

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 29, 2021**

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| Monday | 8.00 a.m.(A) | Albert Cornelio + |
| Tuesday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | All Souls |
| Wednesday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | Covid Sick |
| Thursday | 8.00 a.m.(E) | Hugh MacIntosh (L) |
| Friday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | In Thanksgiving for the Class of 1981 of Javiera Carrera |
| Saturday | 8.00 a.m.(K) | Ellen Hurson Steis + |
| | 5.00 p.m.(A) | Special Intention |
| Sunday | 7.00 a.m.(K) | Mass for the People |
| | 8.30 a.m.(A) | Joe DelBalzo (L) |
| | 10.00 a.m.(JH) | Maggie O'Brien + |
| | 12 Noon (E) | Kathleen Houlding + |
| | 6.00 p.m.(A) | Santiago Vesperoni + |
| | 8.00 p.m.(E) | |

+ deceased (L) living

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF
November 28, 2021**

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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 | Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11 |
| Tuesday | Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22 |
| Wednesday | Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37 |
| Thursday | Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 |
| Friday | Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31 |
| Saturday | Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 |
| 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 |



Stephen Ministry Care

Sometimes It's Hard to Ask for Help.
We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others—and allow others to care for us in our time of need. To find out how a trained Stephen Minister can help, arrange a confidential talk with one by contacting the rectory office at 301-229-7933. Please see the flyer [here](#).

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The **Poor Box** for the month of **November** is for **Bread for the City**, a nonprofit agency which provides clothing, food, medical care, legal assistance, and social services to an average of 10,000 needy DC residents each month.

Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Sister Mary Bader and the Board of Directors of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families at their Annual Christmas Open House, **Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm** at St. Ann's Center (4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782). St. Anne's, a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is committed to lifting vulnerable children, mothers and families out of poverty and homelessness. Please contact Carolyn Boyle for more information: cboyle@stanns.org or 301-559-5500 or <https://www.stanns.org>

Living Wages Laptop Donations - Living Wages Adult Education Center in SE Washington offers the National External Diploma Program (NEDP), an alternative to the GDP, to adult learners in the 8th Ward. The participants earn their diploma by completing a series of academic units that incorporate real-world skills in the learning process. Volunteers, some from our parish, assist participants in completing the work. NEDP, in response to COVID19, has recently upgraded their system to permit projects to be completed online from home. However, many students cannot complete their work because they do not have a home computer. If you have an unused Windows 10 laptop at home or work, please call Jerry Hoskins who will pick it up, remove your identity, data and applications, and deliver it to Living Wages. [It is also suggested that those interested could make a \$500.00 cash donation to Living Wages, who would then be able to buy a suitable laptop). All tax deductible. Also, a new Living Wages initiative involves coaching individuals to help them setup a small business. If you have the experience to volunteer as a coach and/or are interested in donating a laptop or making a donation, please contact Jerry (301) 320-6337 or J1Hoskey@comcast.net

Catholic Charities of Washington DC is helping to solicit volunteers for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops of (USCCB) to provide services for newly arrived Afghan refugees. Services include a children's Recreational Day Program and Conversational English classes. Approximately 120 adults and 80 children, under the age of 10, will be served at one location in Bethesda. USCCB is looking for volunteers who can consistently provide at least one full day of service each week until approximately March 2022. The programs will operate seven days per week. There will be remuneration for parking and meals, and there is a potential opportunity for paid positions. Completion of the Protecting God's Children course is preferred. All adult Afghan guests are fully vaccinated, and all volunteers must be fully vaccinated. Masks are worn throughout the facility. If interested, please contact volunteers@usccb.org for additional information.

Please feel free to take a copy of the Little Blue Book Advent and Christmas Seasons 2021-2022 - the book offers six-minute reflections on the Advent/Christmas season weekday Gospels. Please also take one of the Catholic Extension 2022 calendars. Both can be found in the vestibule.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent Presentation

Abraham Saddled His Donkey - How Abraham and Mary do the Will of God.

Saturday - December 4, 2021 - 8:45 am.
(refreshments will be available)

Come for 8 am Mass in the Church and then join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall for a presentation by Dr. Marino di Marzo, a retired professor of the University of Maryland and now a student of Theology at The Catholic University of America.

The presentation will first look at the life of Abraham, his personality, and his surrender to the Will of God during the sacrifice of Isaac. The presentation will then focus on the Annunciation account of Mary and the same surrender to God's Will. Through these two pivotal scripture stories we will try to deepen our understanding of what this may mean for us today and encourage us along the way of life this Advent and Christmas season.

YOUTH GROUP - for students in grades 6th-12th who are interested in serving their neighbor, learning more about the Faith, and hanging out with others who want to do the same! Please contact John & Maria Archer (32kaufmann@cua.edu) to receive weekly emails about upcoming events.

Sacrament of Confirmation Information - Would you like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year? Please contact Maria Archer (32kaufmann@cua.edu) to register to receive the sacrament and enroll in the monthly formation program.

Upcoming Events:

12/5 Hiking Trip, Cabin John Trail, 3:30 -5pm.

12/12 Formation Night & Confirmation Preparation
St. Barts Courtyard, 5- 7pm

The **Faith and Fiction Book Group** will meet by Zoom on Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 pm to discuss *Transcendent Kingdom* (2020) by Yaa Gyasi. New participants are always welcome. Zoom information: Meeting ID: 833 5172 1338, Passcode: 667915

Excellent caregiver available. Strong, skilled, and cheerful man who cared for my husband in our home for several months is now available. I recommend him highly. Please call for further information. Theresa (parishioner) 301-873-0900.



Remember In Prayer

Prayers for the Sick: Cathy Sveikauskas, Marie Hildreth, Robert Clements, Francisco Luengo, Joe DelBalzo, Donna Blake, Ann Dunleavy, Grace O'Neill, Rita Burke, John Corrigan, Danielle Mazurowski, Michael Kane, Mary Latta, Joyce Neary, Celestino Martinez III, Rose Loughran, Tina Howe, George Ellis, Michael Campbell, Rubens Medina, Ron Repka, Tom Burns, and Martina Rabade.

Prayers for the Deceased: Giovanna Fornari and Maggie O'Brien.

Our annual Christmas Concert is back! On Saturday, Dec. 11 @ 7:30pm, the choir will present a **Festival of Lessons and Carols** featuring carols sung by the choir and a Sing-Along of favorite Christmas carols, combined with uplifting seasonal scripture readings - a great way to get into the holiday spirit, filling our church once again with the sounds of music! The concert is free for everyone to enjoy. Please join us! Please see the flyer [here](#).



In baskets at the back of church, 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/mail in to the Parish Office by Monday, December 13. We will print your loved ones' names in our Christmas Bulletin.

St. Bart's Christmas Tree Fundraiser - Christmas trees are available for purchase in the lot before the Big Cross, Mondays through Sundays (start date of Friday, November 26). 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. Please know that cash, checks, Venmo and credit cards are accepted and weekdays are less busy.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Archdiocese of Washington invites you to Mass to celebrate the Ecclesial Movements and New Communities that will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, DC, on **Sunday, November 28, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.** Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, will be the Principal Celebrant. For more information contact, the Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach via email at culturaldiversity@adw.org. Please see [flyer](#).

Walk with Mary - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Archdiocese of Washington's annual *Walk with Mary* procession and Mass to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021. The gathering for the procession will start at 11:30am at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart (16th St. & Park Rd., NW), and the procession will conclude at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (4th St. & Michigan Ave., NE). Following the praying of the Rosary at 1:30 pm, Mass at the Basilica will begin at 2:30pm, with Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory as the main celebrant and Bishop Mario Dorsonville as the homilist. For more information, visit adw.org/walkwithmary or search on social media using #WalkwithMary.



PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO 28 DE NOVIEMBRE 2021

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.



INFORMACION DE SAN BARTOLOME

<http://www.stbartholomew.org> - Ver Comunidad Hispana
Padre Oscar: oastigarraga@adw.org
Telf: 301-229-7933 ext. 22

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 nos 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

LEVANTAMIENTO DE LA DISPENSA GENERAL DE LA OBLIGACION DE ASISTIR A LA SANTA MISA Y EL USO DE LA MASCARILLA EN LA IGLESIA.

Los Obispos Católicos de la Provincia de Baltimore y de la Arquidiócesis de Washington han decidido levantar la dispensa de la obligación de asistir a la Misa dominical y en días de precepto y restablecer esa obligación a partir del sábado 26 y el domingo 27 de junio de 2021. En tal sentido, animamos a los fieles a volver a participar plenamente en persona de la Eucaristía dominical, fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe católica. Los protocolos de seguridad y las demás directivas litúrgicas de cada diócesis permanecen en vigor hasta que sean modificados o revocados por el respectivo Obispo diocesano.

Ante la incertidumbre de las disposiciones del Condado de Montgomery sobre usar mascarilla en toda actividad en ambientes cerrados, se recomienda que la asistencia a la Santa Misa se realice con ella. Además la mascarilla es requerida si se acerca a la oficina parroquial.

INTENCIONES DEL PAPA PARA NOVIEMBRE

Intención universal - Las personas que sufren de depresión.
Recemos para que todas las personas, que sufren de depresión o agotamiento extremo, reciban el apoyo de todos y una luz que les abra a la vida.



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".

PASTORELA 2021

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 12 de diciembre de 2021. Para mayor información sobre la Pastorela, por favor ponerse en contacto con la directora, Mariagustina Fabara Martínez al teléfono 301-503-5398, mariagustina.f@gmail.com o también a Valeria Conde 202-664-3308 valeriaconde70@hotmail.com

PRIMERA COMUNION

Siguen abiertas las inscripciones para niños/as que deseen recibir preparación para el Sacramento de Primera Comunión en español. Las clases de catequesis serán en persona y comenzaron el domingo 26 de septiembre de 4:00 pm a 5:45 pm. Para obtener mayor información y para registrarse, por favor contactar a:
Valeria Conde: (202) 664-3308 valeriaconde70@hotmail.com o con
Ivanna Bandura: (202) 256-1799 ivannabandura@hotmail.com

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN RIOS DE AGUA VIVA

El grupo de oración "Ríos de Agua Viva" cumple 25 años y le invita a compartir virtualmente un momento con el Señor, los lunes de 10:00 a.m. a 12:30 pm. En la primera media hora se rezará el Rosario. Dirigido por Sonia Ruiz, para mayores informes por favor contactarse al email: sschruiz@gmail.com

FIRST 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.—4:00 p.m.

stbartsrectory@gmail.com

Baptisms—by appointment with a priest. **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 Sunday prior to the desired weekend of publishing.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

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| Pastoral Council | Roberto Soto (Acting Chair) | 301-512-4302 |
| Finance Committee | Paul Johnson (Vice Chair)..... | 301-320-4632 |
| Altar Servers | Richard Elliott..... | 202-686-0263 |
| Monaguillos/Hispanic Coord. | Fr. Oscar Astigarraga | 301-229-7933 |
| Arimatheans | Bill Ayers..... | 301-469-8023 |
| Bartholomew House | Yenny Dawson, Dir | 301-320-6151 |
| Bible Group | Cecilia Motha..... | 301-229-5990 |
| Busy Men at Work Group | Jesus Manuel Berard, Ph.D. | 631-793-2005 |
| CYO | James Strother..... | 301-706-5818 |
| Children's Liturgy | Valeria Conde (Hispanic Coord.) | 301-340-8227 |
| Choir | Carole Wysocki (Director)..... | 301-717-8850 |
| Church Guild | Maria El-Khouri..... | 301-897-9005 |
| Windows 10 Computer Donations | Jerry Hoskins | 301-320-6337 |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Contact Rectory | 301-229-7933 |
| Ministros Eucaristicos | Raul Yepez..... | 301-873-7491 |
| Gabriel Network | Selma deLeon | 301-229-6591 |
| Home and School Assn. | Laura Abod | 301-767-5349 |
| Hospitality & New In the Pew | Bonnie Perkins | 301-299-8091 |
| Ignatian Volunteer Corps | Mike Goggin | 202-277-4447 |
| Knights of Columbus | John Vivian..... | 301-461-3597 |
| Lectors/Liturgy Committee | AnneMarie Economopoulos..... | 301-365-1233 |
| Lectores | Hernan Oyarzabal | 301-732-9586 |
| Hispanic Liturgy | Hernan Oyarzabal | 301-732-9586 |
| Prayer Chain | Susan Schill | 301-469-4973 |
| Respect for Life | Contact Rectory | 301-229-7933 |
| Saturday Women's Prayer Group | Kathleen Goldsmith | 301-469-6455 |
| Sick and Homebound | Contact Rectory | 301-229-7933 |
| Social Concerns | Tom Carty..... | 301-587-8860 |
| St. Bart's Parish Times Editor | Peter J. Mermagen | 703-971-4778 |
| Stephen Ministry | Contact Rectory | 301-229-7933 |
| Thursday Women's Prayer Group | Ann Kennedy | 301-367-5988 |
| Ushers | Theresa Kowal | 240-460-5756 |
| Ujieres | Carlos Andres Guiza | 919-519-7450 |
| Wedding Coordinator | Mary Ann Chalfant | 301-299-3739 |
| Youth Minister | Maria Archer..... | 901-296-9786 |