

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Appointed readings: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7; John 1:1-18

8 am Rite I Eucharist * [Chapel]
In the traditional language of The Book of Common Prayer
Homily: The Matthew J. Moretz

9 am Eucharist [Church]
Sermon: The Matthew J. Moretz
St. Bart’s Singers lead our songs of praise.

10 am “The Salon”—A Space for Fellowship [Great Terrace]
All ages are invited to St. Bart’s Salon for fellowship, coffee, tea, and hot cider!

11 am Choral Eucharist [Church]
Sermon: The Matthew J. Moretz
St. Bartholomew’s Choir and St. Bartholomew’s sing music of Chilcott, Piccolo and Willcocks.

5 pm A Community Eucharist [Chapel]
An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.
Sermon: The Matthew J. Moretz

* Eucharist is from the Greek for “thanksgiving” and is our regular worship service, at the heart of all we do and are. It is also known as the Lord’s Supper, Holy Communion, Mass or Divine Liturgy.

WEEKDAY SERVICES
Monday–Friday: 12:05 pm Eucharist, 5:30 pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday: 6 pm Eucharist
Saturday: 10 am Morning Prayer

PRAYER / MEDITATION / BIBLE STUDY

LIVING CHRIST SANGHA: Sundays, 3–4:45 pm in Room 52. A Christian mindfulness practice with sitting and walking meditations, brief teaching and discussion. All are welcome. stbarts.org/living-christ-sangha

MEDITATION MONDAYS: 12:30–1:30 pm in the Church (except holidays). Come center yourself and soothe your soul in an environment of architectural splendor accompanied by a rich landscape of sounds. Info: bryan@stbarts.org

YOGA AT ST. BART’S! Tuesdays, 5:30–7 pm. Leave the crowded midtown studios—St. Bart’s has plenty of space! BYOM—Bring Your Own Mat! The class is free; donations will be accepted. Info: bryan@stbarts.org

THE BIBLE FOR THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW: Wednesdays, 7:45–8:45 am, Chapel. Examines practical implications of the Gospel for our lives—a chance to refuel in the middle of the week. Questions: stallings@stbarts.org

TAI CHI: Wednesdays, 9–10 am, in the Church. An Eastern mind-body practice, great for reducing stress, increasing balance and flexibility, and promoting health of mind, body, and spirit. Donations accepted. Questions: bryan@stbarts.org

THE BIBLE, THE NEW YORK TIMES AND YOU: Wednesdays, 12:45–2 pm. Thoughtful reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel + the day’s *New York Times* op-ed pages. Led by the Rev. Lynn Sanders: sanders@stbarts.org

CENTERING PRAYER: Saturdays, 10:45 am, in the Vestry room. Meditative prayer practice, rooted in the Christian tradition, with a strong emphasis on interior silence. Contact Rosemary English: rce6770@aol.com



When You Need Help: Our clergy share the responsibility of being on call. If your need is urgent, call 212-378-0250 and you will be forwarded to the priest on duty. For other matters, call during business hours at one of the numbers in the staff listing below.

Pastoral Services And Sacraments:

Baptisms are scheduled throughout the year on specific Sundays (dates available at stbarts.org). In certain circumstances, private baptisms may be arranged. Contact the Rev. Matthew J. Moretz, moretz@stbarts.org

Marriage and Blessings of Commitments require consultation with clergy (see contact info, below). For arrangements and set-up requirements, contact Heather Bryant at 212-378-0254.

Funeral and Memorial Service planning begins when a death is reported to any of the clergy, using the pastoral emergency phone, 212-378-0250.

Laying on of Hands and Healing Prayers are offered at the 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm Sunday services, Wednesdays at 12:05 pm, and by request during the week.

The rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (private confession and counsel) can be scheduled with any of the clergy.

Communion for the sick or home-bound (or pastoral visits to the hospital) can be arranged through the Rev. Bruce W. Forbes.

To add a name to the prayer list, you may send an email to prayers@stbarts.org or contact any of the clergy.

Community Ministry: St. Bartholomew’s offers many programs, including a soup kitchen, a food pantry and an overnight shelter. Your support through volunteering, groceries, and donations is greatly appreciated.

Space Use and Rentals: Call or email St. Bart’s Central (see below) if you wish to arrange a parish meeting in the Church or Community House. For outside users, we offer a limited number of rooms: contact Heather Bryant, hbryant@stbarts.org, 212-378-0254. Please understand that we are only able to offer these spaces at established market rates.

Lost & Found: St. Bart’s Central desk maintains a lost and found collection in the lobby of the church. If you have anything to return, or anything to retrieve, please visit the desk (open 9 am - 6 pm daily), or contact St. Bart’s Central.

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Vestry of St. Bartholomew’s Church

Peter M. R. Kendall and Anne Adams Rabbino, Wardens.

Zack Bacon, Laura Norwalk Bendelius, Mildred C. Brinn, Hunter T. Carter, Michael T. Duffy, William Erhardt, Morihiko Goto, Jinsoo H. Kim, Dulcie T. Mapondera, Heather Mitchell, Liza Page Nelson, Allison Rutledge-Parisi, Barbara Case Senchak, Peter Sullivan, and Douglas Tanner.

Honorary Warden: Percy Preston, Jr.

ST BART’S

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2014



We hope you 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.

WELCOME!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21: THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings from Year B, the Revised Common Lectionary

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

8 am Rite I Eucharist [Chapel]

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9 am Eucharist [Church]

Sermon: The Rev. F. M. “Buddy” Stallings
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10 am Sunday School [Chapel]

The Story of Mary

10 am “The Salon”—A Space for Fellowship [Great Terrace]

10 am Youth @ the Center [Vestry Room]

10:05 am The Forum [Great Hall, Community House]

Join Lynn Sanders and Matthew Moretz for a (pre-) Christmas surprise!

11 am Choral Eucharist [Church]

Sermon: The Rev. F. M. “Buddy” Stallings
St. Bartholomew’s Choir and St. Bartholomew’s Boy and Girl Choristers sing music of Biebl, Carter, and Llewellyn.

5 pm A Community Eucharist [Chapel]

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ABOUT TODAY’S LITURGY AND MUSIC

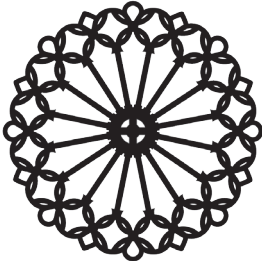
In our gospel today, the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus. This appearance of Gabriel has been the inspiration for a lot of music, not the least of which is the hymn “The Angel Gabriel.” A traditional melody from the Basque region, the hymn will be heard in a setting by Malcolm Archer at 9 am and a setting by William Llewellyn at 11 am. Our offertory at 11 will be the “Ave Maria” of Franz Biebl. This piece was brought to America from the composer’s native Germany by the Cornell University Glee Club in 1970, and it was later made famous by Chanticleer, a professional a capella group.

Healing Prayer: Available during communion at the 9 am, 11 am and 5 pm services.

Child Care (Infants to Age Four): Room 51, Community House, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Contact Wendy Barrie for more information at 212-378-0273 or barrie@stbarts.org.

Accessible St. Bart’s: There’s a ramped entrance through the garden on Park Avenue at 51st Street. Accessible restrooms are located off the lobby inside the Park Avenue entrance. Large-print service leaflets are available at our welcome desk in the lobby.

Parking: St. Bart’s happily provides parking free of charge for those who attend services on Sunday. The garage is on the south side of East 51st Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues). Ask an usher or someone at St. Bart’s Central for your voucher. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart’s \$8.00.)



GET SOCIAL WITH ST. BART’S! We are using social media to help spread the good news about St. Bart’s and all that we offer. Help us share the many wonderful things happening here by liking, following or sharing our content on Facebook and Twitter. **Like us on Facebook:** [facebook.com/stbartsnyc](https://www.facebook.com/stbartsnyc) and **follow us on Twitter:** [@stbartsnyc](https://twitter.com/stbartsnyc).

WELCOME TO ST. BART’S

VISITING OR CHECKING US OUT TODAY? THINKING OF JOINING?

St. Bart’s may be the place for you. Here’s how to connect:

- **JOIN US** for coffee and hospitality after the 8 am, 9 am and 11 am services.
- **CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES** are invited to gather for fun and fellowship under the South Balcony.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** at the Welcome Table, fill out a green Welcome card, and if you like, order a name button. Welcome Committee members (wearing green buttons), ushers, clergy and friendly people would love to talk to you.
- **TAKE A GUIDED TOUR** of this landmark building; meet at the lectern (in the Church, front left) immediately after the 11 am service.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? If you have any questions about involvement, volunteering, membership or anything else, contact David Bryan, Director of Welcome, Inclusion and Incorporation: bryan@stbarts.org or 212-378-0246

ONGOING AND UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND JOIN US!



Details at stbarts.org

Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24

12 pm A Quiet Christmas (Eucharist)
4 pm Christmas Pageant and Family Eucharist
7 pm Festival Eucharist
11 pm Festival Eucharist (with incense)

Christmas Day—Thursday, December 25

11 am Choral Eucharist

New Year’s Eve Organ Concert

Wednesday, December 31 at 11 pm

GREETERS AND USHERS ARE NEEDED to welcome and guide those who attend services on **Christmas Eve at 12 noon, 4 pm, 7 pm and 11 pm, and on Christmas Day at 11 am.** Your help ensures that our services run smoothly, and that all who enter St. Bart’s find a warm welcome. No experience necessary. A brief training session will be held in the church **TODAY at 12:15 pm.** For more info or to sign up, contact Christian Burke: cburkeo8@gmail.com or 718-432-8931.

ST. BART’S GIVING TREE: Please bring pasta, rice, cereal, peanut butter, or canned goods to place under our Giving Tree located under the south balcony. The food will be donated to the Crossroads Community pantry families.

THE BOOKSTORE AT ST. BART’S is offering special holiday books and ornaments to take adults and children through the Advent and Christmas seasons. Classic St. Bart’s Christmas cards are also on sale. Visit us in the lobby, or call 212-378-0295 with questions or to order by phone.

THE GRIEF GROUP: Concludes Wednesday, January 7, 4-5:30 pm. Registration is required. Dealing with loss and grief is challenging. It may help to journey with the support, confidentiality and healing offered in a group. To learn more or to register, please contact Betsy Scott at 212-223-3009. Additional information may be found at stbarts.org/grief-group. Our next Grief Group will begin in **March, 2015.**

THE 2014 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: YEAR END PUSH



Dear Friends,

It is almost here: the holiest night in our tradition is less than one week away.

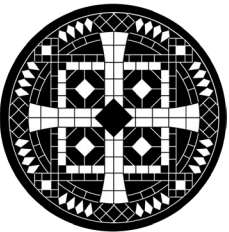
On Christmas Eve so many of us—from all walks of life who live both near and far—will gather together in this beautiful place to sing carols, to hear the ancient story, and to experience again the mystery and majesty of the season.

Your financial support at this time of year is instrumental in keeping alive all that we do here at St. Bart’s, not just at Christmastime but throughout the year. We will only reach our goal with the support of each and every one of you.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas,

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Esslie W. Hughes
Chief Administrative Officer



A CONCERT TO USHER IN THE NEW YEAR: Wednesday, December 31 at 11 pm. Hear the grand St. Bartholomew’s Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of New York’s greatest musical treasures. William K. Trafka, St. Bartholomew’s Director of Music and Organist, will play festive works for this New Year’s celebration. Organ works of Bach, Buxtehude and Langlais will be heard alongside a transcription of Fauré’s “Nocturne” from “Shylock.” Trafka’s own transcription of Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man” will be played at the stroke of midnight. The concert is free, open to the public, and will be followed by a free champagne reception.

FREE WEEKLY CONCERTS OF EARLY MUSIC every Thursday at 1:15 pm in the Chapel through June. Gotham Early Music Scene (GEMS) in conjunction with The Mid-Manhattan Performing Arts Foundation (MMPAF) present Midtown Concerts. Schedule: gemsny.org/midtownconcerts.html.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held on **Sunday, February 1, 2015** in the nave of the Church, following the 9 am Eucharist. Elections will be held for Warden and for Members of the Vestry. The Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons: Anne Adams Rabbino, continuing as Warden; Liza Page Nelson for a second term on the Vestry; Barbara Case Senchak to serve the balance of the unexpired term of a former Member of the Vestry who resigned; Peter de Menocal, John Gilliland, Mary Krueger and Susannah Wade Lewis for a first term on the Vestry. It has been the practice of St. Bart’s not to have contested elections unless there is an issue that will come before the Vestry on which there is strong disagreement within the parish. Anyone who desires to nominate other candidates should contact Millard Cook in the office of the Rector to request a copy of the bylaws.