

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 21, 2020**

Monday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Evelyn Naehle +
Tuesday	8.00 a.m.(E)	Anne Blewitt +
Wednesday	8.00 a.m.(K)	Mary Fleury +
Thursday	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Catherine Baker (L)
	5.00 p.m.(SM)	Florencia Rengifo +
	7.30 p.m.(E)	Deceased Members of the Draize/Colvin Families
	*10.30 p.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
Friday	12.00 a.m.(SM)	Mr. and Mrs. Martin (L)
	8.30 a.m.(SM)	Stephen Pigott +
	10.00 a.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
Saturday	12 Noon (E)	Lee Berger +
	8.00 a.m.(SM)	Clarissa Bullos +
Sunday	5.00 p.m.(K)	Caroline Knestout +
	7.00 a.m.(SM)	Mass for the People
	8.30 a.m.(E)	
	10.00 a.m.(K)	Marie Garland +
	12 Noon (SM)	Daniele de Lucia +
	6.00 p.m.(SM)	Carlos Chiriboga +
	8.00 p.m.(E)	Covid Sick

+ deceased (L) living
* will also be livestreamed

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 20, 2020**

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Monday	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
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Friday	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10, Acts 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Last Advent Weekday in the morning -
Thursday, December 24**
8.00 a.m.

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24
5.00 p.m. (Fr. Santiago) No Children's Liturgy or Pageant
7.30 p.m. (Fr. John)
10.30 p.m. Mass at Night* (Fr. Mark)
**Will also be livestreamed - no Christmas Carols*
Mass at Midnight – Español (Fr. Santiago)

Christmas Day – Friday, December 25
8.30 a.m., (Fr. Santiago), 10.00 a.m., (Fr. Mark)
and 12 Noon (Fr. John)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph –
Sunday, December 27**
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 - Thursday, December 31
Weekday Mass – 8.00 a.m.

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Vigil 5.00 p.m. (Bishop Dorsonville)

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2020**
10.00 a.m.

**The link for the livestreamed 10.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass can be found [here](https://youtu.be/IbrdLneMUM) - you can also access it on our website or go to <https://youtu.be/IbrdLneMUM>*

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR COVID CAPACITY IS 125 PEOPLE. NO TICKETS OR RESERVATIONS – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE A DISPENSATION FROM ATTENDING SUNDAY MASSES AND ALL OBLIGATION MASSES.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

As the Prayer Petition book in the church was removed because of COVID-19 restrictions, we have started a new way of gathering prayer requests from the parish for the time being. It is an online Prayer Intention forum on the parish website [here](https://stbartholomew.org). Please enter your prayer request (you can choose whether to leave your name or not) and these prayer requests will be collected and sent to our Prayer Ministry members to pray and lift these concerns to God's mercy. You can also access the Prayer Intention forum by going to stbartholomew.org and clicking on the alternating button at the top left hand side *Prayer Request*.


We are very thankful for all our Prayer Ministry members who give of their time and dedication in their gift of prayer.

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.

Help to bring Christmas to Bethlehem during this time of crisis - located just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ, **Holy Family Hospital** is a Catholic teaching maternity and neonatal critical care center serving poor, refugee, and at-risk families in the Holy Land. COVID arrived in Bethlehem in March closing down businesses resulting in a salary stoppage for 90% of the people. Things have not improved. Today, families can barely afford food, let alone medical care. **Bring Christmas to Bethlehem at their hour of great need.** Donors receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Find more information [here](#).


Bethesda House - we have completed another full year of providing dinners for the clients of Bethesda House on the third Tuesday of every month. We thank all those who contributed of their time and resources to make this happen. A new calendar for the first 6 months of 2021 is posted in the church vestibule with three volunteers requested for the third Tuesday of each month. Chicken is requested on the menu as well as fruit for dessert. As we are in a time of thanksgiving and recognize the many blessings we receive, we could benefit from an increase in the number of families involved in this ministry. Please consider signing up and assisting those current parishioners who have donated over the years. When volunteering, please write your name and phone number on the calendar. More questions? Call Livia Gatti: 301-469-6552/liviagatti@protonmail.com



Stephen Ministry Care During COVID-19
 Trained and commissioned parish Stephen Ministers continue to provide one-on-one confidential, emotional and spiritual companionship for persons experiencing loss, illness, or other life difficulties during the pandemic. Germ-free: telephone, FaceTime, email, Zoom, Google Meet, etc. Call the Parish Office at 301-229-7933. See the flyer [here](#).
 Stephen Ministry at: <http://stbartholomew.org>

DID YOU KNOW?

ALTAR - It has been said that a Catholic church is built for the altar. It is the central focal point of the layout, of the architecture, of the design in a church. The altar is holy (blessed and set apart) and is part of the "sanctuary" of a church. More on the sanctuary at another time. It has been said that on the one hand it is the table for the ritual meal at the Mass and at the same time it is the rock on which a sacrifice is performed. The altar is placed so the clergy and lay people serving at a Mass can get around it. It is dedicated to the sacrifice of the Mass and is not to be used for other purposes. For instance, you cannot have a meeting around an altar. Only items used in the Mass belong on the altar - vessels, fabrics, books, sometimes candles or flowers, all of which enhance and draw our attention to the special, revered place and purpose of the altar.



Remember In Prayer

Prayers for the Sick: Fr. Ubald, Rubens and Yolanda Medina, Rosemarie Vargo, Julia Carver, Barbara Grady, Laura Harding, Kent Brinley, Ron Repka, Nicolas Gobbs, Merlin Flores, Tom Burns, Martina Rabade, Maria Theresa Valderrama, Ellen Marie Walsh Fagan, Emily Clemente, Louis Velasco, Marta Benitez, and Sue Barrett.

Prayers for the Deceased: Adela Menendez, Dick Keeney, Jack Overton, Rob Cadret, (non-COVID related), and all those who have died from COVID-19 in the United States and around the world.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Gabriel Network is seeking an outstanding candidate to lead the growth of its pro-life Angel Friend Program, its flagship program that empowers Christian churches to accompany pregnant mothers and families in need by providing practical, emotional, and spiritual support through pregnancy and beyond. The full time position **Angel Friend Program Director** will lead our Angel Friend Program Team to grow both our support for our 38 partner churches and the number of churches ready and willing to serve. [A full position description can be found here, and applications should be made through Indeed's online platform.](#) Please reach out to office@gabrielnetwork.org with any questions.

The Spanish Catholic Center will have VIRTUAL ESOL classes starting in January. Are you looking for an opportunity to learn or improve your English skills? The Spanish Catholic Center in Gaithersburg will start the new academic cycle of Virtual English Classes in January. All levels, from Beginners to Advanced. Monday to Thursday from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm OR Saturday from 9:30 to 12:30 pm. Send an email to Laura Irwin, the Program Supervisor to laura.irwin@cc-dc.org for more information and to receive the registration form, or call 301-453-5560 and leave a message.

In this season of Advent, we are preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting St. Bartholomew Church through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can save some time and peace of mind this holiday season. During this time of social distancing, St. Bartholomew's Church depends on online donations to continue our ministry. Already using Faith Direct? Don't forget to add your Christmas or End-of-Year contributions to your account. You can sign up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting <https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD44> or text 'Enroll' to 301-284-3826. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family! Fr. Mark



CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 20 DE DICIEMBRE 2020

Acogemos en el corazón el anuncio profético de la concepción y del nacimiento de Jesús. Un niño va a nacer. Será el vencedor del enemigo, del pecado y de la muerte. Una joven virgen concebirá y dará a luz a un niño. Será el "Emmanuel" el Hijo de Dios, "Dios con nosotros". Se declara el cumplimiento de la profecía de Isaías. La Virgen María ha concebido y dará a luz por obra del Espíritu Santo". Es un grito de alegría para la humanidad. San José no entiende lo que está sucediendo. Un ángel del Señor le explica el misterio y proclama la virginidad de María y la divinidad de Jesús y nosotros damos gracias a Dios por su misericordia con nosotros.



HORARIO DE MISAS POR NAVIDAD

(Capacidad 125 personas c/u debido al Covid-19)

24 de diciembre - NOCHEBUENA [Jueves]

5:00 pm Misa (Padre Santiago)

7:30 pm Misa (Padre John)

10:30 pm Misa (Padre Mark)

12:00 am Misa en español (Padre Santiago)

25 de diciembre - NAVIDAD [Viernes] Día de Obligación

8:30 am.(Padre Santiago), 10:00 am.(Padre Mark) 12:00 m.(Padre John)

27 de diciembre La Sagrada Familia (Domingo)

7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon, 6:00 pm (español), 8:30 pm

31 de diciembre (Jueves)

8:00 am, Vigilia 5:00 pm (Obispo Dorsonville)

El 1 de enero 2021 [Viernes] Maria, Madre de Dios -10:00 am

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.

PETICIONES PARA LA MISA DOMINICAL

Si usted desea que se nombre en las peticiones de la Santa Misa en español de los domingos a familiares o amigos suyos que estén sufriendo por la enfermedad del Covid-19 o que quizás lamentablemente hayan fallecido debido a esta, por favor póngase en contacto con Raúl Yépez para ser incluido en las peticiones luego del Credo. El correo electrónico es reyopez@verizon.net

INFORMACION PARA EL BOLETIN

La fecha límite es a mediodía del día domingo anterior a la publicación del mismo. Contactar a Rafael Espinosa. juraescha@verizon.net

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Desde el pasado Domingo 21 de Junio se reanudaron las Misas dominicales en San Bartolomé en los horarios usuales. Asimismo comenzó tanto la Adoración Eucarística a las 7:30 a.m. y las Misas diarias a las 8:00 a.m. Seguidas de confesiones al estilo antiguo en los confesionarios.

Y desde el pasado Domingo 19 de Julio ya está con nosotros el Padre Santiago Martin quien es quien reemplaza al Padre Tim en nuestra parroquia.

La dispensa continúa vigente, permitiéndole a aquellos que deseen asistir a la Misa virtual continuar haciéndolo.

Esto implica que cualquiera de nuestros Ministros que no se sienta seguro asistiendo a la Iglesia pueda permanecer en su casa. No se permitirá Monaguillos en la celebración.

No participaran Ministros Eucarísticos. El Padre dispensará la Comunión para quien se sienta cómodo de recibirla, sin obligación. Habrá un solo lector, quien permanecerá en el área cerca del ambo o Altar durante la celebración.

Habrà música en la Misa. Se agradece la colaboración de ujieres para ayudar en la orientación de los feligreses para garantizar el distanciamiento social.

El Ministerio Digital estará disponible si el coordinador decide participar en la Liturgia. Es obligatorio el uso de tapabocas y seguir procedimientos de distancia, que ya están marcados en el piso y en los asientos. Si desean escuchar la Santa Misa por internet o por la TV, pueden permanecer por seguridad en sus casas.

El horario de las misas para el domingo en EWTN es:

En Ingles: 8am, 12m y 7 pm

Español: 8am y 4pm.

Si tienen Fios-Verizon los canales son:

Ingles 845 y en español 1741.

La Misa del Papa desde el Vaticano se puede ver por Youtube.

El sitio web de la Arquidiócesis contiene una página con recursos de información sobre el coronavirus: <https://adw.org/coronavirus/>.

INTENCIONES DEL PAPA PARA DICIEMBRE

Intención de oración por la Evangelización - Para una vida de oración.

Recemos para que nuestra relación personal con Jesucristo se alimente de la Palabra de Dios y de una vida de oración.



Para los cristianos, encender las velas de la Corona de Adviento representa la promesa de la venida de Jesús, la Luz del mundo. A medida que los días pasan y se encienden las tres primeras velas de Adviento, nos preparamos para su llegada, reflexionando y manteniéndonos en oración. Así, expectantes juntos a María, esperamos el cumplimiento de la promesa de nuestro Padre celestial, de enviarnos al Salvador: el Emmanuel, el Mesías. ¡Alegremonos! Falta poco para la llegada del Niño Dios. Al encender la cuarta vela, nos invade la alegría de saber que ya finaliza el Adviento y llega la Navidad.

MISA DE NAVIDAD 2020

La Parroquia de San Bartolomé los invita cordialmente a participar de la Misa de Gallo que se celebrará en español el 24 de diciembre a medianoche (12 am).

Unidos en comunidad recibamos al Niño Dios en nuestros corazones.

CARIDADES CATOLICAS: CLASES DE INGLES

El Centro Católico Hispano en Gaithersburg comienza el nuevo ciclo de Clases virtuales de inglés en enero. Todos los niveles: desde principiantes hasta avanzados. De Lunes a Jueves de 6:30 pm a 8:30 pm o los sábados de 9:30 am a 12:30 pm Contactar a Laura Irwin, la supervisora del programa, laura.irwin@ccc-dc.org para mas información o llame por favor al 301-453-5560

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

St. Bartholomew Parish Office

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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

Pastoral Council	Roberto Soto (Acting Chair)	301-512-4302
	Hernan Oyarzabal (Hisp. Rep.)	301-732-9586
	Valeria Conde (Hisp. Rep.)	301-340-8227
	Paul Johnson (Vice Chair).....	301-320-4632
Finance Committee	Richard Elliott.....	202-686-0263
Altar Servers	Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D.	631-793-2005
Monaguillos/Hisp. Coord.	Bill Ayers.....	301-469-8023
Arimatheans	Joe Hanle, Dir	301-320-6151
Bartholomew House	Cecilia Motha.....	301-229-5990
Bible Group	Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D.	631-793-2005
Busy Men at Work Group	James Strother.....	301-706-5818
CYO	Valeria Conde (Hisp.Coord.)	301-340-8227
Children's Liturgy	Carole Wysocki (Director).....	301-717-8850
Choir	Maria El-Khoury.....	301-897-9005
Church Guild	Jerry Hoskins	301-320-6337
Windows 10 Computer Donations	Contact Rectory	301-229-7933
Eucharistic Ministers	Contact Rectory	301-873-7491
Ministros Eucaristicos	Raul Yopez.....	301-229-6591
Gabriel Network	Selma deLeon	301-793-1899
Home and School Assn.	Jennifer Bautista	301-299-8091
Hospitality & New In the Pew	Bonnie Perkins.....	301-229-1071
Ignatian Volunteer Corps	Nancy Brouillard McKenzie	301-461-3597
Knights of Columbus	John Vivian.....	301-365-1233
Lectors/Liturgy Committee	AnneMarie Economopoulos.....	301-732-9586
Lectores	Hernan Oyarzabal	301-732-9586
Hispanic Liturgy	Hernan Oyarzabal	301-469-4973
Prayer Chain	Susan Schill	301-229-7933
Respect for Life	Contact Rectory	301-469-6455
Saturday Women's Prayer Group	Kathleen Goldsmith	301-229-7933
Sick and Homebound	Contact Rectory	301-587-8860
Social Concerns	Tom Carty.....	703-971-4778
St. Bart's Parish Times Editor	Peter J. Mermagen	301-229-7933
Stephen Ministry	Contact Rectory	240-460-5756
Ushers	Theresa Kowal	919-519-7450
Ujieres	Carlos Andres Guiza	301-299-3739
Wedding Coordinator	Mary Ann Chalfant	901-296-9786
Youth Minister	Maria Archer.....	