

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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

RECTORY: 438-3826

252 Granada Ave.

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)

Rectory Fax: 438-2227

Email: stbarts@sblb.org



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
 GUITAR GROUP

<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 243-8460
 Patricia Goodman 429-3171
 Julie Westervelt 243-1286
 John Koss (626) 484-8587

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.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

We will celebrate a Parish Communal Penance Service on Wed. Dec. 17th, at 7pm, in the Church. Many priests will be available to hear confessions. Please plan to attend and be reconciled in preparation for the great Solemnity of Christmas.

ADVENT BULLETINS

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

BLESSING OF THE STRAW

This weekend at the 5pm Saturday Mass, there will be a simple blessing of straw. There will be a large bale of straw at the front of the church with bags available for you to take some of the blessed straw home with you to place in your home mangers.

ALTAR SERVERS

Dec. 20	5:00	Oberhaus/Meyer
Dec. 21	8:00	Scolamieri/Cowan
	9:30	Guerin/Separa
	11:00	Roberts
	12:30	Ramos/Rowan

LECTORS—EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec. 20	5:00	DiLeo/Shadden—Team 2
Dec. 21	8:00	Terris/Gooch—Team 2
	9:30	Therrell/Gibboney—Team 4
	11:00	McDonnell/George—Team 4
	12:30	Hanley/Burcelis—Team 2

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for all Christmas Masses.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar Flowers this weekend are donated by Kelly Sullivan in memory of her father, Bruce Gould, on the first anniversary of his death.

USHERS for CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sign-up sheets are in the Vestibule for Ushers for all Christmas Masses. Thank you.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

The Church will be decorated for Christmas next Sunday, December 21st, at 3pm. If you would like to help with this, please call Chris at the Rectory.



THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Calvin Carlson, Harry Fehner, Xavier Dybbro, Leo Poissant, Marie Therese Arslan, Sandra Shadden, Josephine Ronan, Patricia Schuck, Alan Arslan, Mark Lott, Matthew Frank Arslan, Edward Kulik, Peggy Kinkella, Sarah Fries, Maureen Murray, Gloria White, Ray Esquivel, Carol McEachen, Betty Gill, Tess Fitch, Catherine Thompson, Michele Arslan, Diane Marie Walker, Jerry Ganz, Bob Kacsuta, Max Milton, David and Betty Hatch, Henrick Peterson, Oneida Casares, Carl Klein, John Burson, LaVae Ransom, and Michael Fehner.

(If you would like a name to remain in the bulletin in the 'Sick of our Parish', or if you have one you would like to add, please call the Rectory by December 23rd)

THE DECEASED OF OUR PARISH: Elizabeth Lund



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2008

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

-1 Thessalonians 5:16

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This weekend there is a special collection for the 2008 Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you once again for your generosity. Envelopes are in the pews.

BAKE SALE—This weekend after the 5pm Saturday Mass and all Masses on Sunday (along with coffee and donuts) in the Social Hall, our Confirmation candidates, teachers, parents and sponsors will host a Baked Goods Sale to raise money for their housebuild in the spring in Mexico.

DANCE LESSONS, also to raise funds for the housebuild, begin January 9th, and sign-up sheets are available at all entrances to the Church and Chapel, and can be dropped off at the Rectory. Or, call the Rectory to register.

CHRISTMAS DINNERS

St. Hedwig's Church will host their 29th annual Christmas dinner on December 25th, at 1:00pm, in the Church Hall, 11482 Los Alamitos Blvd. in Los Alamitos. If you or someone you know will be alone, you are invited to join them for food, singing, and much more. **Reservations are required** and can be made by calling Ed or Dewey Foster (562)598-7060, no later than December 22nd.

"WELCOME GREETERS"

We are looking for greeters for all of the Christmas Masses. If you are interested, please call Chris at the Rectory.

CENTERING PRAYER

Christian Meditation during Advent in the Church on Monday, Dec. 15th and Dec. 29th, at 7pm (please note date changes from last bulletin). For more information, call Pat (562)243-8460; or Melissa (562)434-1998. For 2009, Centering Prayer will be in the Church at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and on each First Friday at 7:30pm.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2008

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Bartholomew Penance Service: Wednesday,

December 17th, 7:00pm

(many priests in attendance)

(Our Lady of Refuge Penance Service: Monday,

December 15th, 7:00pm)

Saturday, December 13th

3:45 – 4:45pm

Saturday – December 20th

3:45 – 4:45pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00pm – Church – Children's Mass

6:30pm - Church

12:00 Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25th

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon

New Year's Day

Thursday, Jan. 1st, 8am (not a holy day of obligation)

GIVING TREE

The bulletin boards in the Vestibule of the Church, as well as on the Chapel side, are filled with angels—requesting special needs and wants for the benefit of the moms and their children at New Life Beginnings here in Long Beach. All gifts need to be brought to the Church Hall by **December 21st**. Any questions, please call Christine Woznicki (562)987-0216.

BANNS of MARRIAGE

2nd John Sibly and Heather Foley

1st Jerry Donaldson and Beth Bruske

COLLECTIONS

Ordinary Income: December 6th/7th \$15,342.00

All food and monetary donations at Thanksgiving were given to Catholic Charities and the St. Francis Center.