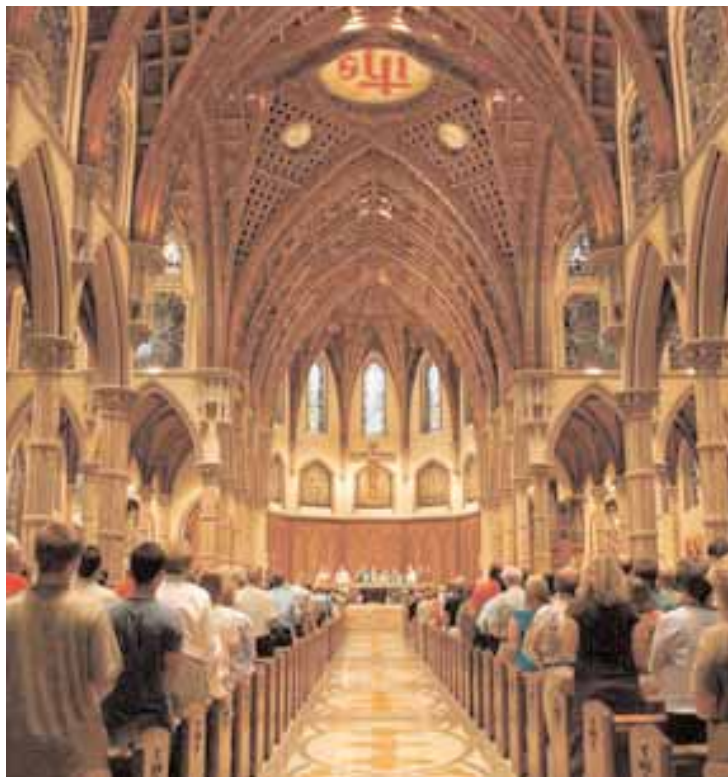




Reflections

A bimonthly publication from St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community



Learn how St. Bart's is preparing for the new translation of the Mass.

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The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

A Reflection on Our Catholic Mass and the New Roman Missal

by Lynnette Savaloja

I am a “cradle Catholic.” I was baptized Catholic as an infant and attended a Catholic elementary school. As a young girl, I prayed the rosary every morning before class, attended weekly Masses in the school gym, and looked forward to the Coronation of Mary each May, when one lucky girl (one year it was finally me!) would place a crown of flowers on the statue of Mary in our school courtyard while we sang “Immaculate Mary.”

As I got older, I went on to become an altar server at our church, was active with our youth programs and attended Catechism classes. I was confirmed when I was 16 years old, and the Church continued to have an important place in my life as I continued on my life’s journeys.

Even while growing up in this Catholic environment, I didn’t have a full understanding of the structure and historical context of the Mass. I understood that the celebration of the Eucharist was a memorial of the Last Supper, bringing together the Catholic community to receive Christ and be his body on Earth. But it was not until I joined St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community and became a member of our choir that I began to have a clearer understanding about the way we worship each Sunday. Things like the three-year lectionary cycle and how the first reading is always from the Old Testament and the second reading from the New Testament, and other structural elements of the Mass. Things the priests, nuns and catechism teachers of my childhood surely taught me, but I did not grasp or forgot along the way.

The new translation of the Roman Missal has presented me with another opportunity to reflect on the Mass and deepen my understanding of our Eucharistic celebration. As a member of the New Roman Missal Implementation Task Force, I have taken the opportunity to study the ancestral history of the Mass, its structure and the elements that make it — and our Catholic Faith — so sacred.

The Celebration Remains the Same

As far back as 150 AD, writings from St. Justin Martyr describe Eucharistic

celebrations that are very similar to how we celebrate the Mass today. Since the Council of Trent commissioned the Missal of Pius V in 1570, there have been six revisions to the Missal of the Catholic Mass. New texts have been added, while other elements have been deleted; the language of the Mass changed from Greek to Latin and later to the vernacular (English). Throughout all of the changes in the Mass during our Church’s history, the Eucharist has remained central to our worship and celebration, and this remains true with this newest translation of the Roman Missal.

On November 27, when we celebrate Mass for the first time with our new Missal, it will feel different, maybe even awkward. The new translation uses language that more closely reflects the Latin text, which will require us to think more closely about what we are saying. The responses won’t come automatically anymore, at least not for a while. However, while the words we say will change, their meaning will not. If anything, it may offer us the chance to have a better understanding of the Mass and to reflect on its origins in the Bible and the teachings of Jesus.

Resources to Help You Prepare

In addition to the short video series being shown at Mass, a number of other resources have been provided to help explain and prepare for the upcoming changes:

- A guide to the new translation, with a pull-out reference card, can be found at the information desk. A more detailed guide can also be found in the church library located off the north entrance near the parking lot.
- **On Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.** Fr. Michael will present a workshop to illustrate the changes, facilitate discussion and answer questions.
- We have created a webpage on the St. Bart’s website, with general information and links to additional resources: www.st-barts.org//worship/newromanmissal.asp

I encourage everyone to take advantage of these resources to prepare for the implementation of the new translation of the Missal and, if you are like me, to refresh your understanding of the Mass and develop a deeper appreciation for the history of our Eucharistic celebration and our faith.

St. Bart’s Softball Team is a Hit



Back row, left to right:
Pat LaCombe, Kyle Didier, Chris Jones, Paul Bergstrom, Tom Witchger, Fr. Reading, Andy Krane

Front row left to right:
Dan Van Orsow, Anthony Leali, Bill Muske, Ned Dau, Mike Cassidy, Mark Ferry, Mark Frank

Not Pictured: Harry Hunt, Dan Kaiser, John Christianson, David Motes, Gary Tucker, Greg Hasper, Jeff Kapler, John Grobe, John Hess, Mike Simpson, Jim Dau, Bruce Gebhart

Shared Ministry

fits you to a ‘‘T’’



We at St. Bartholomew strive to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, embracing the reality that all people have been gifted by God to participate in God's mission to serve and transform the world. As a member of the community you are encouraged to reflect on this mission and respond to where God is calling you to serve.

This year's Shared Ministry Opportunities Booklet, which was recently mailed, is full of ministry opportunities that will help you discover how and where you may serve at St. Bartholomew and beyond the church doors. So try a few on for size...there's sure to be a ministry that fits your gifts, skills, interests and time! Take a few minutes to review the ministries in the booklet and determine which ministry areas you have an interest in learning more about. Then complete and return the Ministry Interest and Gift Inventory forms found in the booklet by **Sept 12**. Our ministry areas and the Shared Ministry Opportunities Booklet can also be found on our website, www.st-barts.org, under Get Involved. If you have questions, please contact Marion Clark, 952/473-6601, mclark@st-barts.org.

Volunteer Opportunities 2011 - 2012

A Heaping Helping of Thanks for Kay Dombeck

by Christine Ducharme

On Wednesday August 31 long-time parishioner Kay Dombeck was recognized at the annual parish staff breakfast for her work with funeral lunches. Kay makes feeding 100-200-300 people seem effortless but it is far from easy. Along with her volunteers, she supplied all the food, called all the volunteers, set all the tables, fed all the people and washed all the dishes and no-one ever heard her complain. Not once.

Last summer 175 new funeral lunch volunteers were recruited to fill Kay's shoes and Kay will now step down from coordinating funeral lunches and she will pass the baton (or should we say the wooden spoon?) to Michelle Hanson. Please welcome Michelle as she gets acquainted in her new role as the funeral lunch coordinator.

Kay and her husband John Dombeck joined St. Bartholomew's in 1954 when Fr. Demetrius was the pastor. Shortly after becoming a member she began contributing her time and talent in taking care of the rectory and providing food and housekeeping for Frs. Demetrius, Harrer, Blumeyer, Soukup, Bischof, Blaise, Stanley, Pierre and LaCanne.

In addition to her consideration for St. Bart's priests we can also find her in the sacristy where she serves as a sacristan for daily Masses and maintains the sacristy by cleaning all the vessels, linens, censor and maintaining the vigil lamp. Kay also sets up for extraordinary liturgies during Advent, Lent and Triduum and serves as sacristan and host for extraordinary baptisms; especially with visiting clergy and other groups who use our facilities for Masses and Sacraments.

Kay also provides the supplies for Sunday hospitality and provides meals and hospitality for the Priests first reconciliation dinner and deanery meetings, the choir breakfasts, women's bible study, adult faith formation events, Heart of the Matter events and the capital campaign.

Now let's leave the sacristy and the kitchen to learn where else Kay spends her time: Among her many duties, she can be found doing the mailings for parish communications such as

Reflections and the Shared Ministry, Stewardship and Images of Spring brochures. In Kay's spare time she cleans and dusts the church and relieves Terri and Krystal in the parish office.

Kay is a real pro and a joy to work with. Next time you see her give her a big thank you for more than a half-century (and counting!) of dedicated service to St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community.



John and Kay Dombeck

Lending a Helping Hand at Holy Rosary

by Sam Tauer

The Eagle Scout award is something that I have always wanted to earn. It represents leadership and brings pride to anyone who achieves it. When it came to me doing my Eagle project, I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. I knew that I wanted to help my community and give back to it because it has given so much to me.

I decided to ask Marion Clark, Director of Shared Ministry, for an idea of a project to do at the church. She then suggested that I talk to someone at Holy Rosary, our sister parish. After talking with Fr. Jim and Sr. Margaret of Holy Rosary, I knew this would be a great place to do my project.

After a lot of planning and working out the details I had my project set up to do at Holy Rosary. The plan was to fix up the general appearance of the grounds by doing some edging and mulching, adding some flowers and plants, and then also putting in a bench on top of a cement slab that we would build. A lot of time and planning went into the project, assembling a work crew, seeking donations and discount certificates

from local businesses and the actual job itself. I put an item in our bulletin asking for donations. I received a call from a parishioner who offered enough money to take care of all the costs, which helped me get my project done in a shorter amount of time because I didn't have to worry about raising money.

After my project was completed the grounds looked great. Holy Rosary parishioners made use of the bench immediately. Everyone was happy with the results and I was very proud of what I was able to do. I was just glad to help my sister parish and community and to help make Holy Rosary more appealing. I recently had my Eagle Board of Review and am happy to say that I am now an Eagle Scout.

Above right: Parishioner Sam Tauer uses his green thumb to spruce up Holy Rosary's landscape. Right: A Holy Rosary family enjoys the beautiful bench.



Something to Think About

by Cindy Schriever

The Stewardship Development committee has decided to make the collection of the 2012 Stewardship of Treasure commitment cards a priority during this fall renewal campaign. The future of the parish to continue its mission depends on all parishioners doing their part to support the work of St. Bartholomew Catholic Faith Community.

Therefore, on October 1 and 2 you will be asked to prayerfully examine your financial support of the parish and return your commitment card. The cards are worded differently this year, thus every registered household will be expected to return a card - at least let us know you consider yourself a registered member of St. Bart's.

To minimize the resources required to collect these commitments, committee members will be present to receive the cards after Masses Oct 1 - 30. Please reflect on all that God has provided you and determine what an appropriate finan-

cial commitment to the parish would be. By letting us know what you intend to contribute we can better determine what our projected income will be for 2012. Returning your card in a timely manner will save us from having to use more resources to contact you.

We would also like to encourage you to sign up for electronic giving. Giving in this way enables you to contribute whether you are out of town for the weekend or extended time during the summer or winter. Please stop by the information desk after Mass or call the parish office for details.

Beginning Oct 1, if you give cash, pew envelopes will be available. This will allow us to give you credit and allow you to take a tax deduction.

Our parish's larger challenge this year is to motivate those 332 households that do not contribute to consider starting with a small gift of any size and assess whether their relationship with God and the larger world

doesn't improve as they act upon seeing everything they have as a gift. If you find yourself in this group and you are not comfortable with making a financial commitment, we encourage you to become involved by signing up for a ministry activity or by giving us a bit of your time and talent.

And finally, thank you to those who faithfully contribute to St. Bartholomew - and a special thanks to those who plan to increase their level of giving for 2012. Our Strategic Plan goal of \$1.25 million in pledges for 2012 will allow the parish to continue to balance the budget for next year and future years to come.

2011/2012 Committee Members: Shelly Dau, Kyle Didier, Mike Kasner, Paul Kralovec, Janet Lillevoid, Katie O'Keeffe, Bob Poorman, Ann Rukavina Fleming, and Neil Vill

Celebrating Through Music

by Richard Clarke

This September marks the fourth anniversary of the move to our new worship space. During that time, the word has spread in the Twin Cities community about the wonderful new worship space at St. Bartholomew and its fine acoustics for singing. As a result, a number of choral ensembles have inquired about giving concerts in our new church.

This year we are pleased to host concerts by some of the finest vocal ensembles in the Twin Cities. We will be hosting three concerts by Cantus, and we will be welcoming back The Rose Ensemble in February. Also, there will be first-time concerts by The Singers, The National Lutheran Choir, and Magnum Chorum. Our series of musical events also includes an annual favorite, *A Festival of Lessons and Carols* by our own St. Bartholomew Parish choirs on Friday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us.

October 16, 3:00 p.m.
Cantus
On the Shoulders of Giants

There are artists who have left an indelible mark in music with words that are both timeless and instantly recognizable. On the *Shoulders of Giants* features masterworks by composers and songwriters - from Bach, Sibelius, and Schubert to Lennon and McCartney, who continue to inspire each generation of new musicians. Tickets may be purchased online at the Cantus website: www.cantusonline.org.

October 22, 8:00 p.m.
The Singers; Matthew Culloton,
Conductor and Artistic Director

My Soul's Response: Durufle
Requiem and Allegri Miserere

The Singers open their 2011-2012 season at St. Bartholomew with Maurice Durufle's transcending Requiem in the chamber orchestra version, featuring organist Aaron David Miller. Also, on the program are J.S. Bach's *Jesu, meine Freude* and Gregorio Allegri's soaring *Miserere*. Tickets may be purchased online at The Singers website: www.singersmca.org.

November 4, 7:30 p.m.
The National Lutheran Choir; David
Cherwien, Director
Kyrie: Journey to Light

This is the choir's annual All Saints program. Tickets may be purchased online at The National Lutheran Choir website: www.nlca.com.

Magnum Chorum
November 13, 3:00 p.m.
Requiem: Faure

Tickets may be purchased at the Magnum Chorum website: www.magnumchorum.org.

December 20, 7:30 p.m.
Cantus
Christmas with Cantus

Celebrate the season with this Twin Cities tradition. From traditional carols and exciting new Cantus arrangements to the perennial favorite, Franz Biebl's *Ave Maria*, Cantus brings the warm and cheer of Christmas to you and your family. Tickets may be purchased online at the Cantus website: www.cantusonline.org.

January 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
St. Bartholomew Choirs &
Instrumental Ensemble
A Festival of Lessons and Carols:
A 12th Night Celebration

This year's carol festival will take place on Friday night, January 6th, the 12th day of Christmas and will feature music for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

February 17, 8:00 p.m.
(7:00 p.m. Pre-Concert Presentation)

The Rose Ensemble
Candlelight Concert
Gothic Grandeur: Voices from the
Great Cathedrals of Europe

Escape to a time when artists were heroes and the decorative masterpieces they created embodied the pride and ambition of a city's inhabitants; a time when church-building architecture was as ornate and elaborate as the very music it housed, and composers were paid better than politicians. Join us now for an illuminating concert of chant and polyphony by candlelight, performed in some of our own architectural wonders! This special performance of ethereal vocal music (ca. 1200-1500) from English, Franco-Flemish, German and Spanish archives is produced in conjunction with the Getty Museum's Gothic Grandeur manuscript exhibition. Tickets may be purchased online at the Rose Ensemble website: www.roseensemble.org.

March 25, 3:00 p.m.
Cantus
The Singing Revolution:
Songs of the Baltic Awakening

Can music really change the world? In 1989 it did as the people of Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia joined hands in a peaceful revolution of song to gain their independence from the Soviet Union. Don't miss this inspiring story and the beautiful music of the Baltic states. Tickets may be purchased online at the Cantus website: www.cantusonline.org.

JOHN

The Letters & Gospel of



When: Thursdays, October 6 - November 10
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Cost: \$45, which includes book and handouts
Registration Deadline: Sept 30
Registration forms can be found on our website, www.st-barts.org, Events & News or at the Information Desk in the Narthex.

Dr. Catherine Cory is currently on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas. She has earned her Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity.



SCHOOL NEWS

Excitement and Changes in the Air

by Lynn Volkenant

It has been a busy summer at school! We have many of our long-term goals being implemented and excitement is in the air for teachers, families, students. In September we will adopt Singapore Math as our new math curriculum. On September 8, at our regularly scheduled Curriculum Night for parents, we will provide parents some understanding and training in this wonderful new resource.

Also, on the same night, we will introduce our new standards-based report cards. The teachers and I spent all of last year in research and discussion about grading and report cards, and are proud to have designed a report card that truly reports student progress. The report will help students, parents and teachers focus precisely on each individual student's learning objectives. Two of our teachers, Caryn Wickland and Berny Peterson, were asked by the archdiocese to participate in a report card building group over the summer. In the very near future, all schools will be implementing these kinds of reports. Please, even if you do not have students in our school, plan on attending Curriculum Night, September 8 at 6 p.m. We are excited to share with you our ground-breaking efforts.

Finally, what a pleasure it is to introduce our new teachers for the 2011-12 school year! Our hiring committee and I had a great time interviewing talented and passionate teachers. We had the opportunity to choose from the "cream of the crop" and are thrilled with the results!

Here are the positions they are filling followed by photos and bios of all five. As Preschool lead teacher, we chose Catie Corken who will "light up" our program for the littlest ones. Our Preschool Para/Title 1 teacher is Terri Lynn Parker and she brings much experience in working with students and reading. We plan on having this position "grow" to include gifted programming and more support for struggling readers. Our two new second grade teachers are Maggie McLoone and Megan Litz Hoxmeier. Each of them is excited to work with the children as they begin this very important year of sacramental preparation. In our fifth grade, we welcome Kim Diederichs who subbed in our building last year and brings great energy and enthusiasm. It is going to be a fabulous year at St. Bartholomew School!

Catie Corken
Preschool Lead Teacher

My name is Catie Corken. I'm excited to be a new preschool teacher at St. Bartholomew Catholic School and look forward to working with the preschoolers during their most impressionable years and helping them develop a love for learning. Every student brings something special to the classroom, and I'm excited to begin this new adventure with each of them. I graduated this past May from the College of St. Benedict with a degree in Elementary Education. I grew up in Medina and feel very blessed to be welcomed into a new Catholic community so close to home. I love working with young children and am really looking forward to the upcoming school year!



Catie Corken

Terri Lynn Parker
Preschool Para/Title 1 Teacher

My name is Terri Lynn Parker. I was born in Brookings, South Dakota, raised in Bloomington, MN, and currently reside in Chanhassen with my husband and our three dogs. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in elementary education and psychology from the University of St. Thomas. I hold a reading license from Hamline University and a special education license from the University of St. Thomas. Presently, I am working toward my master's with an anticipated completion in the spring of 2012. With 15 years of experience, I have had the privilege of working with a variety of students and abilities - Kindergarten through eighth grade. I am very excited to be joining the St. Bart's team and look forward to getting to know the wonderful families here.



Terri Lynn Parker

Maggie McLoone
Second Grade Teacher

I grew up in Mankato, where I attended Catholic schools from Kindergarten through high school. I graduated from the College of St. Benedict in 2006 with an Elementary Education degree. For the past four years, I have gained experience at Holy Trinity in South St Paul as a 2nd grade long term substitute, director of the Extended Day program, and a middle school social studies teacher. I am so excited to be teaching 2nd grade and working with young students again. I also look forward to the upcoming year as students prepare for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. I feel so blessed to begin my first year with the wonderful community at St. Bartholomew.



Maggie McLoone



SCHOOL NEWS

Megan Litz Hoxmeier
Second Grade Teacher

I was born in Omaha, Nebraska and grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where I attended Catholic schools from Kindergarten through high school. I have a bachelor's degree in elementary education, specializing in communications, and a minor in music from the College of St. Benedict. For the past year, I was teaching 3rd grade in the public school district in Sioux Falls, but I got married in July and moved to Plymouth. I am so excited to be invited into the St. Bartholomew community! I love that as a teacher I get to meet a new group of uniquely incredible children each year and help them to realize their potential!



Megan Litz Hoxmeier

Kim Diederichs
Fifth Grade Teacher

Hello! My name is Kim Diederichs. I graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in May 2011 with a degree in Elementary Education. I attended St. Stephen's School in Anoka from kindergarten through 8th grade and graduated from Champlin Park High School. I subbed a couple times at St. Bart's last year before working as a long term substitute in St. Paul. Everyone I've met at St. Bart's has been wonderful and I am so excited to be a part of such a warm and welcoming community. My favorite part about teaching is getting to know the students and being a part of their learning every day - I love seeing those "lightbulb moments!" I have found that as I teach students, I learn from them as well. I can't wait to start the year and get to know the students and families at St. Bart's. I look forward to a terrific year.



Kim Diederichs



by *Tammy Ochs*

Parishioners, be sure to mark your calendars...The 2011 Gathering is just days away, and we are very excited to continue this great tradition, with exciting games and entertainment. Be sure to join us at The Gathering on Friday, September 9, from 5:00 - 10:30 p.m. The food and games will begin at 5:00 p.m., with live music from Red Dot Garage from 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.

This is not only a fun evening full of food, games and music, but more importantly, an evening where our St. Bart's community gathers to celebrate the start of the school year and to bring friends and neighbors together.

We are excited to bring back our SUPERaffle again this year. We have made a few changes this year. There will be nine cash prizes versus the six from last year. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$50/ticket and will be cut off at 350 tickets. The drawing will be held on Friday, September 9. You do not need to be present to win. One Grand Prize = \$2,500 / One 2nd. Prize = \$1,000 / Two 3rd. Prize = \$500 / Three 4th. Prize = \$100.

Look for the ticket sale information in the bulletin. If you have questions about the raffle, please contact: Kelly Kapeller, kkapeller@comcast.net, Michele Sussner, michele@vinniebleu.com or Amy Wojciechowski, awojo@comcast.net.

E-vite Your Friends and Family to The Gathering

We've made it easy to invite friends, family, and neighbors to The Gathering and other events. Go to our website, www.st-barts.org, and click on E-vites, under Community. Fill out the simple-to-use form and an e-vite email will be sent to them. (You can send the evite email to more than one person as well.) The subject line will show that the email comes from you and you have space to add a personal message.

Upcoming Events

September

- Thursday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter
- Friday, Sept. 9, 5 p.m.
The Gathering (see page 7)
- Tues., Sept. 27 - Dec., 6, 9:30 a.m.
Women's Scripture Study
Women of the Torah

October

- Thursdays, Oct. 6 - Nov. 10, 7:00 p.m.
Adult Evening Bible Study
The Letters & Gospel of John
- Thursday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m.
The Heart of the Matter
- Wed., Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m.
Roman Missal Parish Workshop

You'll find the latest information about St. Bart's events and much more on our website, www.st-barts.org, under Events & News.

Member Update

Baptisms

Ethan Jones
William McNeill
Emily Gerlach
Giada Keets
Bradley Holmers
Madeline Funk

Deaths

Lowell Berchtold
Catherine Arnoldy
Herb Ackerman
Ken Wolford

New Members

Theresa & Christopher Meis
Thomas & Mary Francis
Juan & Belkis Rosario
Paula & Tryg Sarsland
Daniel & Holly Shore
Jody & David Estensen
Christina & Caleb Funk
Robert & Joyce Finn
Javier & Rebecca Trujillo
Michael Shamblin
Tiffany Ziegler
Matthew & Sheila Ketcham
Sally Packard
Stacy Houser
Shauna & Adam Day
Mary & Mark Plooster
Brian & Camie Donohue
Marni Benson
Lee & Jennifer Giorgi
Scott & Kara Dillon

Marriages

John Andrew Hoedeman &
Michelle Miller Theilmann

Dennis Michael Ziegler &
Tiffany Jo Christiansen

Peter Josef Tanis &
Anna Marie Hanten

Lance Mervin Mattila &
Katelyn Elise French

Patrick Neil Hofmann &
Vanessa Marie Van Beusekom

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