

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

5100 E. Broadway, Long Beach, CA 90803
REV. MSGR. BERNARD LEHENY, Pastor
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DEACON CARL GIBBONEY

RECTORY: 438-3826

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The Rectory Office is open

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Office Aides: Monday-Thursday 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE: 439-1802

(Mondays) (Wednesdays)

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MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm

Eves of Holy Days: 5:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Holy Days: 8:00 am; 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:45 to 4:45 pm. **First Fridays:** Before the 8:00 am Mass.

Eves of Holy Days: Before the Vigil Mass.

BAPTISMS: By Appointment. Call the Rectory at least 10 days in advance. Administered on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

VISIT OUR PARISH WEB SITE
 PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
 SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - 4545 E. 4th St. (Monday & Wednesday)
 CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR
 RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)
 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
 LEGION OF MARY
 MEN'S CLUB & USHERS
 PARISH MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST
 LECTOR /EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER COORDINATORS
 COMMUNITY GROUP
 ALTAR SERVERS
 CENTERING PRAYER (Christian Meditation)
 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
 CHILDREN'S CHOIR

<http://www.sblb.org>
 Liz Thometz 438-8222
 Pat McGlynn 439-1802
 Cindy Rodriguez 431-2414
 Earl Lovett 439-3198
 Dave McCaughey 438-3263
 Margherita Hoehne 438-9843
 Ron Fawl 494-3342
 Brian Archambault 208-8222
 Ken & Colette Santucci 439-6970
 Deacon Carl Gibboney 400-4099
 Karyn Parker 433-9900
 Pat Metzger 433-2452
 Patricia Goodman 429-3171
 Julie Westervelt 243-1286

NOTE: All announcements for the Bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory Office by Monday at 2:00 pm. The deadline for Pulpit Announcements is Friday evening. **DO NOT** come to the Sacristy before Mass to request an announcement.

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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A Light for
all nations



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ALTAR SERVERS

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| Jan. 17 | 5:00 | Roberts |
| Jan. 18 | 8:00 | Ramos/Rowan |
| | 9:30 | Sweeney/Parker |
| | 11:00 | Lund/Stonick |
| | 12:30 | Bebek/Mondconduit |

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| Jan. 17 | 5:00 | Shadden/DiLeo—Team 2 |
| Jan. 18 | 8:00 | Gooch, Terris—Team 2 |
| | 9:30 | Gibboney/Therrell—Team 4 |
| | 11:00 | George/McDonnell—Team 4 |
| | 12:30 | Burcelis/Hanley—Team 3 |

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

A leader is needed for the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30am Mass, beginning January 11th. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Rectory.

ADVENT BULLETINS

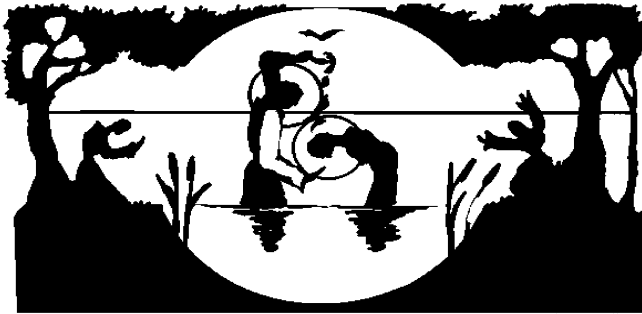
Special Advent/Christmas bulletins entitled “Welcome Yule” are available in the Vestibule throughout this holy season.



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Xavier Dybbro, Patricia Schuck, Peggy Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Catherine Thompson, Harry Fehner, Michael Fehner, Josephine Bilsley, Peggy Kinkella and Clark Boyd.

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH: Kathleen Gorey, Dorothy Wilbur, Annie Fitzgerald and Nita Koski



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The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2009

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

-Isaiah 55:1

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME—Beginning Thursday, March 5th, 7pm, in the Jubilee Room, we will offer a 5-week series “Catholics Returning Home” for non-participating Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. For more information, call: Ted or Kathleen Flood (562)434-3163.

VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION



Complete Buffet Dinner, catered by “Finbar’s Italian Kitchen”, Wednesday, February 4th, 5:30pm, in the Social Hall. Reservations by Jan. 28th, to: Jo Terrell (562)433-1517, or: Judy Houston (562)434-5011. \$25.00 donation.

ST. HEDWIG SCHOOL ENROLLMENT TOUR

Ms. DeVaney, principal of St. Hedwig School, warmly welcomes you to tour classrooms and receive an enrollment packet on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 8:30am. Come and see how St. Hedwig Parish School can help you pass your faith on to your child in a loving and safe environment.

(562)296-9060

www.sainthedwigparish.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our program is still in need of an assistant for 2nd and 4th grades. Please call Director, Pat McGlynn (562)494-8149.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ALUMNI

Our Lady of Refuge is having the annual Alumni Dance on January 31st, and all alumni of St. Bartholomew are invited to join in the fun, dancing and an evening filled with memories. For information: www.olrs.org, or call Frank @ (562)597-8383, or email to: alumnidance@verizon.net

INVITATION

St. John’s Seminary has been holding Open Houses throughout the Archdiocese to inform people about the work of the Seminary in preparing men for the priesthood. Monsignor Craig Cox, Rector of the Seminary, and some seminarians are hosting an information night in our parish. Kathleen Hoffman has graciously offered her home for the occasion. This is a wonderful opportunity for people to connect with young men preparing for priesthood. If you would be interested in attending, please call me at the Rectory before January 19th.

Father Bernie



RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

SUNDAY, February 8th, 9:00am-4:00pm, Nazareth House, 3333 Manning Avenue, Los Angeles. Call: Sr. Philomena (310)839-2361, or St. Fintan (310)216-8170, or: vocations_naz@yahoo.com

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

Bill and Sandy Korth

Thanks to all who donated this holiday season.

THANK YOU to all of you who supported our See’s Candy Drive. It was a “sold-out” success and will, once again, be an annual event at Christmas.

Sincerely, Parish Women’s Council

THANKS ALSO to all who supported the Confirmation bake sale and fundraiser on December 14th. \$4,695.00 was donated towards our housebuild in Mexico in the Spring. It is greatly appreciated.

COLLECTIONS

Ordinary Income: January 4/5 \$17,890.00

Christmas: \$ 45,448.00

Christmas Decorations: \$1,965.00

Religious Retirement Fund: \$6,792.00