

# *Saint Bartholomew Parish Community*

*Corner of Alameda and Crystal Springs Road, San Mateo, CA*

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*Office Hours: Monday –Thursday 9am-8pm; Friday*



## *We Celebrate Liturgy*

### **Saturday**

*5:00 p.m. (Vigil)*

### **Sunday**

*8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.*

### **Family Mass with Children's Liturgy**

*9:30 a.m.*

### **Daily Mass Monday through Friday**

*8:00 a.m.*

### **First Friday Eucharist Adoration**

*8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (In the Chapel)*

### **Holy Days**

*(Vigil) 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., or by appointment*

*Saint Bartholomew Parish  
is a welcoming and inclusive  
Catholic Community of faith.*

*As disciples of Jesus Christ  
we commit ourselves to sharing our Christian  
faith as well as our time, talents and resources  
for the welfare of all God's people.*

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**SPIRITUAL**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. "While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone."

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

In what ways has the Lord revealed himself to you?

**STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK**

In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**1ST READING:** Isaiah 56:1-7

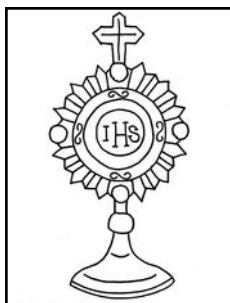
**PSALM:** 67

**2ND READING:** Romans 13:11-32

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 15:21-28

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** All are invited to contemplate, to adore and to pray to Jesus Christ before the Blessed Sacrament every **first Friday of the month**, Hours of exposition are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is fully present to us in the consecrated host. Please sign-up on-line. Recently, sign-ups for Adoration at St. Bart's have dwindled, and Our Lord Jesus has been left waiting alone in the Chapel. As the Lord said to Peter the night before his Crucifixion: **"Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt**



**TWO STEPS FORWARD** Why did Jesus walk on water to the disciples in the boat? Did he want to scare them? No, his first words to them were "Do not be afraid." While they were being tossed by wind and waves, he showed them that he was not affected by the storm. If they had had faith, they might have realized that if Jesus was safe, they would be, too. We too must make that leap of faith, especially when we are afraid. Peter seemed to be willing to take the leap as he stepped into the water. But when his attention was distracted by the strong winds, he began to falter. This is where we can apply the story to ourselves.

Our growth in faith is not a steady progression. For every two steps forward, we may take one step back. For example, we receive God's forgiveness in the sacrament of reconciliation and rejoice in God's loving mercy, but later we fall back into sin. We ask God's help in prayer and when our prayer is answered, our faith in God grows. Then we become ill or wreck the car, and think that God has abandoned us. But isn't that a natural reaction? It is natural to doubt God in times of trouble, but we are choosing to live in the supernatural when we become followers of Christ. Like Peter, we need to keep our attention on the Lord. As long as Peter looked to Jesus, he could walk on water. Only when he focused on the wind did he lose his nerve and begin to sink.

In a similar way, we can lose our focus on the Lord. We see someone we love who is gravely sick. We make a serious mistake that gets us in trouble. We lose our job and have no leads to a new one. We are frightened by news of terrorist activity. These seem more real than faith in an invisible God. That is when we must remember that true faith allows us to believe when it doesn't seem to make sense. Faith tells us that though apparently invisible, God is more real than anything we can see. Remember Jesus on the cross saying, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The Father never abandoned his Son and God will never abandon us.

**PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY.** Zack Baesler, Elizabeth Constantino, Sean McGinnis, Alaina Mariano, Frank Verducci III, Reece Zunino

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.** Linda Anderson, Susie Bishop, Denise Briand, Peggy Crisci, Mary Frances Dwan, Bob Pfeffer, Christina Gpicazo, Lillian Heselton, Gene Hoy, Ken Kannegaand, Nathaniel Lighty, Anne Lintner, Benny Long, Helen Maurana, Rick Meyers, Joan Morabito, Juan Carlos Munoz, John O'Brien, Santino Olives, Jay Pausner, Robert Pfeffer, Joan & Bill Pizoli, Joel Rivera, Brenda Sell, Anne Soeitek, Roy Taboada, Pam Tomassen, Jack Anthony Sunseri, Bob Zuehlke, Mary Ann Jones, Don Farbstein

## IN OUR PARISH

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### ADMINISTRATION

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**ParishPay** PARISH ONLINE GIVING  
*Making it Easier to Give™* PROGRAM. Have you thought

about signing up for electronic monthly giving? Please go to [Parishpay.com](http://Parishpay.com) or contact Mary Rock in the Parish Office at 347-0701, ext. 225 or [mary@barts.org](mailto:mary@barts.org) for more information or if you need assistance

**THIS WEEKEND - MISSION COOPERATION PLAN** This weekends *second collection* will support the Missionaries that serve certain dioceses or religious communities. They will share with us the work of the Gospel that is being accomplished in the Missions. Thank you for your generous support

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE.** The Ministry Schedule is now found on our website at [www.barts.org/liturgical-ministry](http://www.barts.org/liturgical-ministry) under Documents. For those wanting a physical copy, please see the Ministry binder in the vestibule. For any questions please contact Ingrid Pera at [ingrid@barts.org](mailto:ingrid@barts.org) or 650.347.0701 ext. 214.

**ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL.** Thank you to those who have already pledged to support the **AAA for 2017**. To date we have received **\$92,522** in pledges which is **65.68%** of our total goal of **\$140,863**. If you have questions please contact Mary Rock at 347-0701, ext. 225.

### JOB OPENING - FAITH FORMATION ASSISTANT

Provides administrative support for all aspects of the Faith Formation and Confirmation programs. Manages files, data and records, from grade 1 to Confirmation age. Assists Rachael Smit with Sacramental preparations and celebrations including parish events related to faith formation program. This is a 16 hour per week position, Non-exempt. Please contact Mary Rock at [Mary@barts.org](mailto:Mary@barts.org) with any questions.

### Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers

Please email your away dates for the month of September to [sbministrieschedule@gmail.com](mailto:sbministrieschedule@gmail.com) ASAP.

### Register with the Parish

If you are not registered in the Parish, please pick up a registration form at the back of the church, or go online at [www.barts.org](http://www.barts.org).

### Let us know...

Please come by the parish office at 600 Columbia Drive, or call us at 347-0701, when you or someone in your family is ill, injured or homebound, and in need of some help from the parish.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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**MUSIC MINISTRY TECH SUPPORT VOLUNTEER** The St. Bartholomew Music Ministry is seeking volunteers to operate the parish's video media system during our liturgical celebrations. We are especially in need of volunteers at our Saturday 5:00PM Mass. Training will be provided to initially operate the PowerPoint program during Mass, with later opportunities for the overall operation of the system. Please contact Michael Wright for further information [michael@barts.org](mailto:michael@barts.org).

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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**WOMEN'S SUMMER STUDY SERIES:** *Fridays June 30<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 – 11:30am, Spiritual Center.* "The Missing Commandment: Love Yourself" by Jerry and Denise Basel. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information or questions, call (650) 759-9993 or email: [ingrid@barts.org](mailto:ingrid@barts.org)

**RCIA** Are you Catholic but need to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith? Our next Inquiry Series begins in *late September*. Please contact Ingrid Pera at [Ingrid@barts.org](mailto:Ingrid@barts.org) for more information

### SOCIAL

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**ST. BART'S MOVIE OF THE MONTH- FRIDAY, AUG. 25TH AT 6:00 P.M. *Fugitive Pieces*** – A beautiful exploration of how a Jewish man who tragically lost his family in WWII is eventually healed by life through the kindnesses of other people and his own poetry. We'll meet in the Media Center - you may bring your dinner and eat while watching the movie. Join us for an excellent and fun evening!

### SUPPORT

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**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP.** Have you lost a loved one, friend or significant other? Help and support are available to you and your family. St. Bart's Grief Support Group will meet on **Thursday, August 17th** from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center of the Parish Office Building. All who have lost a loved one are welcome. Please contact Liliane Cools at 343-7751 or [coolsliliane@gmail.com](mailto:coolsliliane@gmail.com).

## IN OUR PARISH

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### SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Save us from hotheads that would lead us to act foolishly, and from cold feet that would keep us from acting at all.*  
~ Peter Marshall

We welcome you to join the St. Bart's Social Justice group in our efforts to effect justice in our community. Our next meeting will be in September: watch the bulletin for more details. For more information, please contact Ross Weir at [rossweir51@gmail.com](mailto:rossweir51@gmail.com).

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION. CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (EFF) AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION (MFF) SIGN-UPS:** Online registration for the Children's Faith Formation, Middle School and Confirmation 2017- 2018 year is available now. **YOUTH CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION Confirmation I** is available to any student 8th grade (or older) who is ready to explore preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is focused on growing the student's knowledge of the faith, and is offered on **Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm.** *All 7th grade MFF students from both classes in 2016-17 will automatically be enrolled in this class.* **CONFIRMATION II** Is for all students entering 9th grade or older who have completed **Confirmation I** (or otherwise demonstrated knowledge of the faith, i.e. attended Catholic School)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS. BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT!** In the words of St. Paul to the



Corinthians and to each one of us, " We have been given various gifts to build up the Body of Christ". How about taking the challenge with the help of the Holy Spirit we all received at Baptism and Confirmation? Consider getting involved and share your gifts of time and talent with our parish community. One important part of being a witness to the love of Jesus Christ is to share the joy of the Gospel with our young people. Please contact [Rachael@barts.org](mailto:Rachael@barts.org) for more information.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade and is held about three Sundays a month in the chapel at the 9:30 a.m. Mass during the school year. It usually lasts for 15-20 minutes at the beginning of the first reading up to Profession of Faith. Cont'd.....

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates: **AUG. 13TH, 20TH & 27TH.**

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### FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

#### GREAT DATES - STARTING FRIDAY, SEPT. 29TH

**Great Dates**, is a parish-based monthly gathering of couples, creating a vibrant and positive community of engaged and married couples, helping us become visible witnesses to Christ's love while experiencing the joy of Marriage. Focused speakers, one-on-one time between spouses at dinner and fun that helps provide the space and time to build the intimacy we're all looking for in our marriages. Child-care is free. For more information please contact Ingrid Pera at [Ingrid@barts.org](mailto:Ingrid@barts.org)

**Marriage Encounter** is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is **Nov. 10-12th, 2017** in San Jose. For more information visit our website at [sanjosewme.org](http://sanjosewme.org) or contact Ken & Claranne at 408-782-1413.

**Engaged Encounter** is one of the approved marriage preparation programs available to couples being married in the Catholic Church. Engaged Encounter is an investment in the future--a weekend experience in which an atmosphere is created that enables each couple to concentrate exclusively on one another while free of the pressures and interruptions of daily life. The weekend utilizes a dynamic process based on listening, writing and dialogue. It gives couples making a commitment to Christian covenant marriage the opportunity for honest intensive communication about their future lives together. Our next weekends will be on **September 30th - 1st** and then in **January 2018**. For more information please email [Catholicfees@gmail.com](mailto:Catholicfees@gmail.com) or call 650-619-0689.

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#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13TH

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Clare Bouquet
	9:30 a.m.	Giuseppa&GiuseppiBlandino
	11:15 a.m.	Carole & Serafino Ragni
	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Hegarty
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Suzette Yujuico
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Jose Montecillo
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Margaret Danielski
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Julie Lenterman
Friday	8:00 a.m.	Mary Cody
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Paul Malignaggi

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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### ST PATRICKS SEMINARY GALA DINNER AND RAFFLE

On **Saturday, Sept 9th, 2017 at 5:00 PM** St. Patrick's Seminary and University will hold its annual fundraiser. This gala evening at St. Patricks includes reception, dinner, raffle and honoring of two San Francisco women who have created a new pro-life tradition: Dolores Meehan and Eva Muntean are co-chairs of the Walk for Life West Coast. Founded in 2005, the Walk is now the second largest pro-life event in the country, and the influx of young Catholics it generates each January makes it one of the most inspiring moments of the year in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Again this year, a highlight of the Gala evening is the Grand Raffle Prize of a new Lexus IS 200T (or \$25,000). A limited number of raffle tickets are available at \$50 each (you need to be present to win) To buy raffle tickets in advance, phone or email the Advancement office, **650.289-3320** or **advancement@stpsu.edu**. To register please go to [www.stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala](http://www.stpsu.edu/2017-stpsu-gala).

### JESUIT RETREAT CENTER - EL RETIRO

For over 90 years, The Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos has offered the opportunity for people to experience the quiet, a time of prayer & the wisdom and counsel of talented retreat directors. The history of our faith is filled with examples of those who retreated in order to hear more clearly the call of God — Moses, Jesus, Teresa of Ávila, Ignatius, Dorothy Day, to name but a few. ***El Retiro San Inigo*** offers a variety of retreats — silent and not, for men or women or both, retreats with themes of forgiveness, ways to pray & Ignatian spirituality. To learn more, please visit [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org).

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Natural Family classes are offered by Finola Glassmoyer, a registered nurse, who has been teaching NFP for many years. The hour-long class are held in the Menlo Park. For more information contact Finola, **650/868-3090** or **love2pray@gmail.com**.

### VALLAMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

Noted Catholic author Alice Camille will be hosting "The Holy Mirror" Summer Retreat at Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, from Sunday, **13 AUG 2017, 01:00 PM to Friday, 18 AUG 2017, 04:00 PM**. This retreat is open to the public. This is a scriptural retreat with many different attendance options. Attendance options and rates are on the website. For information, contact David Leech at 650/325-5614, or visit [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TWILIGHT FASHION SHOW

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County (SVdP) invites you to a Happy Hour and Fashion Show on **Tuesday, 22 AUG 2017 from 05:30-07:30 PM** in Trinity Church's beautiful courtyard, celebrating the courage and beauty of the women of SVdP's Catherine Center blossoming into new life. The women will model fashions from SVdP's thrift stores. The evening includes cocktails, mocktails, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at [www.svdpsm.org](http://www.svdpsm.org) or Trinity Church is located at 330 Ravenswood Avenue, Menlo Park.

### MONTHLY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION

The *Opus Dei Women's Group* has a monthly morning of recollection at **Nativity Church in Menlo Park**, which is sponsored by the Charwick Study Center ([www.charwick.org](http://www.charwick.org)). They meet on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 09:30 AM. For more information please contact: Carrie at 408/674-2861 or Bridget at 650/224-8025. Find more information about Opus Dei at [www.opusdei.org](http://www.opusdei.org).

### THE COURAGE TO BE CATHOLIC: GEORGE WEIGEL

**Star of the Sea** in San Francisco is hosting acclaimed author, News analyst, and social activist George Weigel will speak at Star of the Sea on July 27th. Based off his book "The Courage to Be Catholic Today: Crisis, Reform, and the Future of the Church in the Era of Pope Francis," George Weigel will address challenges for Catholics in 21st Century America. Save the date! To be held at 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

### SEPERATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS GROUP:

#### ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Please join them to share comfort, lessons, wisdom and strength with others in our St. Dominic's Community. For more information or questions, contact Diana Wild by calling at (415) 929-0999 or via email: [dianamwild@gmail.com](mailto:dianamwild@gmail.com).

### PILGRIMAGE TO GUADALUPE

Catholic Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico **09-14 DEC 2017 to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on 12 DEC 2017**. \$2049.00 per person including airfare from San Francisco. Breakfast, lunch and dinner detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 800/773-2660.

# Faith Formation Classes & Sacramental Preparation

By providing a welcoming climate and an array of activities, **St. Bartholomew Faith Formation** invites and empowers people of all ages to more fully understand and live Catholic values and faith. Through ongoing development, parishioners strengthen their personal relationship with Christ, become active members of the community, and share in Christ's mission to be light to the world.

The National Directory for Catechesis emphasizes the importance of: **Knowledge of the Faith, Community, Liturgy, Mission, Morality, and Prayer**. These six dimensions are integrated into our Faith Formation programs. We use a spiral curriculum (learning the same material at deeper levels as children get older) incorporating a multiple intelligences approach and multimedia to equip our students to better understand and live their Catholic faith. Given a stronger relationship with Christ and an increasing knowledge of church teachings, they will develop a more active prayer life, participate in the community and apply Gospel values to love and serve others.

## Elementary Faith Formation (EFF)

For children in 1st through 5th grade, faith formation classes are offered Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons from 4-5:15 p.m. Our program runs from the end of September through mid-May, with holiday breaks that coincide with local school schedules.



Children gather with the Catechetical Leaders to discuss the weekly Gospel story before breaking into smaller, grade-level classes to discuss the day's topic (The Lord's Prayer, Advent, Eucharist, etc.) at their own age-level. Class time may include prayer, arts and crafts, skits, books and video, and visits to the church.

## Middle School Faith Formation (MFF)

For our 6th and 7th grade students, classes are offered on Tuesday afternoon from 4-5:15 p.m. or Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. Again, the program runs from the end of September to mid-May, coinciding with local school breaks.



Kids this age are beginning to make complex choices on their own for the first time. We help students to recognize their unique gifts and talents, while

emphasizing each individual's importance to God and God's love for them.

While continuing to learn about their faith, these children also have the opportunity to participate in service projects benefiting the parish and greater community while developing strong social connections with their peers in their mixed-grade level classes.

## Sacramental Preparation

**First Communion and Reconciliation** typically happen in the 2nd grade, however any baptized child over the age of seven is eligible. Participation and preparation in faith formation classes for two years is required before receiving the Sacraments. During the second year of classes, there are additional family activities that help the whole family prepare for and



understand these Sacraments.

**Confirmation I** is available to any student 8th grade and older who is ready to explore preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is focused on growing the student's knowledge of the faith, and will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15 p.m. from the end of September to mid-May, coinciding with local school breaks.

9th grade and older students who have completed Confirmation I (or otherwise demonstrated knowledge of the faith, i.e. attended Catholic School) may enroll in **Confirmation II**. Over the course of one year, students attend seven two-hour classes, two half-day retreats and an off-site retreat (typically scheduled on Sundays) prior to the Rite of Confirmation.

For older children (ages 7-14) who need preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and/or Eucharist and Reconciliation, we offer special **RCIA Adapted for Children** classes as part of our faith formation program.

## Fall Registration

**Now is the time to let us know about your incoming 1st Graders!** Please note, there is a two year preparation requirement for First Eucharist, regardless of age.

If you would like to register a new or returning student at any grade level or for the Confirmation program, or if you would like to change your currently assigned day, please contact the Faith Formation office at **347-0701, ext. 214** or