

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 3, 2018**

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| Monday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | Catherine Baker (L) |
| Tuesday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | Special Intention |
| Wednesday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | Santiago Vesperoni + |
| Thursday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | For Victims of Abuse |
| Friday | 8.00 a.m.(TD) | Fr. Joseph Kleinstuber + |
| | 7.30 p.m.(TD) | Mary Lou Whalen + |
| Saturday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | Peace |
| | 5.00 p.m.(TD) | In Praise & Thanksgiving The Orozco Family (L) |
| Sunday | 7.00 a.m.(E) | |
| | 8.30 a.m.(K) | Francis Rienzo + |
| | 10.00 a.m.(TD) | Nicholas Amoruso + |
| | 12 Noon (K) | |
| | 6.00 p.m.(TD) | Mass for the People |
| | 8.00 p.m.(E) | |

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 2, 2018**

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| Sunday | First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 |
| Monday | Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11 |
| Tuesday | Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24 |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Saint Nicholas, Bishop Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 |
| Sunday | Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6 |

**UPCOMING EVENTS, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S
MASS SCHEDULE**

Advent Wreath Workshop
Sunday, December 2
9.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m., Church Hall

School Christmas Pageant
Tuesday, December 18
7.00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
Last Advent Weekday
8.00 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24
5.00 p.m. Children's Liturgy (Fr. Mark)
7.30 p.m. (Fr. Tim)
10.30 p.m. Mass at Night (Fr. Mark)
(Christmas Carols begin at 10.10 p.m.)

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25
8.30 a.m., (Fr. John), 10.00 a.m., (Fr. Mark)
and 12 Noon (Fr. Tim)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph -
Sunday, December 30**
7.00 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 12 noon,
6.00 p.m. (Spanish) and 8.00 p.m.

New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31
Seventh Day within the Octave
of the Nativity of the Lord
8.00 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Monday, December 31
5.00 p.m. Vigil

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**
(a Holyday of Obligation)
10.00 a.m.

St. Bart's Twelfth Night Thank-You Dinner
for all volunteers and their spouses,
Saturday, January 12, 2019, 6.00 p.m.

Saturday, December 8, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 8.00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8 - we will also hold a Vigil Mass at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, December 7.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The **Poor Box** for the month of **December** is for Cup of Joe. Launched by Father John Enzler, **Cup of Joe** is a healthy breakfast program for Catholic Charities' five low-barrier emergency shelters, which host more than 1,000 men and women each night.

The **Second Collection** next week is for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. This parish-based appeal coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) benefits nearly 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests whose communities lack retirement savings. Thank you for your generosity!



You don't need to be alone

This Ministry is provided by members of our parish, intensely trained to care for people who are experiencing a loss, going through difficult times, illness or life transitions. Every time you need a friend that can listen and comfort you, please call the Stephen Ministry. Our Ministers personally attend *one-on-one* to people who request help. For information, do not hesitate to call Deacon Julio Blanco-Eccleston: 703-821-1654 / Tubler18@earthlink.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



In the pews, you will find envelopes for Christmas Flower contributions in memory of loved ones, living or deceased. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way at Christmas, please complete an envelope and drop it in the collection basket or hand in to the

Parish Office by **Sunday, December 16**. We will print your loved ones' names in our Christmas Bulletin.



**Spotlight on
St. Bartholomew School**
*Focusing on Faith,
Family, and the Future*
school.stbartholomew.org

The 8th grade will be selling beautiful poinsettias from American Plant after Masses this weekend, December 1/2. These festive plants will be sold for \$25 (\$3 less than the retail price) and 40% of proceeds will benefit the 8th grade's class fund.

All are invited to our Christmas pageant on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7pm. This original masterpiece written and produced by Mr. Villar takes a modern spin on the classic "The Little Drummer Boy".

AUCTION ALERT: Christmas Eve Pew & Parking Auction. A reserved pew and parking spot could be yours this Christmas eve at the 5.00 p.m. Children's Liturgy. Bid by going to <https://www.32auctions.com/ChristmasEve2018>. Online bidding starts December 1 at 7 am and ends December 9 at midnight.

The **Faith and Fiction Book Group** will meet this Sunday, December 2, at 1:30 in the parish meeting room to discuss James Carroll's 2017 novel, *The Cloister*. The Montgomery County Library System has ample copies. All are welcome.

Calling all lectors - your new workbooks are ready for pick-up from the Sacristy.

St. Bartholomew's Children's Christmas Choir rehearsals start this Sunday, December 2nd, in the Choir Room, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. We will also practice on Sundays December 9, 16 and 23. The Children's Choir performs all of the songs at our 5:00pm Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy. The Children's Choir is open to St. Bart's parish and school children in Grades 1 through 8. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for sign-up information or contact Daniel Villar at dvillar@stbartholomew.org

Practice for the **Children's Pageant** at the 5.00 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy will take place on Saturday, December 22, 9.00 a.m.-12 Noon in the Church. Contact Diana Carter [301-275-5856](tel:301-275-5856) or acndc5@gmail.com with questions. No need to RSVP - please just show up for practice!

We will be cleaning the pews and readying the Church for the Christmas Liturgies on Saturday, December 22, 12.15-3.15 p.m. This is a great service hours opportunity for teens! Please contact Marge Class at jandmclass@comcast.net.

Come join us this Thursday, December 6, and each following 1st Thursday of every month, for a 90-minute **Centering Prayer/Meditation Class** in the basement meeting room of the Church Rectory from 7:30-9 pm. If interested, please contact Roger Oussoren: 240-793-5737.

St. Bart's Youth Group: we are 6th-12th graders interested in serving our neighbor, playing together and getting to know Our Lord Jesus Christ! All are welcome! If you would like to receive weekly emails about upcoming activities please email: John & Maria Archer, 32kaufmann@cua.edu

12/2: High School Youth Group, 5:45- 7:45pm. The group will meet in the courtyard across from the parish hall. *Dinner provided.*

12/9: Laser Tag (MS & HS), the group will meet outside the gym, 3-6pm. Recommended Contribution: \$10. **Please RSVP by December 7th so we can coordinate transportation.**

12/16: Visit to Bartholomew House Assisted Living (MS & HS), 5:45- 7:45pm. The group will meet in the courtyard across from the parish hall. *Dinner provided.*

Reconciliation

Again this year, we will be joining Little Flower Catholic Parish (5607 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda) on Saturday, December 15 for confessions as part of their annual "Come Home for Christmas" campaign. Confessions will be offered (at Little Flower) from 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Both Fr. Knestout and Fr. Daniel, as well as other priests, will be present as confessors during the day.

St. Bart's Christmas Tree Fundraiser - Christmas trees are available for purchase in the lot before the Big Cross. Please know that a portion of the proceeds goes to help St. Bartholomew Parish with its annual snow and ice removal. General opening hours will be weekdays 10.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m. and 9.00 a.m.- 8.00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Answering Jesus' Call To Serve "The Least" Among Us: the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides men and women, ages 50 and greater (retired or semi-retired), with substantive opportunities to share their skills, talents and life experiences with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address policy issues related to poverty. A unique feature of IVC is a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning in their service and their lives. Volunteers negotiate their schedules with the agency at which they select to serve. To learn more about IVC, contact Mike Goggin, Director of the DC/Metro MD Region: 202-277-4447 or mgoggin@ivcusa.org, or visit www.ivcusa.org and click on "DC -Metro MD.

Annual Christmas Concert at the National Shrine - Friday, December 7, the Choir of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in conjunction with the Chorus and Symphony Orchestra of The Catholic University of America, will present their Annual Christmas Concert for Charity and it is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7:30pm and seats fill up quickly. No tickets or reservations are required; arrive early for seating. The Basilica is located at [400 Michigan Ave., NE](http://400MichiganAveNE.com), offers ample free parking, and is walking distance from the Brookland-CUA Station on Metro's Red Line. For more information please visit www.nationalshrine.org



PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 02 DE DICIEMBRE 2018

La primera invitación del Adviento es prepararnos para recordar agradecidos el acontecimiento más grande de la historia. El oráculo del Profeta se ha cumplido. ¡Cristo ha nacido en Belén! Nuestra adoración ha de ser más intensa, si cabe, para adorar y dar gracias a Dios por el nacimiento virginal del Hijo. Cristo nace en la noche y se abre paso como luz en medio de las tinieblas de la noche. Por eso, nos sentimos llamados a interceder por el mundo envuelto en las tinieblas de la noche del pecado para que se abra a la luz de Cristo. La Iglesia denomina el adviento como *tiempo fuerte* porque es tiempo de llamada a la conversión, a recuperar la gracia, a poner los medios para perseverar en ella como son la vida sacramental, especialmente, la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía, la oración intensa, la práctica de la virtud, especialmente de la caridad... son signos positivos de purificación personal y colectiva o social. Hemos de ayudar al mundo necesitado de purificación porque está envuelto en la confusión, en la angustia, en la injusticia, en el odio, en la muerte.



PAGINA WEB DE SAN BARTOLOME

<http://www.stbartholomew.org> - Ver Comunidad Hispana

MISA DIARIA Y EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTISIMO

Lunes-sábado

Exposición del Santísimo a las 7:30 y Misa 8:00 a.m.

Domingos a las 5:15 PM antes de la Santa Misa

La adoración es entrar con la profundidad de nuestro corazón en comunión con el Señor que se hace presente corporalmente en la Eucaristía. Vengamos a adorarle.

CONFESIONES

Domingos: 5:30 - 5:45 p.m. en español

El Señor los espera siempre, en especial todos los domingos.

MINISTERIO DE SAN ESTEBAN

Escucha, consuela, ayuda, acompaña. Este ministerio de cuidado pastoral a nuestra comunidad, ofrece apoyo a personas que están experimentando momentos difíciles, traumáticos, que momentáneamente no pueden superar o resolver. Nuestros ministros asisten de manera personal uno-a-uno a las personas que solicitan ayuda. Contamos con ministros que hablan español. Para información, no duden en llamar al Diácono Julio Blanco-Eccleston. Tel: 703-821-1654; jublec18@earthlink.net

CAMBIOS EN LA SANTA MISA

Actualmente se viene rezando el Rosario Dominical a las 4:45 pm para luego proceder a la Exposición y Adoración del Santísimo a las 5:15 pm., antes de la Santa Misa. Las confesiones seguirán a las 5:30 p.m.

INFORMACION PARA EL BOLETIN

La fecha límite es el día domingo anterior a la publicación del mismo. Contactar a Rafael Espinosa.

juraescha@verizon.net

INTENCIONES DEL PAPA PARA DICIEMBRE

Por a Evangelización: Al servicio de la transmisión de la Fé.

Para que las personas dedicadas al servicio de la transmisión de la Fé encuentren un lenguaje adaptado al presente, en diálogo con la cultura.



Para Adviento se coloca una corona a un lado de la Sagrario. Cada domingo de Adviento, una familia se presenta ante el altar y prende la vela o velas correspondientes. La Corona tiene tres velas moradas y una rosada. Las moradas representan el tiempo de preparación; se prenden el primer, segundo y cuarto domingo de Adviento. La vela rosada se enciende el tercer domingo de Adviento; de esta manera es como la Iglesia indica un breve descanso en el trayecto de este tiempo. En este domingo, la primera palabra con la que empieza la liturgia es "alégrense".

MISA DE NAVIDAD Y PASTORELA 2018

Va quedando ya todo listo para el tradicional Pesebre Viviente a ser representado por los niños de la parroquia durante la Santa Misa de las 6:00 p.m. del domingo 9 de diciembre de 2018. Para mayor información sobre la Pastorela, por favor ponerse en contacto con la directora, Mariagustina Fabara Martínez al telefono 301-503-5398 o al mail mariagustina.f@gmail.com

ESTUDIO DE LA BIBLIA

Dictadas por el Padre Tim, los miércoles a las 6:30 p.m. en el aula bajo la Iglesia. Asista a esta actividad de renovación de Fe y conocimientos sobre la Biblia. Si Ud. está interesado por favor póngase en contacto con Padre Tim, 301-229-7933 ex. 22, o por correo electrónico: frtimdaniel@gmail.com.

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA DE LOS NIÑOS

Para niños en Escuela Elemental, 5-10 años

Valeria Conde, Coordinadora de la Liturgia

Está diseñada para que los niños experimenten la Palabra de Dios durante la Eucaristía en la misa dominical, de modo que puedan entender las enseñanzas de Jesús, con una pedagogía acorde a sus edades.

GRUPO DE JUVENTUD DE SAN BARTOLOME

El grupo de Juventud de San Bartolomé se reunirá el Domingo 9 de Noviembre para jugar Tag Laser. Sera de 3:00 a 6:00 p.m. Reservar hasta el Viernes 7 para coordinar movilidad. La cuota es de \$ 10.00 Informes con María Kaufmann al mail : 32kaufmann@cardinalmail.cua.edu

LIBROS Y CD's LITURGICOS

En el hall de la Iglesia se encuentran una nueva edición de libros y CD's con diversos temas de interés, algunos de ellos en español. Colabore en la adquisición de estos interesantes testimonios audiovisuales. Son un buen regalo para estas Navidades.

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN RIOS DE AGUA VIVA

El grupo de oración "Ríos de Agua Viva" le invita a compartir un momento con el Señor, los lunes de 10:00 a.m. a 12:30 pm. en la oficina hispana, al lado de la Sacristía. En la primera media hora se rezará el Rosario. Dirigido por Sonia Ruiz, informes: sschruiz@comcast.net

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Bartholomew Parish Office

6902 River Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817
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♦ www.stbartholomew.org ♦

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
stbartsrectory@gmail.com

Baptisms—3rd Sunday of the month, **appointment only**. Parents are obliged to take a brief class related to the Sacrament prior to the Baptism. Class is held 1st Wednesday of the month. **Registration is required**. Call the Parish Office for more information.

Weddings—Please contact one of the priests at least 6 months prior to anticipated wedding date. Pre-Cana and instruction are required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation—Saturday, following 8.00 a.m. Mass, and 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 5:15-5:45 p.m. (Español), or by appointment.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - The process of becoming a Catholic Christian. Call the Parish Office for information.

Adult Choir—Weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, 8:00-10:00 p.m. Choir sings every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound—Please notify the Rectory Office if you know of any parishioner who is sick or homebound and who would like to receive Holy Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick so that we can arrange to take him/her the Eucharist or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Note to New Parishioners—We extend to you a warm welcome from our Parish Community and encourage you to become active, involved members of the parish. Please obtain a registration form from the parish office, or from the Church vestibule.

Please Note: Bulletin notices must be received no later than 12 Noon on the Monday prior to the desired weekend of publishing.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

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| Hispanic Liturgy | Hernan Oyarzabal..... | 301-732-9586 |
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| Saturday Women's Prayer Group | Kathleen Goldsmith..... | 301-469-6455 |
| Sick and Homebound | Contact Rectory..... | 301-229-7933 |
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