

Christmas Eve The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Festival Choral Eucharist at 7 pm and 11 pm

December 24, 2025

325 PARK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022



You can find yours here.

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

What we are for

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families.

What we are against

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

What we value

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility as New Yorkers, Americans and global citizens. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

We are so glad you are here!

CONNECT WITH US



Thank you for joining us tonight.

If you are new to St. Bart's, please visit **stbarts.org/hello** or scan the QR code above to fill out our online Connect Card.



Kids' Activity Bags and PRAYground

A carpeted play area—our PRAYground—featuring activity bags, children's leaflets, and quiet play materials is available beneath the front-right balcony of the church. Rocking chairs are provided for pregnant women and for parents with infants. We encourage you and your children to make full use of this space during worship. Wiggles and giggles are welcome here. However, if at any point your child needs a little extra room to move and breathe, please feel free to step away from the sanctuary and return whenever you're ready.

St. Bart's offers regular programs for children, youth, and families on Sundays and other times throughout the year. Learn more and register for 2025–2026 at **stbarts.org/kids**.

St. Bartholomew's Choristers

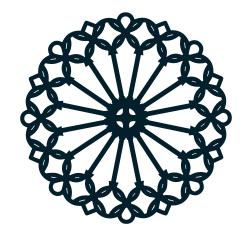
St. Bartholomew's Choristers sing at the 11 am service most Sundays from September to June. Through their prominent role in our worship, choristers grow and excel in leadership, teamwork, faith formation, confidence, commitment, and musicianship. Contact Alexander Pattavina (**apattavina@stbarts.org**) to learn more about being a chorister: no cost, no audition, and no experience needed!

Sacramental Participation

All children are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. Those not receiving are invited forward to receive a blessing from a member of the clergy. Additionally, the baptism of infants and young children is customary in the Episcopal Church. Should you wish to explore Holy Baptism, please speak with a member of the clergy.

About Saving Seats

In consideration for other worshippers, we ask that you not save seats in the last 15 minutes before each service. Thank you for your understanding if an usher asks you to move your personal belongings.



Prelude (6:30 pm and 10:30 pm)

Chorale-Improvisation on "In dulci jubilo", Siegfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Les bergers (La Nativité du Seigneur), Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

Die Hirten an der Krippe ("The Shepherds at the Manger," Weinachtsbaum), Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Kyrie The Combined Choirs

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Music: Kyrie from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Fantasia on "Greensleeves," Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Sleep of the Infant Jesus, Henri Büsser (1872-1973)

This sublimely beautiful work for violin, harp, and organ, written by French Romantic composer Henri Büsser in 1896, has been offered at St. Bartholomew's each Christmas for over 100 years.

Hymn 83 (Stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 6)



Words: John Francis Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880) and others. Music: $Adeste\ fideles$, present form of melody att. John Francis Wade (1711-1786).

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in excelsis The Combined Choirs

Holly Thomas, Margaret Bergmark-Williams, Wendy Gilles, soloists

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te.

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam. Domine Deus, Rex cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,

qui tollis peccata mundi miserere nobis.

qui tollis peccata mundi

suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.

Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,

cum Sancto Spiritu

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ, Lord God. Lamb of God. Son of the Father.

you take away the sin of the world;

have mercy on us,

you take away the sin of the world;

receive our prayer.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

The Ministry of the Word

The Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All Amen.

The people sit.

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choir

A child is born in Bethlehem, alleluia, alleluia! await him all Jerusalem, alleluia, alleluia! From Gabriel the word has come, alleluia, alleluia! the Virgin will conceive a son, alleluia, alleluia!

Within a manger now he lies, the King of kings and Lord most high. The shepherds hear the angel's word, this child is truly Christ our Lord, alleluia, alleluia!

The Magi, from the desert sun, alleluia, alleluia! with incense, gold and myrrh they come, alleluia, alleluia! and with their gifts they enter in, alleluia, alleluia! and worship Christ, the newborn King, alleluia, alleluia!

He comes to save us from our sin, alleluia, alleluia! Let joy and love and life begin! Alleluia, alleluia! To Father, Son and Spirit praise, alleluia, alleluia! To God on high our voices raise, alleluia, alleluia!

Words: Puer natus in Bethlehem, 14th cent. Latin, trans. Grayston Ives (b. 1948). Music: Grayston Ives (b. 1948).

The Second Lesson Titus 2:11-14

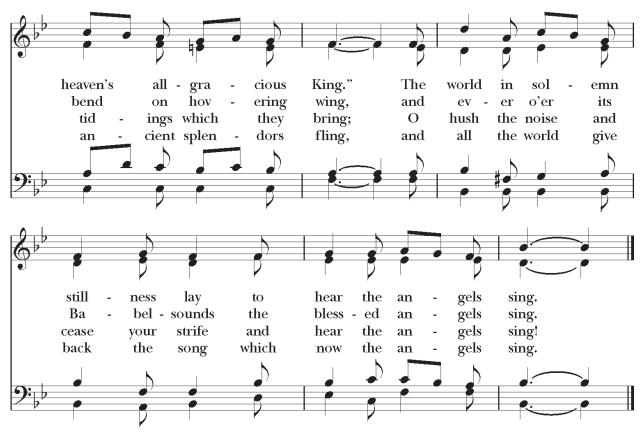
Lector A reading from the Letter to Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 89





Words: Edmund H. Sears (1810-1876), alt. Music: *Carol*, Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900).

The Holy Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in

All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the preacher introduces the sermon, the people sit.

The Sermon The Reverend Peter D. Thompson, Vicar and Interim Rector

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

All

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor God of wonder, on this sacred night we remember how you became one of us. Come among us once more. Astonish us with your good news, and be born in our hearts, we pray.

> Prince of Peace, you disarm the forces of violence. End all war and hatred, and unite every people and nation.

God of wonder.

People

be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Child of the Stable, you appear among the poor and the excluded. Reveal yourself to us in the forgotten and the dismissed.

God of wonder,

People

be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Word made Flesh, you sanctify our bodies with your presence. Teach us to treat all human

bodies with care and respect.

God of wonder,

People

be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Vulnerable Savior, you know what it means to suffer and be in need. Comfort those who yearn for your healing.

God of wonder.

People

be born in our hearts, we pray.

Intercessor Delight of the Angels, you travel the distance between heaven and earth. Bring all who have

died to the glories of your eternal home.

God of wonder.

People

be born in our hearts, we pray.

Presider

God of wonder, you arrive in our lives in ways we can neither anticipate nor fully understand: may we so marvel at the mystery of your Incarnation that we neither reject it without thinking nor accept it without being transformed. In the name of Jesus Christ, whose birth changes everything.

All Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange a sign of God's peace with one another and then sit.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

- ** We extend a special welcome to all who are new to St. Bart's today.

 Please visit **stbarts.org/hello** to let us know who you are!
- ** Many are surprised to learn that St. Bart's does not have a large endowment. We rely on the generosity of members and visitors alike to sustain our ministries for the future. Visit **stbarts.org/give** or place your offering in the plate as it is passed. Thank you for your support!



Carol The Combined Choirs

The first good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of one; To see the blessed Jesus Christ When he was first her son.

When he was first her son, good man: And blessed may he be, Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, To all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of two;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ,
To make the lame to go.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of three; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To make the blind to see.

Words: English traditional.

Music: Joys Seven, arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948-2019).

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of four; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To read the bible o'er.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of five; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To bring the dead alive.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of six; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, Upon the crucifix.

The next good joy that Mary had, It was the joy of sev'n; To see her own son, Jesus Christ, To wear the crown of heav'n.



Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father

Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus The Combined Choirs

Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Αll

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem

The presider breaks the bread. Silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

At the Communion

- All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including children. Please follow the instructions of the ushers. Both bread and wine are offered. You may receive either or both, as you prefer. Wine is received by drinking from the common cup.
- If you require a gluten-free wafer, simply request one from the communion minister when the bread is offered to you.
- · Those who do not wish to receive communion are still invited to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like a blessing.
- · If you are unable to travel to a communion station, please alert an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Agnus Dei The Combined Choirs

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, miserere nobis. have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem. give us peace.

Music: from Mass at the Crèche, George Malcolm (1917-1997).

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Sing lullaby, while snow doth gently fall, Sing lullaby to Jesus born in an oxen-stall.

Sing lullaby to Jesus born now in Bethlehem, The naked blackthorn's growing to weave his diadem.

Sing lullaby, while thickly snow doth fall, Sing lullaby to Jesus the Savior of all.

Words: Frederick William Harvey (1888-1957). Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983).

Carol St. Bartholomew's Choristers (7 pm)

As I walked down the road at set of sun, The lambs were coming homewards, one by one, I heard a sheep-bell softly calling them Along the little road to Bethlehem.

Beside an open door, as I drew nigh, I heard sweet Mary sing a lullaby. She sang about the lambs at close of day And rocked her tiny King among the hay.

Across the air the silver sheep-bell rang, 'The lambs are coming home,' sweet Mary sang, 'Your Star of Gold is shining in the sky, So sleep, my little King, go lullaby.'

Words: Margaret Rose (1888-1958). Music: *The Little Road to Bethlehem*, Michael Head (1900-1976).

Hymn 79



Words: Phillips Brooks (1835-1893). Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner (1831-1908).

The Prayer after Communion

Presider

All

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885). Music: *Stille Nacht*, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910).

The Blessing

Presider May Almighty God, who sent Christ to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy

season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.

All Amen.

Presider May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with

joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

All Amen.

Presider May God, who in the Word made Flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, grant you

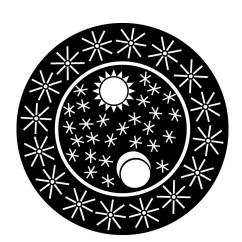
peace and favor.

All Amen.

Presider And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you

and remain with you for ever.

All Amen.





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915).

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Bring a torch, Jeanette, Isabella," Keith Chapman (1945–1989)

Service Participants

Presider The Reverend Meredith E. Ward **Preacher** The Reverend Peter D. Thompson **Deacon** The Reverend John F. Wirenius

7 pm

Subdeacon The Reverend Canon Stephanie Spellers

Assisting Clergy The Reverend Zack Nyein, The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins, The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank

Chalicers Patrick Bergquist, Tivaun Cooper, Mariel Glover, Karen Jennemann, Kat Katsanis-Semel

Lectors Mary Abraham, Alice Yurke

Intercessor Connie Evans

Altar Guild Sarah Bessey, Mariel Glover

Verger Tim Martin

Crucifers Wendy Range, Elliott Brown

Acolytes Sarah Bessey, Aliasghar Panahi Roshan, Carlos Santiago, Grace Wilson **Ushers** Christian Burke, Tim Bailey, Holly Bellows, Isaiah Chabala, Jean Charles, Marianthe Colakis, Matthew Gibson, David Glatzl, Eric G. Leach-Rodríguez, Mark Lugo, Allison May, Wendi Nichols, Manny Rodríguez-Leach, Mairim Pina, Vivian Roston, Steve Sakson, Paul Tollefson, Mary Trudel, Christine Van Bree, Scott Willick

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Elaine Olaoye, Vivian Roston, Susan Slack, Paul Tollefson, Ann Votaw

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Soprano Margaret Bergmark-Williams, Rachel Farrar, Rachel Doehring Jackson, Holly Thomas, Esther Williamson

Alto Perri di Christina, Wendy Gilles, Megan Schubert*, Anna Willson, Chelsey Masterson

Tenor Layke Jones, Jack Lyons, Nicholas Prior, Joseph Rubinstein

Bass Raphael Biran, Will Doreza, Jeff Morrissey, Christian Smythe, Darren Wong

St. Bart's Singers

Soprano Kit Basquin, Margaret Bergmark-Williams^, Bernadette Chapman, Joanna Friedman, Sarah **Kerner**, Charlotte Storch, Sajini Varghese

Alto Wendy Gilles[^], Louise Guinther, Allison Kraus, Chelsey Masterson, Erin Salvatore, Barbara Stetson **Tenor** Michael Horton, Lucas Marra, Nicholas Prior[^]

Bass Raphael Biran, Scott Killian, Jeff Morrissey^

St. Bartholomew's Choristers Lachlan Berat, Logan Berat, Anna Flanagan, Michael Flanagan, Charles Johnston, Corbin Loveless, Oliver Naralasetty, Edward Oh, Kaeley Simon, Edmond Stringer

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Paolo Bordignon

Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina

Director, Marketing & Communications Kara Flannery

Manager, Branding & Creative Design Ben Castellanos

Manager, Broadcast & Production Studio Niko Bakulich

Livestream Producers Chloe Pitkoff, Thatcher Pitkoff, Charles White

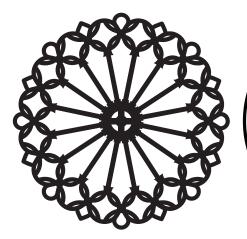
Livestream Host Ken Alexander

Director, Operations & Facilities Charles Bryant

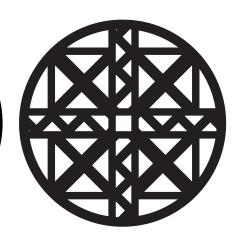
Facilities Anthony Thomas

^{*} guest singer

[^]section leader



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC AT ST. BART'S



Mary Abraham and Rob Radtke

In Gratitude for the clergy and musicians of St. Bart's, and in memory of Caroline A. Davis

The Reverend Dr. Gaylon Barker and the Reverend Carla Meier

Mrs. Mary-Hart Bartley In Memory of Christina McCoy

Mr. David Budd and Dr. Catherine Belford Budd

In gratitude for St. Bart's clergy, staff, and musicians

Ms. Holly Bellows

In Memory of Raymond Glynn

Mr. Robert G. Berger

In Gratitude for Paolo Bordingnon and Alexander Pattavina In Honor of William K. Trafka

Ms. Sarah I. Bessey

In memory of Joe Bessey

Raphael Biran

In Memory of Arnold Langberg

Dr. Paolo Bordignon

In Honor of the Choirs, Clergy, and Staff

Ms. Elizabeth Brannon

In Memory of John, Bess, Betty, Bill, William, Marion, and Tom

Mr. David L. Carson and Mr. Barry C. Hoff

In Memory of Our Mothers Barbara and Margaret

Susan and Joe Ceccarelli

In Memory of Rachel Foelske and Matronia and Silvio Ceccarelli

Ms. Bernadette D. Chapman

Ms. Marianthe Colakis

In Memory of my parents, grandparents, and brother

Ms. Jennifer Collins

In Memory of Beverly and Thomas Tabern

Mr. Stephen J. Dohnalek Jr.

In Memory of Neil and Mom and Dad

Manny Rodríguez-Leach and Eric Leach-Rodríguez

In Memory of our family and friends

Ms. Constance Evans

In Memory of Valentina Evans, an Angel, a.k.a. my precious mother

Mrs. Lucy Martin Gianino and Mr. Gioacchino S. Gianino

In Thanksgiving for Our Children and Grand Children: Hoopes and Gemina Gianino Wampler, Coleman and Adelle; Joel and Antonia Gianino Hoekstra, Jack and Anna Lucia; Gian-Murray and Maggie Thom Gianino, Sebastian and Jasper

The Martin/Gianino Family

In Memory of Murray and Lucille Martin and Antonio and Josaphine Gianino

In Memory of the Reverend Irving and Irene Pollard

Mr. Matthew G. Gibson and the Reverend Peter D. Thompson

In Honor of Henry, William, and Wesley King

Ms. Wendy Gilles

In Memory of David A. Gilles

Ms. Mariel E. Glover

In Memory of Beryl and Sterling Holder, Mary and William Glover, and Andrew Glover

Dr. Cheryl K. Gooden

In Memory of John and Audrey Gooden

Robert and Karen Gutheil

In Memory of Herman, Viola, and Warren Gutheil, Bill and Paul Fisher

Dr. Kathleen Hayes

In Memory of Nancy Gurney Hayes and Dr. Jeremiah Joesph Hayes, Jr.

Ms. Frederique Henriot

In Memory of my late mother, Dominique Henriot

Mr. Fletcher Hodges

In Memory of Chantal Hodges

Megan Burnham Honorof

In Honor of the Honorof and Burnham families

Ms. Lindsay Howe

In Memory of The Venerable Canon John A. Greco

Natalie R. Johnson and Kenneth R. Johnson

In Gratitude for our children and grandchildren

Ms. Adelaide B. Kent

In Memory of Jean Cornet

Mr. Scott R. Killian and Mr. Ron Bagden

In Memory of Jeffrey Harmon Smith and Stanley J. Weinberg

Ms. Susan Meredith Lay

In Memory of my parents, Rosemarie and Theodore Lay

The Liddicoat Family

In Memory of Joseph C. Liddicoat

Ms. Beth Ann Madaras

In Gratitude for Jesus my Savior and St. Bartholomew's Church

In Honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Ms. Falisha Mamdani

Mr. Tim Martin

In memory of Donald and Audrey Martin

Ms. Gerda Maynard

In Gratitude for the clergy and staff of St. Bart's

Ms. Leslie McCullough Jeffries

In Memory of our beloved son, Andrew McCullough Jeffries

Dr. Katherine J. McHale

In Memory of my mother, Joanne Jaye

Ms. Kathryn McKenzie and Mr. Greg Pitkoff

In Memory of June, Peter, and Simon Axup, Beryl Bittle, Babs and Marty Blumenthal, Joey Giamboi, Fred Gutnick, John and Carol Hoyes, Tom and Joan Hoyes, Chris Stevens

In Gratitude for St. Bartholomew's Choir, Singers, Choristers, Paolo, and Alex. Thank you for the spectacular music.

The Mugavero Family

In loving memory of Ann Mugavero, St Bart's Singer

The Reverend Canon Andrew J. W. Mullins

In Memory of Jamie Christine Mullins, from her loving family

Ms. Liza Page Nelson

In Memory of my parents
Jeanne-Mann and Ron

Dr. Elaine H. Olaoye

Given with prayers for the blossoming of more buds of peace in the hearts of leaders around the world

The Reverend Molly O'Neil Frank and Mr. Lincoln Frank

In Memory of Stephen E. O'Neil

Ms. Jo A. Pickett

In Memory of Doris and Johnny Johnson, Bill Johnson, Gay Clark Stoddard, Bob Bushnell, Gerard Petit, Maureen Lynch, and Cindy Gowen

Judy Randall

In Memory of my dear husband, Howard Siner

Judy Randall and Dr. Ken Randall

In Memory of our dear parents, Shirley and Kenneth Randall

Ms. Barbara Rose

In Memory of Frank and Lucille Rose

Ms. Nini Rossi

In Memory of John Francis Rossi, II

Ms. Janina Sajka

Ms. Karen E. Schadow

In Gratitude for St. Bart's clergy, my doctors, family, and friends

Ms. Elena Seha Flick and Mr. Gerald Flick

In Memory of those we love but see no longer

Mary Anna Smith

In Memory of Pauline Watona

David and Rebecca Smith

Mr. Brian Stansifer

Dr. Ekaterina Sukhanova

In Honor of Tatyana, Paul, Ljubica, Lyubov, Mahlet, and Marianne, Asja, Branko, and Ivan

Ms. Ann T. Taylor

In Memory of Judge and Mrs. Robert L. Taylor

Mrs. Annette Thies

In Memory of my sister Jane Roth

The Reverend Peter D. Thompson

In Gratitude for the clergy, staff, and people of St. Bartholomew's Church

Nalini Tiwari Greenan

In Honor of Thomas J. Greenan

Mr. Richard E. Unger

In Memory of all those I love but see no more

Mr. R. Brian Van Steen

In Memory of my beautiful wife, Laura Jeanne Steed-Van Steen

Mr. Raymond L. Vandenberg and Ms. Rosalind Walrath

In Gratitude for our families, especially little Abby

Mrs. LaVerne Vanterpool and Mr. William Hazy

Mrs. Susannah Wade Lewis and Mr. William Lewis

In Gratitude for Annabelle Victoria Helen Lewis

The Reverend Meredith E. Ward

In Memory of James and Marjory Ward, Frederick and Audrey Groel, Stanley and Pauline Ward

Dr. Michael J. Waterson and The Reverend Zachary Nyein

In Memory of Charles and Christine Coatney

Mr. Andrew B. Wolf

In Memory of Bill Moyers

Mr. and Mrs. Morton F. Wolf

Wil Yates and Andreas Dirnagl

In Gratitude for the priests, musicians, and staff of St. Bart's

Mr. Mark P. Zeisler and Ms. Susan Ades

In Memory of Peter, Helen, and Eric Zeisler



Listing as of December 14, 2025



Christmas at St. Bart's

CHRISTMAS EVE — WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

12:05 pm • A Quiet Christmas Eucharist

4 pm • Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist

7 pm • Festival Choral Eucharist

11 pm • Festival Choral Eucharist

CHRISTMAS DAY — THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 am • Choral Eucharist



Tree of Gifts

St. Tabitha's Guild at St. Bart's is sponsoring a Tree of Gifts for the 2025 holiday season. The tree, located in the narthex through January 4, features their handmade needlecrafts for Advent and Christmas. Your donations of new hats, scarves, and gloves are also welcome and can be placed on the tree. All items will be donated to Crossroads Community Services, Inc. and the Coalition for the Homeless.



December 28, 2025

The Holy Innocents

- \$\ \tag{5} Join us in person at 9 AM, 11 AM, AND 5 PM.

 YOU MAY ALSO JOIN OUR SUNDAY MORNING LIVESTREAM SERVICE AT 11 AM
 on our website (stbarts.org/worship/livestream), via YouTube or Facebook
 Live (@stbartsnyc).
- The Forum will not meet on Sunday, December 28. Instead, please join Peter and Meredith for an informal conversation about the year that is past and the year that is coming. An in-person only conversation will be held at 10 am in the Great Hall and then a Zoom conversation will be held at 1 pm. Registration for the Zoom conversation is available at **stbarts.org/conversation**.



Weekday offerings to recenter your soul in God's grace and goodness.

HOLY EUCHARIST • TUESDAY-THURSDAY AT 12:05 PM IN THE CHAPEL

NIGHT PRAYER • MONDAY-FRIDAY AT 8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

BIBLE STUDY • WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM VIA ZOOM

IMAGINE WORSHIP NYC • THURSDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

CENTERING PRAYER • FRIDAYS AT 9 AM VIA ZOOM

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

THE CHURCH IS OPEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM AND TUESDAY - THURSDAY, 8 AM - 4:30 PM FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION THE BOOKSTORE IS ALSO OPEN DURING THESE HOURS.

A Concert to Usher in the New Year

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 11 PM

Ring in the new year with a fun and festive concert with Associate Organist and Choirmaster Alexander Pattavina, in recital at 11 pm, followed by a champagne reception at the stroke of midnight. No tickets needed but a \$20 donation is suggested.

A Choral Feast: Messe de Noël

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 11 AM

"A Choral Feast" presents the opportunity to experience great sacred choral repertoire within their original context of a worship service. On Sunday, January 4, St. Bartholomew's Choir presents Marc-Antoince Charpentier's *Messe de Noël* with chamber orchestra. Learn more at **stbarts.org/choralfeast**.

Epiphany Pool Party for Children, Youth, and Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 12:30-2:30 PM

All children, youth, and their families are invited to celebrate Epiphany with a pool party! We'll begin with a traditional 5-minute "Blessing of the Waters," before enjoying Epiphany-themed pool games and fun. Pizza, crafts and other activities will be offered in the nearby Children's Playroom, and free-swim times will be designated for each age group. Register in advance at **stbarts.org/poolparty.**

Twelfth Night Celebration

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 AT 5 PM

Celebrate the arrival of the Magi with an intimate service in our candlelit chapel at 5 pm, followed by a hearty dinner and King Cake for dessert. Space is limited and RSVPs are required. There is no charge for the chapel service. Dinner is \$30, or \$35 for reservations received after January 2. RSVP at **stbarts.org/twelfthnight.**

Holy Baptism at St. Bart's

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 AT 11 AM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. All adult believers and children of Christian parents who have never been baptized are welcome and encouraged to take this step of faith. To explore baptism for you or your children, please contact Curry Brinson, Associate for Community Engagement, at cbrinson@stbarts.org, or visit stbarts.org/baptism.

Grievance and Grace: A Journey into Shakespeare's The Tempest

TUESDAYS, JAN 13-FEB 3, 7-8:30 PM VIA ZOOM

How do we live in community after harm has been done? Explore the concepts of revenge, retaliation, and grace in Shakespeare's play The Tempest with St. Bart's parishioner and classical actor Esther Williamson. Experience with Shakespeare is not required. Please register at **stbarts.org/tempest**.

Pop-Up Immigration Legal Clinic: Volunteers and Support Needed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 9:30 AM-2 PM

St. Bart's Migrant Welcome Committee is partnering with the Diocese of New York, El Barrio Angels, and NYLAG to host a pop-up clinic helping asylum seekers apply for work authorization, now subject to a new \$550 federal fee. We are seeking volunteers, interpreters, and donors to help make this clinic possible. Visit **stbarts.org/popup** for complete details.

This We Believe: Finding God through Interfaith Conversation

TUESDAYS, JAN 27-FEB 10, 6:15-7:15 PM, IN PERSON

The Reverend Meredith Ward and Rabbi Sarah Berman of Central Synagogue facilitate a three-week series to learn how our different faiths understand God and community in challenging times and how people of faith can find common ground. Using texts from different moments in history, we will explore how those teachings speak to our lives today. Participation in all three sessions is requested. Registration is required at **stbarts.org/interfaith.**

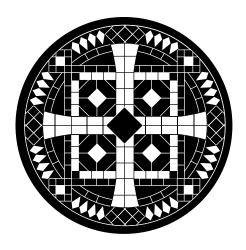
January 27: Antiquity Era meets at Central Synagogue **February 3:** Enlightenment Era meets at St. Bart's **February 10:** Post-Holocaust Era meets at St. Bart's

St. Bart's Census

The 2025 St. Bart's Census is still open. If you consider St. Bart's your church, please complete the questionnaire to help us update our records and learn more about our congregation. The deadline has been extended to January 6, 2026. Take the census at **stbarts.org/census.**

Christmas Week Schedule

St. Bart's will be closed on Friday, December 26, Thursday, January 1, and Friday, January 2.Our 12:05 pm midday services of Holy Eucharist, Wednesday Bible Study, and Thursday evening Imagine Worship service will pause after Christmas and resume the week of January 4.



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