Saint Bartholomew Parish Community
Corner of Alameda and Crystal Springs Road, San Mateo, CA
Parish Community Office: 600 Columbia Drive, San Mateo, CA 94402
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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

‘When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Which has deepened your faith more – being treated justly or being treated with love and care?

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

In today’s Gospel, the vineyard owner says, “I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?” We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
1ST READING: Ezekial 18:25-28
PSALM: 25
2ND READING: Philipians 2:1-11
GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

EUCHARISTIC 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 26:40)

MANAGEMENT UNFAIR

Notice any difference between the attitude of Paul in the second reading and that of the workers in the Matthew’s Gospel? The workers grumble because the latecomers got the same pay as those who worked all day. Paul has worked for the Lord for years, yet he thinks it is better to keep working than to claim his reward of eternal life.

The workers grumbled because the landowner gave the same wages to the ones who only worked for an hour. (You can imagine the picket signs: Vinedressers Local on Strike: Management Unfair!) Sometimes we see this parable as an explanation for why sinners who repent on their deathbed can get to heaven. But Matthew was more likely referring to the Jews who had served God for centuries and now see newcomer Gentiles claiming equality in the church. They were complaining about God’s generosity in reaching out to all peoples, not just the chosen few. God’s generosity is the real point. Those who realize how blessed they are in being called to do God’s work have no problem sharing that blessing with others. When we see how much God loves us, we naturally want to respond with love and service of our own. That is what the grumblers, both in the parable and in Matthew’s church, were missing.

Contrast that with Paul, who loves the Philippians so much that he is willing to put off his heavenly reward if he can help any more people come to Christ. Paul is more interested in their welfare than in his own reward. That is the attitude that Jesus hopes for in all his disciples. We can love him so much that we can’t help but share that love with those around us. We can be so grateful for what he has done for us that we will suffer anything with joy. We can care more about bringing Jesus to others than we do about our own comfort or even our lives. We can do this because we know the Lord’s ways are not fair—they are more generous than we can imagine!

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

PRAY FOR THE REPose OF THE SOUL OF:
Eugene (Gene) Hoy and David O’Connor

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS.
Susie Bishop, Denise Briand, Peggy Crisci, Mary Frances Dun, Bob Pfeffer, Christina Gpiaze, Lillian Heselton, Nathaniel Lighty, Anne Littner, Benny Long, Helen Maurana, Rick Meyers, Joan Morabito, Juan Carlos Munoz, John O’Brien, Santino Olives, Jay Paunder, Robert Pfeffer, Juan & Bill Pizoli, Joel Rivera, Brenda Sell, Anne Soeitek, Roy Taboada, Jack Anthony Sunseri, Bob Zueblke, Mary Ann Jones, Don Farbstein and Jane Thompson.

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017 THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ADMINISTRATION

**IMPORTANT PARISH ONLINE GIVING CHANGES** If you currently give online through ParishPay, your account will soon be transferred to WeShare, a new online giving provider. This transfer ensures that your scheduled transactions will continue to be received by the parish as scheduled. The security of your personal information is important to us. If you want to make any changes to your account or adjust your giving amount, please contact Courtney Holland, Engagement Manager, at (800) 950-9952 x2463.

**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 with any questions.

**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. Our staff can direct you towards local and parish resources for assistance, or simply offer support and prayer, whatever you may need.

**ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL** Thank you to those who have already pledged to support the AAA for 2017. To date we have received $97,262 in pledges which is 69.04% of our total goal of $140,863. If you have questions please contact Mary Rock at 347-0701, ext. 225.

**FUNERAL LISTINGS ONLINE**
Funeral Masses and Memorial Services that will be held at St. Bart’s are now listed online on our website at www.barts.org. Look under Events for the Funeral Services page, or simply look at our calendar page, where the services will be listed by the name of the deceased.

**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.

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. Please register at www.barts.org/marriage or for more information contact Ingrid Pera at Ingrid@barts.org

**RETOUVAILLE** is an intense Catholic program designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving floundering marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated and divorced. Please contact Gus and Edda Rivera at 510-276-4118 or go to www.retrouvaille.org for more information.

**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 Catholicsfee@gmail.com or call 650-619-0689.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**
**RCIA** Are you Catholic but need to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Are you Catholic but want to learn more about the faith. Do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith? Our next Inquiry Series begins Monday, September 25th. Please contact Ingrid Pera at Ingrid@barts.org for more information.
YOUTH MINISTRY
We are having an information session regarding our Youth Ministry on Tuesday, Sept. 26th in the Parish Center Room B from 8:30-10:00 PM. All teens currently in the Confirmation program or older are invited. We will be serving pizza and soft drinks and hope you can attend. If you are interested please email Janis Moore at janiskmoore@gmail.com.

SOCIAL
Women’s Guild - On Tuesday, October 17th the Women’s Guild will be hosting their Annual Membership Tea. Please join us in the Auditorium from 1:00-3:00pm. For more information please contact Kathy Messinger at 650.544.9023

MUSIC MINISTRY
We are now signing up children grades 1-8 to sing in our children’s choir. Rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 19. There is three practice times to choose from: Tuesdays: 3:30-4:00PM, 5:15-6:00PM or Wednesdays: 3:15-4:00PM. The children’s choir will sing at the family Mass once a month & the Christmas concert on Dec. 3rd, plus there will be other opportunities to sing. For more information, please contact Michael Wright at (650) 347.0701 or michael@barts.org

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING
The Office of Worship offers six hour formation sessions for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers. Ministers are introduced to sacramental theology, particularly that of the Eucharist by Rev. David Pettingill. Presenters offer technical and spiritual direction for the minister’s specific liturgical role Ministers also prepare for bringing Holy Communion to the sick and homebound, while readers conclude with coaching in proclamation and oral interpretation. Location and Dates:

Holy Name of Jesus (SF) Sept. 23rd and 30th from 10am-3pm.
Saint Charles (San Carlos) Oct. 21st and 28th from 10am-3pm.
St. Anselm (Marin) Nov. 11th and 18th from 10:00am-3pm.

For more information contact Laura Bertone at 415.614.556 or brtonel@sfarch.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWSLETTER
You can now access “The Bridge,” the weekly Archdiocesan newsletter announcing activities and events happening all throughout the three counties of our Archdiocese at St. Bart’s website, www.barts.org.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.
-Dwight D. Eisenhower

St. Bartholomew Social Justice Committee presents: Candidates’ Night Forum for San Mateo – Foster City School District Board elections on Tuesday October 3rd, from 7 - 8:30 pm in the parish auditorium. The forum will feature discussion of critical issues, such as quality education in our community. We welcome input from our our parishioners. If you have questions, issues and topics you would like discussed at our forum, please email your ideas by September 21 to Ross Weir at rossweir51@gmail.com

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION
PARENT’S BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT Oct. 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium; Child care provided. An opportunity for parents to mix and mingle with other faith formation parents. There will be refreshments, a chance to meet your child’s catechists and a brief presentation. Please contact Rachael Smit at rachael@barts.org.

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. Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates: SEPTEMBER 24TH AND OCT. 1ST, 15TH AND 22ND.

MASS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24TH

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HEALING MASS AND LITURGY
Parents, families and all interested persons are invited to a Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy in memory of babies and young children who have died before, during, or shortly after birth from any cause. This Mass will be at Holy Cross Mausoleum in Holy Cross Cemetery, Colma, near Rachel Knoll, Saturday, Sept. 16th 2017 at 11:00 AM. All are welcome to a gathering and a light luncheon following the ceremony, which is sponsored by the Archdiocesan Post Abortion Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery. For further information please call the Respect Life Program, 415/614-5570 or Project Rachel, 415/717-6428. Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Road, Colma.

CONSECRATION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Oct. 7th, 2017 beginning at 09:00 AM at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. To learn more about the consecration, Our Lady of Fatima, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and much more visit www.sfarchdiocese.org/IHM. There you will find beautiful examples of Mary in art and music, as well as videos. Mark your calendar and save the date: the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR
On Saturday, September 30th the City of San Mateo will be holding their Annual Health & Wellness Fair. Located at the San Mateo Senior Center from 10:00-1:00pm. This free event is a wonderful opportunity for our community to receive valuable information on programs and services relating to health & wellness from agencies/organizations throughout the County. Participation in the event is free for vendors as well as participants and last year we served over 400 residents!

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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - ”Moving Through the Loss of A Loved One: The Next Step” is a focused support group being offered by the St. Pius Grief Ministry this fall. For more information or to register, please contact 650-361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org

MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS - DEMENTIA
On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Catholic Charities Adult Day Services of San Mateo County will present Managing Challenging Behaviors with Dementia. This overview introduces acute or chronic health problems/illness that can cause behavioral changes. Also offered are coping strategies including effective communication, managing challenging behaviors, stress reduction techniques and where to find additional information. Located at San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo. To register visit www.sanmateoarc.org (Course #542032-A1). For help with registering call 650/522-7490.

FREE MEN’S RETREAT
The Trappist monks at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Northern California, just 20 minutes north of Chico, invite Catholic men ages 18-35 to a free Monastic Life Retreat September 29 to October 1st. For further information or to register, please go to www.newclairvaux.org or contact Brother Christopher at 530-839-2161

YOUNG ADULT - HOLY HAPPY HOUR
Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity on Tuesdays from 8:00-9:00 PM, followed by drinks at 09:00 PM at a nearby pub or café. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS (STANFORD)
Stanford Medical Center/Stanford Health Care is looking for volunteers to assist in their Catholic Eucharistic Ministry in the Spiritual Care Department.Volunteer Training will be held on Mondays, 11, 18, 25 Sept. 2017, 06:30-09:00 PM at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3233 Cowper Avenue, Palo Alto. All three classes are mandatory. Please consider being a volunteer to serve the hospital bound who cannot attend Mass. If you are interested please call Raksha Patel 650/723-5101 or email spiritualcare@stanfordhealthcare.org

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.

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

*Beginning on Monday, September 25th*

Are you someone who just wants to know more about the Catholic faith?

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic or do you know someone who might be interested in the Catholic faith?

Come, journey with us through St. Bartholomew's RCIA program!

RCIA is for those who:
- Have never been baptized;
- Were baptized in another denomination and wish to unite with the Catholic faith;
- Were baptized Catholic but have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation
- Or for those who want to further their knowledge of the Catholic faith.

Through RCIA, interested adults grow in faith and knowledge of Catholic tradition before becoming full members of the Catholic Church. Enter the journey with St. Bartholomew and RCIA!

Our next seven-week RCIA inquiry series begins on Monday, September 25th. To register or if you have questions regarding the program, please contact Ingrid Pera by phone at 347-0701, ext. 14 or via e-mail at Ingrid@barts.org.