

JANUARY 26: THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

READINGS FROM YEAR A, THE REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY:

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST * [CHAPEL]

Spoken service in traditional, Elizabethan language.
Sermon: The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

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 IN THE ROUND [CHURCH]

St. Bart's Singers and Choristers lead our songs of praise.
Sermon: The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

10 AM QUEST [CHAPEL]

Children K through grade 5 are invited for a time 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.

10 AM FESTIVE COFFEE HOUR: FAREWELL TO LYNN SANDERS [GREAT HALL]

11 AM CHORAL EUCHARIST [CHURCH]

An elegant, formal liturgy featuring the music of Amy Beach, Lili Boulanger, and Hildegard von Bingen.
Sermon: The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

5 PM COMMUNITY EUCHARIST [CHAPEL]

An informal and intimate service, celebrated in our beautiful Chapel.
Sermon: The Reverend Lynn C. Sanders

**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 resuming January 8, 12:45–2 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

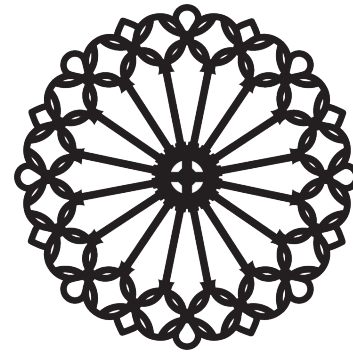
Meditation Mondays: Mondays, 12:30–1:30 pm, Church

iRest: Selected Mondays, 5:45–6:45 pm, Church (bryan@stbarts.org for dates)

Yoga: Tuesdays, 5:30–7 pm, Church

Candlelit Yoga & Music: 3rd Thursdays each month, 7–8:30 pm, Church

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ST BART'S

The Feast of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 19, 2020

EVERYBODY
NEEDS
A PLACE

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!

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



I believe there is no better model for understanding and appreciating the intersection of religion and politics than Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we remember and celebrate in today's liturgy and whose birth we observe tomorrow.

Dr. King's deep and abiding faith informed his prophetic voice, vision and witness as he fought to secure civil and voting rights, jobs and decent wages, health care and decent education, peace and justice for all. On the last Sunday of his life, Dr. King stood in the pulpit of the Washington National Cathedral and spoke passionately of all these concerns—racism, poverty, war. He climbed that mountain and kept on shining, and his light has continued to shine in spite of the efforts of some to put it out.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday tomorrow marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

I commend to you these opportunities to take up Dr. King's call to justice and reconciliation:

nationalservice.gov/serve-your-community/mlk-day-service
nycservice.org/pages/pages/158
nycgovparks.org/events/mlk-day-of-service
Annual Bronx-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration: dioceseny.org

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The Reverend Susan Anderson-Smith
Associate Rector for Justice and Reconciliation

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY SERVICES CLOTHING DRIVE: As temperatures drop, the need for warm clothing rises for Crossroads community members. You can support this cause by donating the following: **Coats/outerwear, sweaters, (closed-toe) shoes, boots, sneakers, gloves, scarfs, belts, hats, unused socks/underwear.** Larger sizes are much appreciated. All (except socks/underwear) that is donated can have been lightly worn, creating less waste, and caring for the Earth. New or clean, gently used items may be dropped into the large, gift-wrapped box located at St. Bart's Central on weekdays and in the west end of the sanctuary on Sundays.

CENTERING PRAYER: Mondays, 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 44. Centering Prayer, a meditative approach that embraces silence and contemplation, is the ideal practice to start the new year. All are welcome; no experience necessary. Enter at 109 East 50th Street.



CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF THE REVEREND LYNN SANDERS: On Sunday, January 26, please join us to celebrate the ministry of the Reverend Lynn Sanders on her last Sunday with us as vicar of St. Bart's. Lynn will preach at all services that day and we'll have a festive coffee hour to send her off with our best wishes before her move to South Carolina. Learn more at stbarts.org/vicarannouncement.

THE IRONY OF AMERICAN HISTORY: Thursdays, January 9-23, 6:30 pm in the Vestry Room. What does Christianity have to say about the United States of America and its place in the world? How can we reconcile our lofty ideals about peace and virtue with the compromised ways in which our nation actually behaves? Prominent theologian Reinhold Niebuhr contemplated these questions almost seventy years ago in the beginning days of the Cold War, and his reflections still give us much to think about today. Come and discuss with the Reverend Peter Thompson over one more Thursday in January. Copies of *The Irony of American History* are available at the bookstore. Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to read the book in advance.

ST. BART'S CREATION CARE TASK FORCE: The next meeting of the St. Bart's Creation Care Task Force is on **Thursday, January 23, from 6:15-7:15 pm in the Welcome Center.** We welcome all who have a passion for learning about and working toward climate justice.



CLARA GERDES IN RECITAL: Thursday, January 23 at 7:30 pm. Assistant Organist Clara Gerdes explores the rich colors of the organ in a transcription of Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloe Suite No. 2*, a work of transcendent beauty, as well as Julius Reubke's virtuosic and monumental *Sonata on the 94th Psalm*. Admission is free.

ADULT PROFESSIONALS GROUP BRUNCH: Sunday, January 26 at Pressbox, 932 Second Avenue, from 12:30–2 pm. Charles Holmes, a parishioner, will share his experience making a career change after 30 years from Investment Banking to Real Estate Brokering. The Adult Professionals Group is focused on active and inquisitive career-minded people seeking fellowship with other similarly-minded people. It is non-exclusive, and all interested people are invited to attend. To RSVP for the event, please contact Dulcie Mapondera (dtmapondera@hotmail.com) and Rita Silva (rmrs2910@hotmail.com).

STAND YOUR GROUND: BLACK BODIES AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD. Thursdays, February 6–20, 6:30 pm in the Vestry Room. In the past few years, the killing of innocent black and brown people, accompanied by a marked rise in white nationalism, has prompted a fierce reckoning about race in America. Join the Reverend Peter Thompson for a discussion of Kelly Brown Douglas' searing book *Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God*. What is the reality of being black or brown in this country? And how can we draw on our Christian faith in our effort to make our society more loving and more just? Attendees are encouraged (but not required) to read the book in advance of the discussion.

VALENTINE'S DAY RENEWAL OF VOWS: Friday, February 14 at 6 pm. All married couples are invited to celebrate and renew their commitment to each other in this meaningful service followed by a champagne toast. Everyone is welcome to attend this celebration of Love. Make a night out of it and enjoy a special prix fixe menu at Inside Park. Learn more and RSVP at stbarts.org/valentinesday. *And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)*



If you have not yet made your 2020 pledge, please do so now. We count on our community to support St. Bart's each and every year and your pledge helps us to plan better. Tax statements will be mailed in February. Kindly collect your weekly or monthly envelopes from the Stewardship Table in the west end of the church.

Consider a distribution from your qualified retirement plan for St. Bart's to fulfill your pledge. This is a great way to make a gift to the church and reduce your taxable income. Always check with your tax advisor for the best way to make a gift for you. Questions? Please call Meighan Corbett, Director of Giving at 212-378-0278 or email her at corbett@stbarts.org.

ORCHESTRA MODERN PERFORMS MEDTNER AND TCHAIKOVSKY: Thursday, February 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Bart's. The Orchestra Modern is the newest ensemble of The Clarion Music Society, which has been hailed as "stellar" and "polished" by The New York Times, and "legendary" by The New Yorker. This concert features virtuoso pianist Ilya Maximov, a member of the faculty of the Mozarteum in Salzburg, performing Nikolay Medtner's exquisite Piano Concerto No. 2. Learn more at mmpaf.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 25: Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration at 6 pm.

FEBRUARY 26: Ash Wednesday—Services at 8 am, 12:05 pm, and 6 pm, Ashes imposed 7 am–7 pm.

MARCH 8: Great Music at St. Bart's presents The Apple Hill Chamber Players, 2:30 pm in the chapel. Tickets and information: mmpaf.org.

APRIL 5: Palm Sunday—Holy Week begins.

APRIL 11: Holy Saturday; Easter Vigil at 7 pm, festive reception following.

APRIL 12: Easter Day—Services at 8 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm.

MAY 7: Great Music at St. Bart's presents Juliard Organists in Recital, 7:30 pm in the chapel. Admission is free; no tickets or reservations are necessary.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTION

In accordance with the Church's Bylaws, the Vestry has set the time and place for the annual parish meeting and vestry election. **These will take place on Sunday, February 23 at 10 am in the nave of the Church.** All are invited to attend. Only qualified voters are eligible to vote. The Vestry has nominated the following people for election: John B. Gilliland to serve a second 2-year term as Warden; Archer Christian Burke to serve a second 3-year term as a Vestry member; four individuals each to serve an initial 3-year term as a Vestry member: William ("Bill") Fry IV, Astrid Horan, J Patrick Hornbeck II, and Mary Robin Jurkiewicz. Nominees' biographies will be posted at stbarts.org/annualmeeting on January 15. These will also be available in hard copy form in the Church starting February 9 through February 23.

Two matters proposed for vote at The Annual Parish Meeting: The Vestry resolved to seek parish approval for two amendments to the certificate of incorporation. One amendment would effect an update of the legal name and title of the corporation to "St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York." (The current legal corporate name and title was established in 1835 and is "The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York.") The other amendment is corporate "housekeeping" to fix an outer bound for the annual meeting and vestry election date each year. (The date is currently wholly unfixed.) The Vestry requests that the parish vote FOR each of these amendments at the annual meeting. Each amendment is presented in greater detail, together with the rationale for it, at stbarts.org/amendments. This information will also be available in hard copy form in the Church starting February 9 through February 23.

Additional information about the annual meeting, voting, the Vestry nomination process, and the two amendments to the certificate of incorporation is available at stbarts.org/annualmeeting.