

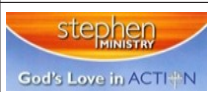
**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 28, 2020**

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| Monday | 8.00 a.m.(SM) | Joseph Fernandez + |
| Tuesday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | Roy Kaminske + |
| Wednesday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | Special Intention |
| Thursday | 8.00 a.m.(SM) 5.00 p.m.(BD) | Ryan Alexander Brennan + Adela Menendez + |
| Friday | 10.00 a.m.(K) | Daniel & Lola Aramayo + |
| Saturday | 8.00 a.m.(K) 5.00 p.m.(SM) | Daniel & Lola Aramayo + Don Roberts + |
| Sunday | 7.00 a.m.(K) 8.30 a.m.(K) 10.00 a.m.(SM) | Mass for the People Bill Class + Deceased Members of the Despotides Family |
| | 12 Noon (E) | Covid Sick |
| | 6.00 p.m.(SM) | Dora Grajales + |
| | 8.00 p.m.(E) | |

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
December 27, 2020**

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| 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 |
| Monday | Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18 |
| Tuesday | Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 |
| Wednesday | 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40 |
| Thursday | Saint Sylvester I, Pope 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18 |
| Friday | Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 |
| Saturday | Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| Sunday | Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |



**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](#).

Stephen Ministry at: <http://stbartholomew.org>

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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

New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31
Vigil 5.00 p.m. (Bishop Dorsonville)

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021**
10.00 a.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.

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

We continue to collect food for St. Martin's Pantry in Gaithersburg (as we do year-round) with a group of volunteers delivering food weekly. The pantry particularly requests (listed in order of need as of December 7): pasta sauce, canned fruit, dry unsweetened cereal, and meals in a can (stew, canned pasta chili, etc.). Peanut butter and jelly are always welcome. Baby formula, especially Similac Blue, baby cereal, diapers numbers 4,5 and 6, and baby wipes also needed. We also know that large packages of oatmeal are split into smaller containers for families and child-type drinks, like chocolate or flavored milk or juice boxes (not the Capri type) are requested. The Pantry team favors any of the larger-size paper bags such as the approx. 16.5 inch by one foot by seven inch bags used by Trader Joe's (handles not necessary.) The plastic bags that are useful can be found at Costco on the non-food side of the store and are known as "Tee Shirt" bags, and are sold in a brown box, about 40 to a box, as well as (empty) plastic newspaper bags which they fill with any food items that fit. They can also use empty egg cartons, as well as banana boxes (the boxes are essential for sorting and storage). Please kindly leave your non-perishable food items in the marked basket in the vestibule.

**GIFTING OPPORTUNITIES
TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH**

For those of you who might consider the gifting of stock to St. Bart's please click [Gifting of Stock](#) for more information. If you would like to gift a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to St. Bart's, please click [Qualified Charitable Distribution](#). The flyer in this week's bulletin has the information too.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Christmas Remembrances 2020

We remember our beloved family and friends, living and deceased, through our prayers and Christmas altar flower offerings:

Maureen Brady, and the Living and Deceased Members of the Brady, Rupert, MacIntosh and Page Families (Rupert Brady); Vince and Angie Verfuert, and David and Mary Grace Kennedy (Ann Kennedy); Larry Green (Heidi Green); the Deceased Members of the Argumedo and El-Khoury Families (Samir and Maria El-Khoury); William O. Bittman (Carole Bittman); Otto Warmbier, and the Deceased Members of the McGeein, Winkeljohn and Warmbier Families (Marty McGeein); Victoriano and Maria Olorvida (Cresencia Olorvida); Coni Meyer and Yukio Ishizuka (Pierre and Deborah Larroque); Lynda Mitchell and Claudine Larroque (Pierre and Deborah Larroque); Etta and Nino Veronese (Fulvia Veronese); the Living and Deceased Members of the Sylvester Laudolff Family (John and Marge Class); the Living and Deceased Members of the William Class Family (John and Marge Class); Eugenio Lesmez, and Spencer Cosmos (Betulia Sanchez); Doselina Moreno and Marcos Aurelio Sanchez, and Isabel Vidal Sanabria (Alara Sanchez); Bob and Rosemary Waldron (Susan Bathalon); John Painter (Patty Painter); Stanley, Rose Ann and Mary Kowal, and Jeremy Arias (Theresa Kowal); the Deceased Members of the Mastrangelo and Marcovecchio Families (Sante and Giuseppina Mastrangelo); Mary Jo Donohoe; Dora Grajales (Elva Salazar); Thomas and Agnes Burke, Charles and Gertrude Perkins, John Katsaros, and Grace Wert (Bonnie Perkins); the Deceased Members of the Brennan and Schill Families (Susan and Charles Schill); Jack Nadol (the Powalie Family); the Living and Deceased Members of the Emord, Trant, George and Fay Families (Gina Trant); Bernadette Yates (Margie Hackett); Frank and Sophie Fezza (Paul Fezza); Margaret and Bob O'Lone (Chris O'Lone); for Women Religious; Caroline Watson and Patricia Majowicz (Paul and Margaret Johnson); Salud de Fla Costro and Fla Cid-Leighton (Vivian Leighton); Gustavo and Rosana Gatti (Livia Gatti); William "Rusty" Rhodes (Julie Rhodes); Padre Elmer Saldaña Sarmiento; Janeth Franco; the Deceased Members of the Dyer Family (Maura Dyer); Javier Salazar (C. Salazar); the Deceased Members of the Chiriboga Family (Raul and Lucy Yopez).



Remember In Prayer

Prayers for the Sick: Tina Howe, 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.

The **Faith and Fiction Book Group** will meet by Zoom on January 24, 2021, at 4:00 pm to discuss Colum McCann's 2020 novel *Aperigon*. Meeting ID: 811 1901 1353. Passcode: 120221. All are welcome.

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.

SMALL GROUPS AT ST. BART'S

Please consider joining one or more of our small groups, outlined below, where your participation will allow you to enjoy the small group companionship that is offered. **The groups generally start up again in September after the summer months in normal circumstances but all are continuing to meet virtually at present. Please contact each ministry leader for updates.**

The **Tuesday Morning Bible Group** meets September - June on Tuesdays, 9-10.30 am in the library at Bartholomew House Assisted Living, and is currently meeting via Zoom. We use the Loyola Press Bible Series "A Guided Discovery for Groups". These books give structure and enable scripture discussions in a small group setting and help to increase our understanding of the Bible and how to apply it to our daily lives. New members are always welcome - contact Cecilia Motha 301-229-5990 or email ccmotha@comcast.net

The **St. Bart's Women's Prayer and Book Discussion Group** has been meeting for over 15 years in various respective members' homes. During two hours of fellowship, members share their faith, offer intercessory prayers, and discuss current faith-related books and topics. The group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. *Currently they are meeting every Thursday on Zoom at 10 am.* New members are welcome. Contact Ann Kennedy at 301-367-5988 or alkenne@aol.com for more information.

Are you a busy man? Then please consider joining St. Bartholomew's **Busy-Men-at-Works Group** which meets on Thursdays, 7:30 pm - 9 pm in the rectory dining room. If you are interested, please consider joining us for readings, discussions, prayer, coffee, doughnuts and fellowship! *Currently meeting via Zoom every Thursday at 7.30 pm.* For more information, please contact Manny Berard, jmb10@caa.columbia.edu

The **St. Bart's Women's Saturday Morning Prayer Group** meets on the first and third Saturday of the month from 8.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m. in private homes, with light refreshments offered. Besides opening and closing prayers, we read and discuss selected books that deepen our faith and our understanding of how it fits into our lives and bringing us closer to God. The group is open to all women and new members are always welcome. *The group is currently meeting every Saturday on Zoom.* Contact: Kathleen Goldsmith, goldsmithkit@gmail.com or call 301-469-6455.

The **St. Bart's Men's Group** goal is mutual support and spiritual development based on shared insights gained from a diverse membership. We meet for about 90 minutes at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Members volunteer to host meetings on a rotating basis and each host picks the topic to be discussed. *(Currently, meetings are held via Zoom videoconferencing.)* The group has been meeting for 25 years and we always enjoy the fresh perspective brought by new members. The value of the group can be appreciated by the comments of members: *"The input from our group is invaluable to me as I listen to other members describe how they deal with individual and family concerns and the problems of aging."* *"It has provided me with a trusted sounding board as I face new and difficult life issues."* *"Mutual support is a true blessing. As we listen to each other with respect we learn we are not alone as we face tough problems and decisions in our personal lives."* *"I look forward to our Saturday get-togethers. They truly are spiritual retreats!"* *"It's a sharing/caring group. I feel better after each meeting."* If you would like to attend or for more information, contact Jerry Hoskins at jfhoskins@comcast.net or Don Connolly at doncon30@comcast.net



LA SAGRADA FAMILIA 27 DE DICIEMBRE 2020

La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia es la fiesta de los hogares cristianos. Somos invitados a entrar el Hogar de Nazaret formado por la Virgen María, por San José, y, centralmente, por el Niño Jesús. Herodes busca "al niño para matarlo". Dios Padre protege a la Sagrada Familia. El ángel del Señor se aparece a José y le dice: "Levántate, coge al niño y a su madre y huye a Egipto; quédate allí hasta que yo te avise". José "se fue a Egipto y se quedó hasta la muerte de Herodes. De nuevo la protección del Padre. "El ángel del Señor" le ordena volver primero a Judea y luego a Galilea, al morir Herodes. La Sagrada Familia se establece en Nazaret y las profecías se cumplen: Jesús será llamado Nazareno. El Padre vela sobre la Sagrada Familia para que se cumplan los planes de la redención a su hora y en su momento.



HORARIO DE MISAS POR NAVIDAD

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

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.



A la gran familia de San Bartolomé, nuestros deseos porque el 2021 sea un año pleno de felicidad, donde las aspiraciones de paz, salud, trabajo y bienestar familiar se hagan realidad día a día a la luz del amor y la verdad de Cristo nuestro Señor.

PROMESA DE AÑO NUEVO

Ayudar en la parroquia. La obra de Dios no se hace sola. La Comunidad Hispana necesita de tu ayuda. Dios ha puesto en nuestras manos la Parroquia de San Bartolomé. Crezcamos, trabajemos y vivamos nuestra vida cristiana en ella. Nuestro Señor quiere que los árboles crezcan donde han sido plantados.

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@cc-dc.org para más información o llame por favor al 301-453-5560

ORACION DE FIN DE AÑO

¡Oh Señor! Sólo por tu misericordia y bondad hemos podido llegar hasta aquí. Sólo por tu fidelidad hemos recibido tantas bendiciones en el 2020. Concédenos vivir una vida que te agrade en empeño en obedecerte y cumplir tu voluntad. Y finalmente pero más importante aún, que te amemos como Tú ordenas que lo hagamos. Te agradecemos todo y este nuevo año que iniciamos, agrádate también de nuestro servicio en tu reino y prospéranos en tus caminos.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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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| 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..... | |