**Open House & Ministry Volunteer Fair**

Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others,

Faithfully administering God’s Grace In its various forms. (1 Peter 4:10)

Open House & Service Ministry Volunteer Fair

Meet fellow parishoners, Enjoy food & drinks, Explore our many Ministries, Talk to their volunteers

Join US after every Mass, Sept. 17th & 18th

Do you have a gift to share? Please consider making a commitment to one of our St. Bart’s ministries. We can’t do it without you. A description of the parish ministries available at the Service Ministry Volunteer Fair are below:

**Parish Ministries Information**

**Worship**

**Adult Choir** – The Choir is a group of adult volunteers who love to sing! Teens are welcome, too. Led by Carole Wysocki, the group rehearses weekly on Wednesday evenings, 8-10pm in the choir room in the school and sings weekly at the 10am Mass and for holy days and other special services. Choir rehearsals for fall begin on Wed. Sept. 14th. All voice parts are welcome and needed. No experience necessary; we train! Our choir is a hard-working and fun-loving group bonded by their love of music. It’s true that the one who sings prays twice! Please see Carole Wysocki at 1wysemon@gmail.com or any choir member for more details.

**Church Guild –** Our group works in church every week, year round, meeting on Friday mornings. We clean, polish and dust; we buy and arrange flowers. We follow the liturgical calendar and work with the Liturgy Committee to prepare and decorate the church for all seasons and feasts during the year. For more information please contact Maria El Khouri at maria.elkhouri@gmail.com

**Digital at Mass** - This ministry runs the remote for the PowerPoint slides at each of our Sunday Masses. It’s as easy as clicking your TV remote. Volunteers needed especially for 12 noon Mass. Teens encouraged to consider this ministry. Please contact Carole Wysocki at 1wysemon@gmail.com

**EMHC** – The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" of the entire Christian Life.  As a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion you recognize and offer the Body of Christ to those you offer the Eucharist to and ultimately you act as the Body of Christ by fully participating in the life of the parish and the wider community.  Your willingness to commit to a monthly schedule and show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by your demeanor, attire and the manner in which you handle the consecrated bread or wine further reflects that commitment.  In addition, some ministers take the Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. Training is available on the parish level and participation in the Archdiocesan Eucharistic Ministry workshop is encouraged. A web based program is used for all scheduling that allows individuals ease of scheduling or seeking substitutes when needed and it is available as an iPhone app. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve approximately twice per month. If you would like the opportunity to be a part of this special ministry please forward your contact email and phone information to us at parishsecretary@stbartholomew.org and an appointment will be set up with our pastor Father Mark Smith.  Training - Ann Kennedy - alkenne@aol.com

**Lector** – Also called Reader, the Lector is a person chosen to read Holy Scripture in the church services**.**To proclaim and read the lessons from sacred Scripture, except for the Gospel, in the Mass and other liturgical celebrations; to recite the psalm between the readings when there is no psalmist; to present the intentions for the General Intercessions. One training session is provided at a convenient time. Scheduling is done by a computer program allowing you a flexible easy in hand schedule. Commitment – 1-2x per month. Contact parishsecretary@stbartholomew.org - Training Peg Jobst - pegjobst@gmail.com

**Ushers** – The Ministry of Ushering is a vital part of any church service. Ushers represent the church in a very visible way, help set the tone in preparation for the worship service and assist with the smooth operation within the service. Even if detailed policies have not yet been worked out for emergency situations, ushers need to be ready al all times to respond as directed when there is a disturbance, illness, or other situation that requires special attention. St. Bart’s ushers sometimes are called upon to provide directions to facilities, assist visitors to their seats, provide a comfortable temperature in the church and if requested, assist special needs people to enter or leave. Contact Theresa Kowal - tessmac@aol.com **Over**

**Community Service**

**Ignatian Corp –** Mature women and men offering a wide range of life experiences are making a difference in the lives of those in their community who are most in need of assistance—the materially poor, the disenfranchised and marginalized, the afflicted and abused. IVC works in partnerships with community organizations, which provide Ignatian Volunteers with substantive work to serve individuals who have slipped through the safety net. We are former teachers, scientists, accountants, non-profit executives, IT specialists, federal government officials, nurses, lawyers and social workers. We meet one-on-one with a spiritual director of one's choice and attend a monthly meeting at a member's Bethesda home for discussion and fellowship. (Training may be required at a specific job site.) See the Ignatian Volunteer Corp. web page for information on the program, time commitment, spiritual activities, etc. or contact Mr. Michael J. Goggin, M.A.(C) 202-277-4447**mgoggin@ivcusa.org**or Julie Panaro @ juliepanaro@gmail.com

**Community & Parish Life**

**Finance Committee –** Canon law asks that every local Church have a council that oversees the treasure that is collected for its financial well-being. The St. Bartholomew Finance Council meets bi-monthly (for about 1 1/2 hours), reviews regular financial statements and annual budgets of the church and school, and advises the Pastor on financial decisions impacting the parish.  The Finance Council also oversees the Youth and Education Fund and other investments of the parish, develops plans for the financing of repairs, renovations and equipment purchases, ensures payment of debts, and explores ways the parish's financial situation can be improved.  Prospective council members should have some background in accounting, financial management or law, and be willing to roll up your shirt sleeves to make our parish better. If interested please contact Paul Johnson, Vice Chairman at pejohnsonjr@aol.com

**Hospitality –** Do you love party planning and looking for the fellowship of friendly people? Join the hospitality committee which is responsible for promoting fellowship throughout our parish, conducting outreach activities and sponsoring events that welcome new members. No training is necessary, just a love of people. We coordinate with the St. Bart’s School Hospitality committee to create St. Bart’s Day and other social events throughout the year. Contact parishsecretary@stbartholomew.org or Laura Abod - laabod@yahoo.com

**St Bart’s Youth Group -** Engaging teens in meaningful ways to grow their faith.For students in grades 6th-12th who are interested in serving their neighbor, learning more about the Faith, and hanging out with others who want to do the same! Please contact John & Maria Archer (32kaufmann@cua.edu) to receive weekly emails about upcoming events.

**Parish Services**

**Stephen Ministry –** Stephen Ministers have been providing confidential one–to–one lay Christian care for scores of fellow parishioners and others confronted by life difficulties since the ministry was established here 13 years ago. A Stephen Minister’s care is an extension of Christ’s love and an expression of the pastoral care of St. Bartholomew’s for adult individuals who are hurting--persons in the midst of a life difficulty or crisis.

Twenty-five parishioners have received Stephen Ministry or Stephen Leader training, including one priest and two deacons. A Stephen Minister receives 55 hours of formal training. Each minister is matched with a care receiver of the same gender and meets with his or her care receiver, usually in-person, typically once a week for about an hour, and usually over a period of at least several weeks and sometimes longer. Stephen Ministers also participate in a carefully structured twice monthly supervision and continuing education process. Please contact: Chuck Pucie - crpucie@aol.com

**Prayer** **Chain** – The Prayer Group Ministry is a group of dedicated parishioners who lift up to God the prayer requests submitted via the St. Bart’s website or the Prayer Petitions book in the entrance way of the church. It is a comfort to those in need to know that they are not alone in seeking God’s help to ally life’s burdens. Prayer requests are collect and distributed to the group monthly via email. Participation in the group offers a lot of flexibility, there are no meeting! Group members pray with reverence and compassion for those in need. As there are many ways to pray, the ministry is adaptable to individual prayer styles. In this way, the Prayer Group Ministry offers a dynamic blending of community outreach with individual spirituality. Contact: Susan Schill - sschill17@gmail.com