continues on the following 4 Mondays, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room at Notre Dame: January 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3. Please read **Session #4** (Eat My Body, Drink My Blood) in the book. These 4 sessions are really powerful and eye opening! I've been asked about this - if you haven't been attending this Bible Study, but would like to, I will probably be offering this same Bible Study again this year, so don't worry!

Speaking of the Eucharist, please join us for a Praise & Worship Holy Hour, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at Notre Dame Church on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Congratulations to **Samuel David Combine**, son of Sam and Jessica Combine, who was baptized on Dec. 29, 2024, at St. Bartholomew Church!

Congratulations to **Sophia Grace Jones**, son of Brady and Nicole Jones, who was baptized on Jan. 4, 2025, at Notre Dame Church!

Last Sunday was the Epiphany of the Lord, and an ancient text was sung after the homily, the "Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts." Thanks to **Jill Cataldi** and **Seminarian Tyler Smart** who beautifully sang this ancient text!

Today, the **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**, is the 19th and final day of the glorious Christmas Season! Looking for ideas for resolutions during this Jubilee year? On Jan. 2, First Things had a good article by George Weigel concerning this topic. [Here is the article:](#)

Jubilee 2025: New Year's Resolutions and Resources

Jubilee 2025 began on Christmas Eve 2024, with the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's in Rome, and will conclude on January 6, 2026, when that door of the Vatican basilica is closed. The theme of this holy year is *Peregrinantes in Spem (Pilgrims in Hope)*, and, like every other such celebration since Pope Boniface VIII inaugurated the practice of holy years in 1300, Jubilee 2025 is intended to intensify our experience of God's grace—the divine life—at work within and around us. How might we cooperate with that ever-present grace so that each of us helps make this jubilee year a time of spiritual renewal in the Church? Some suggestions:

Deepen your understanding of Christian hope. Hope, one of the three theological virtues, is not optimism, which is a far more fragile commodity—especially in a world that seems to be careening out of control. Hope, by contrast, "never disappoints" because hope is based on "God's love [which] has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:5). Pope Benedict XVI's second encyclical, *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope), explored this Pauline affirmation with depth and elegance. So make it a point to read (or re-read) and pray over *Spe Salvi* during Jubilee 2025, perhaps with the assistance of the late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus's commentary on the encyclical.

Frame each day with the Church's official daily prayer. The Liturgy of the Hours is the classic means by which the Catholic Church sanctifies every day throughout the day. Millions of Catholics have been introduced to a simplified form of this daily itinerary of prayer through the great work done by the editors of *Magnificat*, the monthly subscription prayer book now available in nine languages. The full Divine Office, by contrast, can seem a bit like an Enigma coding machine, with its different "rotors" of the annual liturgical calendar, the calendar of the saints, and the four-week cycle of psalms. Happily, those who would like to pray the Divine Office in full can now do so by joining the online prayer community at DivineOffice.org, or by downloading the iBreviary app (which also contains the Mass texts for each day). The daily Office of Readings is a treasure chest of Christian wisdom spanning two millennia.

Immerse yourself in the Bible. Realizing the Second Vatican Council's intention to restore the Bible to the people of the Church hasn't been helped by forms of biblical scholarship and preaching that treat Holy Scripture as something to be dissected rather than savored. Two massive resources will help deepen your encounter with the written word of God in this jubilee year—and thus help you see the world through a biblical lens: the recently published *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* (with extensive notes and commentaries by Scott Hahn, Curtis Mitch, and others) and the *Word on Fire Bible* (a projected seven-volume set featuring commentaries from two millennia of Christian writers, of which the first four volumes are now available).

Get in touch with the saints. Bert Ghezzi's *Voices of the Saints: A 365-Day Journey* offers its readers a daily companion along this year's pilgrimage of hope, while Gary Jansen's *Saints, Angels & Demons: An A-to-Z Guide to the Holy and the Damned* is an even more comprehensive atlas of the supernatural world: the really real world which surrounds and penetrates what cynics are pleased to call "the real world."

Dig into the Nicene Creed. Jubilee 2025 will include a celebration of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, which gave us the Creed we recite to this day—the Creed that is the bedrock of Christian orthodoxy. Get to know it better by spending some time this jubilee year with Bishop Robert Barron’s illuminating and accessible book, *Light From Light: A Theological Reflection on the Nicene Creed*.

Make a Regular Holy Hour. Monthly, or even weekly, spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer and spiritual reading. Lynda Rozell’s *Return to Me: Visits to the Tabernacle* will be a welcome companion—or a gentle prod.

Rediscover the Hope in the Sacrament of Penance. A monthly visit with Christ in the confessional will be an excellent discipline during this jubilee year, strengthening us for the work of missionary discipleship to which we were all called in Baptism. [end of article]

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, pray for us.

Join our new Women’s Book Club!

Come enjoy coffee and enriching discussion about the timeless tales of the women of the Old Testament and how their lives show us we are already enough. God has made each of us for a unique purpose, and he calls each of us to know him in unique ways.

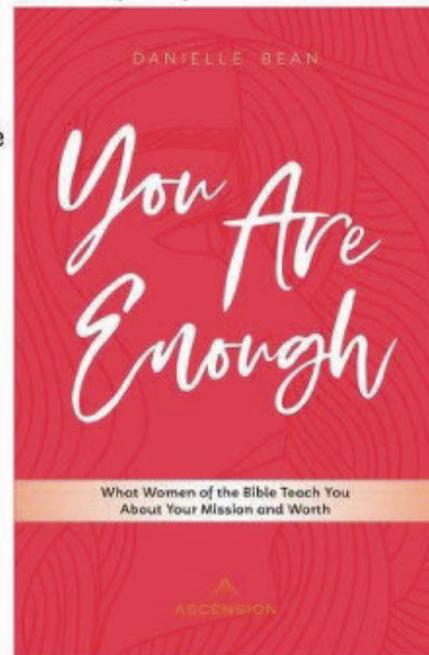
Where: Banquet Center Lounge

When: Sundays - February 9th
 February 16th
 February 23rd
 March 2nd
 March 16th

Time: 4pm – 5:15pm

Hosted by: Laura McElhinny. Laura is a working mom of 4, married for 15 years and a parishioner of St. Barts.

Book is available for purchase on Amazon.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule January 18th ~ January 19th, 2025

Date	Lector	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:30 PM	Tom Yudt	Vic Sniezek
Sunday, 8:30 AM	Peg Marriotti	Colleen DeJulia

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12, 2025	Faith Formation Edge (Grades 6-8) & Confirmation 9:30-10:40 AM Holy Name Society Meets after Mass
January 16, 2025	Food Pantry Bag Packing 9 AM
January 19, 2025	Faith Formation Grades 1-5 9:30-10:40 AM Immaculate Heart of Mary Meets after Mass
January 20, 2025	Food Pantry Distribution 9 AM
January 26, 2025	Faith Formation Edge (Grades 6-8) & Confirmation 9:30-10:40 AM
February 1, 2025	Meatball Making Time TBD
February 2, 2025	Spaghetti Dinner
February 7, 2025	First Friday Adoration After mass and concludes with Benediction at 5 PM
February 9, 2025	Faith Formation Grades 1-5 9:30-10:40 AM Holy Name Society Meets after Mass
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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose.
Every Wednesday Night starting January 29, 2025 through May.

January 29, 2025 | 6:00-7:30pm | Notre Dame Church
High School Youth | 9-12th Grade | All Shenango Valley Youth

Dinner - Games - Conversations
Bring your friends - you don't have to be Catholic. All are welcome!

YOUTH

Please note the time change for Adoration and Benediction on First Fridays for 2025. Adoration begins after 7:30 AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 5PM.

ADORERS NEEDED

Spend one hour a week with Jesus



DONATE ONLINE



Quickly and easily donate just scan the code. Open your phone's camera scan the code and the link will appear.

We are looking for people to sign up as regular Adorers and also potential substitutes to the regularly assigned adorers. Occasionally, we have someone who cannot cover their regular hour for a given week or two. It would be nice to have a list of potential substitutes that we could draw from to help fill these vacancies. If you are available as a regular or as an occasional substitute please call the Parish Office at 724-962-7130.

SHENANGO VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

A BRAND NEW MINISTRY

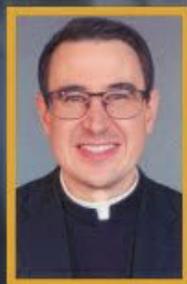
GUINNESS & GOD

Young Adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the Kick-Off of Young Adult Ministry - a 3 week series. Come enjoy great food & drinks, meet new friends, & have faith-filled conversations!

SPEAKER LINEUP

JAN. 23

FR. JAMIE POWER



THE CANONIZATION
PROCESS UP-CLOSE

JAN. 30

DR. KEITH LEPAK



THE PAPACY &
AMERICAN LIFE

FEB. 06

FR. JOHN MILLER



STORIES FROM A
HOLY LAND MISSIONARY

RSVP to Gabby Herndon:

Cell: (724) 301-6127 | Text or Call
youthforChrist@DioceseofErie.org

LOCATION

Hickory Bar & Grille | 6:30 PM
1645 N Hermitage Rd, Hermitage, PA 16148
Appetizers & Spiritual Nourishment provided.

St. Bartholomew Church Homemade Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Famous Homemade Pasta, Sauce & Meatballs!

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Sunday, February 2 • Noon - 4pm

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Advance purchase highly recommended; this all-homemade event will sell out, and door sales will be limited.

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