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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 AM-12:30 PM & 1:30 -4:30 PM,  
Mon.-Thurs.

9:30 AM-12:00 PM Sunday.

**Closed Friday & Saturday**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday Morning: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM  
10:15 am, (Children's' Liturgy of the Word)

Daily: Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM  
No Mass on Friday

**PARISH OFFICE: 646-1613**

**FAX: 646-7121**

**REL. ED. OFFICE: 643-9178**

**YOUTH MINISTRY: 533-1855**

**Website: www.stbartparish.org**

## ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Bob Albert, *Bart's Herald*

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## SACRAMENTS

### PENANCE

Saturday at 5:20 PM or by appointment

Saturday at 2:30 at St. Bridget Church

### BAPTISMS

Third Sunday of the month. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Please call Parish Office to schedule

### MARRIAGE

PREPARATION: 6 months required by the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Through baptism we become God's children and brothers and sisters of one another and with Christ. Through registration we become members of the St. Bart parish family of faith. We always welcome new members and hope that you will find our parish family a place where your faith will be nourished. We ask that you fill out a registration form at the Parish office as soon as possible. As a parish family, we are committed to share our goods, talents and faith with one another.

## POLICY FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

When you've been asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you are required to obtain a Sponsor Certificate. The process involves completing a request form, which can be obtained by calling the parish office. Sponsor Certificates are issued to any registered member of St. Bartholomew Church who has attained the required minimum age of 16 yrs and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. You must be a member of the parish for a minimum of 2 months.

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of St. Bartholomew, strive to live and give witness to our Catholic Christian faith in word, sacrament and service. We work for the reign of God in our lives and in our world: a reign of goodness, truth, justice and peace. We proclaim the good news of Christ, inviting all to share in the faith and life of our Catholic community. We provide ongoing formation in faith for people of all ages so that they can live and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the presence of God in our midst through personal and communal prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, especially Sunday Eucharist. We love one another as God has loved us by providing necessary means, opportunities and structures for people to receive material, emotional and spiritual support both within and beyond our local community.



**WIDE OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS AND OPEN DOORS FOR ALL**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 26 (Vigil: Feast of the Holy Family)**  
 4:30 p.m. ✠ JOSEPH BRODERICK  
 (Jim & Rosemary Tyrrell)

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 27 (Feast of the Holy Family)**  
 8:30 a.m. ✠ JEREMY LEMIEUX  
 (Gluhosky & DeCormier)  
 10:15 a.m. ✠ Deceased members of SULLIVAN FAMILY  
 (Kelly Keen)

**MONDAY DECEMBER 28 (Holy Innocents)**  
 9:00 a.m. ✠ JESUSA TIU (Bacay family)

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 29 (5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas)**  
 9:00 a.m. ✠ LUKAS LABOY (Rose family)

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 (6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas)**  
 9:00 a.m. People of St. Bartholomew Parish

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 31 (Vigil: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God)**  
 4:00 p.m. ✠ CAROL PLAMONDON  
 (Gary & Linda Rose)

**FRIDAY JANUARY 1 (Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God)**  
 10:15 a.m. People of St. Bartholomew Parish  
 6:30 p.m. Rosary

**SATURDAY JANUARY 2 (Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord)**  
 4:30 p.m. ✠ JEREMY LEMIEUX (Magnotta family)

**SUNDAY JANUARY 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)**  
 8:30 a.m. ✠ COLLEEN ELIZABETH BEEBE  
 (Magnotta family)  
 10:15 a.m. ✠ IRENE THISSELL (Gene & Jolene Flenke)

**Cantor and Presider Schedule**

Jan. 2/3	4:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:15 a.m.
Cantor	Sarah Aldrich	Mary Jo Tomsic	Youth Choir
Presider	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Stephen	Fr. Stephen
Organist	Jane Peacock	Jane Peacock	Jane Peacock

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

Collection amounts for Dec. 19/20, Christmas, and Dec. 26/27 will be in the Jan. 2/3 bulletin.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Church Maintenance – Thank you for your generous support of this collection throughout the year. Your donations have helped tremendously in the maintenance needs of the parish.



**THIS WEEK AT ST. BARTS.**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 28**  
 9:30 a.m. Small Church Community

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 29**  
 10:30 a.m. Legion of Mary

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 31**  
 9:45-11:30 am Small Church Community

**FRIDAY JANUARY 1**  
**Happy New Year!**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 2**  
 8:30 a.m. Men's Small Church Community  
 after Mass Equal Exchange Coffee Sale

**SUNDAY JANUARY 3**  
 after Masses Coffee & Donuts  
 6:00-8:30 p.m. Equal Exchange Coffee Sale  
 Confirmation Class

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades PreK-8:** *There are no classes Sunday, Dec. 20 through Wednesday, Dec. 30 for the Christmas Holiday.*

Regular classes will resume Sunday, January 3-Wednesday, January 6.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat:** Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 10am-2pm, in Fr. Hussey Hall. Please return your permission forms by **Monday, January 4.**

**9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class** is Sunday, Jan. 3 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm.

*Have a Happy New Year!*

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

The next **High School Youth Group** is Sunday, Jan. 24 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please join us for a special night of faith and fun.

**World Youth Day**-Madrid, Spain with the Pope. This pilgrimage is open to young people 15 to 35 years of age. There is still time and openings to put in your deposit for this trip, which is the summer of 2011. Please contact the youth ministry office, 860-533-1855, ext. 2.

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

**Youth Ministry Concert Theater**, Friday, Jan. 29 at 7:00pm

Snow date: Saturday, January 30

**Youth Ministry Winter Retreat**, Friday, Feb. 26 – Sunday, Feb. 28

**BOTTLE and CAN DRIVE** Youth Ministry is collecting returnable bottles and cans as a fundraiser for their mission trip next summer. Don't forget, water bottles are now redeemable. Look for marked bins in hallway.

**When winter weather affects Mass attendance, please remember to include your offertory envelope for that weekend the next time you attend Mass. We depend on the weekly income from the offertory and greatly appreciate your cooperation with this.**

The **Initial Offering** envelope is an optional offering to help defray the cost of printing and mailing offertory envelopes. There will not be a second collection. Thank you for your contribution!

**THANK YOU'S FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD**

Dear Fr. Sledesky, Thank you very much for the generous **World Mission Sunday contributions of \$2,292 from the people of St. Bartholomew.**

“Miracles.” That’s what Margaret Mweshi saw happening in her native Zambia, thanks to the efforts of missionary Sisters serving among children there. Inspired by their example, she decided to become a Sister just like them, and now works to make “miracles” of her own happen, as she directs a home for children with disabilities. “I soon realized that I had to do more than provide medical help for these children,” Sister Margaret says. “I had to be a mother to them too. I knew that I had to show these children the kind of love that comes from a good mother.”

As a parish, you too have been “family” to your brothers and sisters throughout the Missions. Your sacrifices will be joined to those from around our country to provide help for such life-giving, hope-filled service as Sister Margaret’s in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout the Missions.

Again, I am most grateful to you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. Know that you and they remain in my prayers and in the prayers of the people of the Missions. *Rev. Brian W. Monnerat, Archdiocesan Director*

Dear Fr. Sledesky, This expression of appreciation for your parish’s generosity on behalf of the recent **HOPES (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) Collection** comes not solely from me, but from the thousands of students enrolled in the Catholic elementary schools throughout this Archdiocese. **Your parish’s contribution of \$1,758** directly benefits these young people, ensuring that the educational excellence they experience daily is maintained and enhanced.

Proceeds from this 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hopes Collection will be directly distributed to our Catholic elementary schools in the form of grants to fund special projects supporting the high quality of the academic and co-curricular offerings at the schools. The collection also helps to fund Archdiocesan marketing efforts promoting Catholic school education and attracting students to our schools. It is our goal that this year’s collection will yield \$300,000 toward both these initiatives.

Your parish community has expressed its support for Catholic school education by participating in the HOPES Collection, and we deeply appreciate their belief in our schools. Their generosity is all the more meaningful in this difficult economy, providing further evidence of the solid investment Catholic school education continues to be.

Again, my sincere appreciation goes out to you and your parishioners for their contributions to this vital collection. We truly value your partnership as we continue to fulfill the teaching mission of the Church and educate its future leaders.

*Dale R. Hoyt, Superintendent of Catholic Schools*



The **Lost & Found** basket in the parish office is overflowing! If you’ve lost a jacket, gloves, etc. please stop by and take a look.

Also, if someone lost an envelope of cash, please call the parish office to identify it.

**CCM Holy Day Mass Schedule  
The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

**Vigil Masses, Thursday, December 31, 2009**

4:00 pm	St. Bartholomew
4:00 pm	St. James
5:00 pm	Assumption

**Masses, Friday, January 1, 2010**

8:00 am	Assumption
9:00 am	St. Bridget
9:00 am	St. James
10:15 am	St. Bartholomew
10:30 am	Assumption
11:00 am	St. James
5:30 pm	St. Bridget

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS  
AND ALTAR SERVERS:**

The next serving schedule will cover February and March. If there are any special requests or dates that you are not available, please send a note or email to Diane in the parish office, [dgluhosky@aol.com](mailto:dgluhosky@aol.com) . The deadline is Sunday, Jan. 10. Thank you!

**Late Night Catechism – “Til Death Do Us Part”**

This time the Sister is coming back to offer hilarious lessons on the Sacraments of Marriage and the Last Rites, including her own wacky version of the Newlywed Game. **Don’t miss out: the first show in the series sold out!** March 20, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the St. Bridget School Auditorium, 75 Main St., Manchester. Ticket Price is \$45. Call 860-6497731, ext. 29. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the show or placing an ad in the program book, please call the Advancement Office at 860-649-7731, ext. 29.

The family of Reverend Martin Scholsky would like to offer their appreciation and thanks for all your kindness, prayers and support during this time of loss. The Scholsky Family

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For more information on Engaging Spirituality contact: Mary Leslie, 646-0087 or John Ryan, 716-3914.

Please remember in your prayers this week, **North United Methodist Church**, a member of MACC (Manchester Area Conference of Churches).

Please check our website, [www.stbartparish.org](http://www.stbartparish.org) for other events in our community that may be of interest to you!

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