

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 17, 2018**

Monday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Sacred Heart Parish
Tuesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Katalina Balsamo +
Wednesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Fr. Joseph Kleinstuber +
Thursday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Msgr. Thomas Duffy +
Friday	8.00 a.m.(TD)	Edith Respeto (L)
Saturday	8.00 a.m.(TD)	Edith Respeto (L)
	5.00 p.m.(E)	Sarah Willging +
Sunday	7.00 a.m.(K)	Mass for the People
	8.30 a.m.(E)	Deceased Members of the Smith/Wink Family
	10.00 a.m.(K)	Liz Connor (L)
	12 Noon (TD)	Jack McMahon +
	6.00 p.m.(TD)	Maria Antonia Bermudez +
	8.00 p.m.(E)	

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 16, 2018**

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

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.

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.

Sister Betsy Hartson RSCJ seeks **gently-used and working laptops and printers with power adapters** for **Living Wages**, a nonprofit educational program for DC residents age 25 and over seeking their high school diplomas. If you can help, please leave your donation at the rectory. Our parish is a generous supporter of this noble cause.



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/Jublec18@earthlink.net

We have a large selection of CDs and books in the vestibule and all of them would make great Christmas presents!

THIRD 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 this Sunday, December 16**. We will print your loved ones' names in our Christmas Bulletin.

HELPING HANDS are needed to decorate the Church for Christmas. Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 21 at 9.00 a.m. The more hands, the merrier!

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 - 11.00 a.m.** in the Church. Contact Diana Carter **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.

SAVE THE DATE! All volunteers and their spouses are invited to St. Bart's Twelfth Night Thank-You Dinner on Saturday, January 12, at 6.00 p.m. in the Church Hall. **Please call the Rectory if you will be accepting this invitation, 301-229-7933.**

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

Upcoming Events: **12/16 Visit to St. Bart's House (MS & HS), 5:45- 7:45pm.** The group will meet in the courtyard across from the parish hall. *Dinner provided.*

12/23- 1/6 Christmas Break - No Youth Group.

INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTION LED BY FR. HAYES, S.J.

Fr. Jerry Hayes, S.J., Director of Ignatian Programs at Georgetown University, will be available for individual spiritual direction here at St. Bart's starting in the New Year. If you are interested in participating in a one-half hour session, the second Friday of every month starting Friday, January 11th through May 10th, please contact Fr. Mark as soon as possible. He will respond to parishioners' interest on a first request basis since there are limited time-slots available on the designated Fridays. When the program is in place, the directees will maintain contact with Fr. Hayes through his personal e-mail address.

39th ANNUAL ST. BARTHOLOMEW STEPHANIE GANNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Five scholarships for \$500 each are available to eligible St. Bartholomew parishioners, depending on funds available and number of qualified applicants. To be eligible, applicants must be in or about to commence an educational or training program beyond the high school level. The Gannon Program is targeted to help an active member of the St. Bart's parish community.

Criteria for selections are based on need, a reasonable indication of capability for study success, and participation in community and/or parish activities. Preference is given to undergraduate students, although graduate students are eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the parish office and must be submitted no later than July 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 academic year.

This announcement also requests donations to our scholarship fund in memory of Stephanie Gannon. To contribute, please drop your contribution in an envelope (make check payable to St. Bartholomew Church, memo "For Deposit to the Gannon Scholarship Fund") in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Telephone Rosary for Healing - the Washington Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (WACCW) is hosting a telephone Rosary call from now until September 4, 2019, with the special intention of healing for all hurt by individuals within the Church. All are welcome to join the call at 8pm EST, Mondays-Saturdays, at 605-468-8016, code 357090#. For more information, contact Sharon O'Brien, WACCW President, at ArchdioceseCCW@gmail.com, and follow on Facebook at [Facebook.com/WashACCW](https://www.facebook.com/WashACCW).

Blessing of the Baminelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at the National Shrine - this year the National Shrine will host its annual Blessing of the Baminelli and Lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday, December 23 at the 4:30pm Mass. Bring the Baby Jesus from your Nativity scene to be blessed at the National Shrine on this Fourth Sunday of Advent. This annual tradition in St. Peter's Square features the Pope offering a special blessing after his weekly Angelus for all those who brought their Baminelli. Following the Mass and Blessing of the Baminelli, the National Shrine will bless and ceremonially light the Christmas Tree as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please come for this special opportunity to start your Christmas week! No tickets or reservations are required. The Basilica is located at **400 Michigan Ave NE**, 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 or call 202-0526-8300.



TERCER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 16 DE DICIEMBRE 2018

El Profeta Sofonías nos lanza un mensaje de alegría: *Regójate, hija de Sión, grita de júbilo, Israel, alégrate y gózate de todo corazón, Jerusalén.* Estamos alegres porque el Señor viene para perdonar el pecado y, consecuentemente, cancelar toda deuda. El Señor viene para hacerse presente en medio de su pueblo, igual a nosotros en todo menos en el pecado. Estamos alegres porque Dios nos ama con un amor más fuerte que el pecado, que la muerte, que la debilidad... Porque el Señor se goza y complace en nosotros. Somos sus criaturas, sabe de qué barro estamos hecho... nos comprende y nos ama. Por lo tanto, no tengamos miedo, caminemos alegres, apoyados en el amor que Dios nos tiene. San Juan predica sobre la disposición inmediata para recibir la gran alegría: el nacimiento del Redentor. ¿Cómo hemos de prepararnos para recibir a Jesús la noche de la Navidad? Encontraremos la verdadera alegría si nos convertimos, dejando el pecado y hacemos penitencia acudiendo al sacramento de la Reconciliación y al encuentro con Cristo en La Eucaristía.



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 adorarlo.

CONFESIONES
Domingos: 5:30 - 5:45 p.m. en español
El Señor nos 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



Hoy, tercer domingo de Adviento, iluminaremos la vela rosada que indica gozo y descanso en el trayecto de este tiempo. La primera palabra con que empieza la liturgia de este día es *Gaudete* o "alégrense". Preparémonos con alegría para la venida de nuestro Salvador. El encender las velas, semana tras semana, indica que la luz de Cristo está por venir. En este Adviento, preparemos nuestro corazón para recibir la Palabra de Dios, pidamos a Dios perdón por nuestros pecados para poder recibirlo dignamente. Recordemos que el Señor ya no quiere nacer en una cueva, el Señor quiere nacer, ahora, en cada uno de los corazones de los hombres.

HORARIO DE MISAS
Nochebuena, Lunes 24 diciembre
5:00 pm Misa para niños en ingles (Padre Mark)
7:30 pm Misa en español (Padre Tim)
10:30 pm Misa en ingles (Padre Mark)
Navidad, Martes 25 diciembre
8:30 a.m. (Padre John)
10:00 am (Padre Mark)
12:00 mediodía (Padre Tim)
La Sagrada Familia, domingo 30 diciembre
Horarios normales, Misa en español a las 6:00 p.m.
Santa Maria Madre de Dios, Martes 1 de enero 2019
(Dia de obligación)
5:00 pm Vigilia, Lunes 31 de diciembre 2018
10:00 am Martes 1 de enero 2019

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.

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.

GRUPO DE JUVENTUD DE SAN BARTOLOME
El grupo de Juventud de San Bartolomé no se reunirá el Domingo 23 de Diciembre por receso de fiestas. Informes contactar 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.

ARBOLES DE NAVIDAD
Recuerden que entrando a la pista de la Iglesia viniendo de River Road, frente a la casa de retiro, se están vendiendo árboles vivos de Navidad, colabore con la adquisición de estos arbolitos ya que parte del pago por ellos es donado a nuestra Iglesia de San Bartolomé.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Bartholomew Parish Office

6902 River Road, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Tel: 301-229-7933 ♦ Fax: 301-229-7998

♦ 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.

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Children's Liturgy	Maria El-Khoury.....	301-897-9005
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Eucharistic Ministers	Jennifer Bautista	301-793-1899
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Gabriel Network	Nancy Brouillard McKenzie	301-229-1071
Home and School Assn.	John Vivian.....	301-461-3597
Hospitality & New In the Pew	AnneMarie Economopoulos.....	301-365-1233
Ignatian Volunteer Corps	Hernan Oyarzabal	301-732-9586
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Lectors/Liturgy Committee	Susan Schill	301-469-4973
Lectores	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Hispanic Liturgy	Kathleen Goldsmith	301-469-6455
Prayer Chain	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Respect for Life	Tom Carty.....	301-587-8860
Saturday Women's Prayer Group	Deacon Julio Blanco-Eccleston.....	703-821-1654
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