

SEPTEMBER 15: THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Readings from Year C, the Revised Common Lectionary:

Exodus 32:7-14, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

8 am Rite I Eucharist* [Chapel]

In the traditional language of The Book of Common Prayer.

8:45 am-12:15 pm Free Child Care (Through Age Five) [Room 51]

Contact the Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman at 212-378-0253 or klewis-theerman@stbarts.org.

9 am Eucharist [Church]

St. Bart's Singers sings Rachmaninoff, our Choristers sing "All that is good" by Agnestic, and they combine to lead our songs of praise.

10 am Quest [Chapel]

Children K-grade 5 are invited to a time for prayer, singing, art, and stories, all designed to nourish our relationship with God.

10 am Youth @ the Center [Room 44]

Youth grades 6-12 are invited to explore how their faith intersects with real life in a setting that allows for contemplative, reflective, and interactive experiences.

10 am The Forum [Great Hall]

I Will, With God's Help: Christian Witness in a Complicated World.

On the occasion of her visitation to St. Bart's to confirm and receive new members of the Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, reflects on what it means to be a Christian in troubling and complicated times. How should Episcopalians live out their baptismal covenant when the path ahead is by no means clear? A prominent leader within the Episcopal Church and a tireless advocate for social justice shares wisdom gained from decades of experience in ordained ministry.

11 am Choral Eucharist with Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation

St. Bartholomew's Choir offers music of Campbell, Dupré, and Wright.

5 pm Community Eucharist [Chapel]

An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.

*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

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, 12:45-2:00 pm, Vestry Room. Thoughtful reflection and lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday readings. To learn more, please email the Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman (klewis-theerman@stbarts.org).

MEDITATION PRACTICES

LIVING CHRIST SANGHA: Sundays, 3-4:45 pm, Room 52

MEDITATION MONDAYS: Mondays, 12:30-1:30 pm, Church

iREST: Mondays, 5:45-6:45 pm, Church

YOGA: Tuesdays, 5:30-7 pm, Church

CANDLELIT YOGA & MUSIC: 3rd Thursdays each month, 7-8:30 pm, Church

Details: stbarts.org/get-involved/community-groups/meditation-practices or contact David Bryan: bryan@stbarts.org, 212-378-0246.

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PASTORAL CARE: St. Bart's Clergy are here to support you pastorally. If you are, or will be, in the hospital or are confined to home, please be in touch with us. We will be glad to arrange a visit, bring communion to you, and/or speak by phone with you. If your need is urgent, call 212-378-0250 and you will be forwarded to a priest on duty. For other matters, call during business hours at one of the numbers in the staff listing below.

PASTORAL SERVICES

To add a name to the prayer list, you may send an email to prayers@stbarts.org.

Baptisms are scheduled throughout the year on specific Sundays (dates available at stbarts.org). In certain circumstances, private baptisms may be arranged. Contact David Bryan at bryan@stbarts.org.

Marriage and Blessings of Commitments require consultation with clergy (see contact info, below). For arrangements and set-up requirements, contact David Bryan at 212-378-0246.

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

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

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 Reverend Kris Lewis-Theerman, klewis-theerman@stbarts.org.

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.

THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. BART'S

The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe, Rector, 212-378-0215, dwolfe@stbarts.org

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To update your contact information, please email contactupdate@stbarts.org.

VESTRY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

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ST BART'S

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019



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.

WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 8: THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Children, Youth and Family Ministry Fall Kick off

Readings from Year C, the Revised Common Lectionary:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

8 am Rite I Eucharist [Chapel]

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8:45 am-12:15 pm Free Child Care (Through Age Five) [Room 51]

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9 am Eucharist [Church]

Blessing of the Backpacks for all ages. St. Bart's Singers and the Choristers lead our songs of praise and sing "God be in my head," by Barry Rose.

10 am Children Youth and Family Ministries Breakfast [Room 33]

10 am The Forum [Great Hall]

Transforming Lives, Transforming the Church, Transforming the World: The State of St. Bart's 2019. On Celebration Sunday, as our program

year begins, Bishop Dean Wolfe offers an overview of where St. Bart's is and where it will be going in the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020.

What exciting things will be happening in the coming months? How will St. Bart's continue to transform lives, the Church, and the world?

11 am Choral Eucharist [Church]

Blessing of the backpacks for all ages. St. Bartholomew's Choir offers A Choral Feast with music of Elgar and Palestrina. Learn more at stbarts.org/choralfeast.

5 pm Community Eucharist [Chapel]

An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGY AND MUSIC

Today's 11 am service features the *Missa Papae Marcelli* of Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594). Born in the small town of Palestrina, 25 miles from Rome, he spent much of his career in Rome, including at the papal chapel. His music, almost all of which is sacred and choral, is the paragon of clarity and balance. His mastery of counterpoint, the weaving together of vocal melodies, is required study in almost every conservatory around the world to this day. The text is always easy to understand, with word stress and length perfectly matched to the shape of the musical line.

The *Missa Papae Marcelli* is the best-known of his Masses and has (perhaps exaggeratedly) been credited for saving the music from the reforms of the Council of Trent, which was concerned that the text of the Mass was unintelligible when sung polyphonically.

Palestrina's direct, declamatory style, however, convinced Cardinal Carlo Borromeo and the papal commission that polyphony could be intelligible, and that such music was too beautiful to ban from the Church. According to a later account, "On Saturday, 28 April 1565, Palestrina and all the singers of the papal chapel were gathered to sing for the Cardinals of the commission. They sang three Masses, of which the Pope Marcellus Mass was the last. Great and incessant praise was given to it, which was extraordinarily acclaimed and its strikingly novel character astonished even the performers themselves. Their Eminences heaped their congratulations on the composer, recommending that he go on writing in that style and to communicate it to his pupils."

FREE PARKING: We provide parking free of charge for Sunday services. 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 a voucher. (Because some have asked, please note that each redeemed parking voucher costs St. Bart's \$15.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: Available during communion at the 9 and 11 am services.

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 Books of Common Prayer are available at our welcome desk in the lobby.

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.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** and fill out a welcome card at our Welcome Table, found near the back of the church. If you like, order a name button. Welcome Committee members (wearing green buttons), ushers, clergy and friendly people would love to talk to you!
- **CHILD CARE:** 8:45 am-12:15 pm (free, to age 5), 5th Floor. Walk past the cloister garden and follow signs to the Community House where you will find the elevator to take you to the 5th floor. Child care with age appropriate activities, designed specially for young children, takes place directly across from the elevator.
- **TAKE A GUIDED TOUR** of this landmark building; meet by the Welcome Table in the back of the Church immediately after the 11 am service.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED? Contact Manny Rodríguez-Leach, Welcome and Parish Life Associate: rodriguez@stbarts.org or 212-378-0230.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE ST. BART'S PEACE BOOK CLUB will meet **today at 12:30 pm** to discuss *No Future Without Forgiveness* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, copies of which are available for purchase at the Store @ St. Bart's. All are welcome to attend.

BISHOP'S VISITATION NEXT SUNDAY: On Sunday, September 15, the Right Reverend Mary D. Glasspool, Assistant Bishop for the Episcopal Diocese of New York, will visit St. Bart's for the Episcopal Visitation with Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation.

ST. BART'S PLAYERS AUDITIONS for their upcoming production of *The Drowsy Chaperone* will be held **Monday and Tuesday, September 9-10 at 7 pm** in the St. Bart's Community House. Learn more at stbartsplayers.org/season.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: We pray for peace and remember those who lost their lives eighteen years ago at two services **on Wednesday, September 11**—an 11 am Choral Eucharist in the Church, with members of the Fire Department of New York in attendance, and our usual 6 pm Eucharist with hymns in the Chapel.

ORDINATIONS AT THE CATHEDRAL: By the grace of God, and with the consent of the people, the Reverend Brandon Ashcroft will be ordained to the priesthood **on Saturday, September 14**. The Ordination service begins at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and a small reception will follow in the nave of the cathedral. Brandon was ordained to the transitional diaconate on March of 2018. Many people at St. Bart's have been a part of his journey. He would be honored by your prayers and presence. You are cordially invited.

END OF SUMMER PARTY UNDER THE STARS, Tuesday, September 17, 6-9 pm (The Great Terrace at St. Bart's) hosted by the Island Club of St. Bart's, a non-sectarian LGBTQ+ social organization. Free admission. Cash bar.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY (transferred): On Sunday, September 22 all are welcome to join us in the Great Hall from 10-11 am or 12:15-2 pm for our St. Bart's Fair with breakfast treats and opportunities to learn about our community groups and ministries. We'll also have live music and a bouncy castle! The Store@St.Bart's will offer 10% off all purchases made that day.

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support. Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT STBARTS.ORG

COLUMBARIUM AT ST. BART'S: There are still columbarium niches available for purchase in the newly opened section. If you would like a tour or more information about inurnment at St. Bart's, please call Meighan Corbett at 212-378-0278 or email corbett@stbarts.org.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS: If you are 70 and a half, you may use your required minimum distribution from your qualified retirement plan to fulfill your pledge or gift to St. Bart's, and possibly reduce your taxable income. For more information, please contact Meighan Corbett at 212-378-0278 or corbett@stbarts.org.

NEW FALL SEASON WEEKNIGHT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Learn more and register at stbarts.org/formation.

CENTERING PRAYER: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Vestry Room. Join us in learning about and experiencing the ancient contemplative practice of Centering Prayer. All are welcome. Enter at 109 E. 50th St. **Beginning on September 9.**

DREAM GROUP: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:15 pm, September 17-October 29. For millennia, human beings, including Jews and Christians, have looked to their dreams as messages from God. St. Bart's member Annette Thies (M.A., General Theological Seminary) will lead a series of dreamwork sessions this fall.

THE CHURCH IN THE WILDERNESS: Wednesdays, October 2-November 6, 7-8:30 pm. The statistical evidence is unequivocal: church attendance and membership have been declining for decades. Is God dead, as Nietzsche once proclaimed? Or is the Church simply traveling through a wilderness, being transformed into something different? Together we'll contemplate the present and future of the Church, using articles, book excerpts, empirical studies, and Professor Larry Welborn's Sunday forums as our guides.

THE CREED: Thursdays, September 26-November 14, 6:30-8 pm. Almost seventeen hundred years ago, a group of men gathered in the city of Nicea to take the first steps towards composing the Creed that many now consider the foundational statement of Christian belief. This eight-week series will delve deep into the Nicene Creed and the history behind it, and consider whether creeds still have a place in twenty-first century Christianity. Suggested reading: *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters* by Luke Timothy Johnson.



ST. BART'S CREATION CARE TASK FORCE (CCTF) ECO-TIP: Recycling Part 2a: Did you know that 34% of NYC's waste can be recycled through the curbside recycling program? Let's start with clean paper/cardboard. According to grownyc.org/whats-your-waste, "Nearly one-fifth of NYC's waste is recyclable paper and cardboard!" However, coated paper such as candy wrappers or take out containers, soiled papers such as napkins, paper towels and tissues, and hardcover books are NOT acceptable by the Department of Sanitation. Do you want to know what else can go in the recycling bin? Stay tuned... Check back here next week for another step you can take to heal the earth.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, September 29
Social Media Sunday

Sunday, October 6
Blessing of the Animals at 9 am and 5 pm
A Choral Feast at 11 am

November 29
Fare Share Friday at 4:30 pm

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