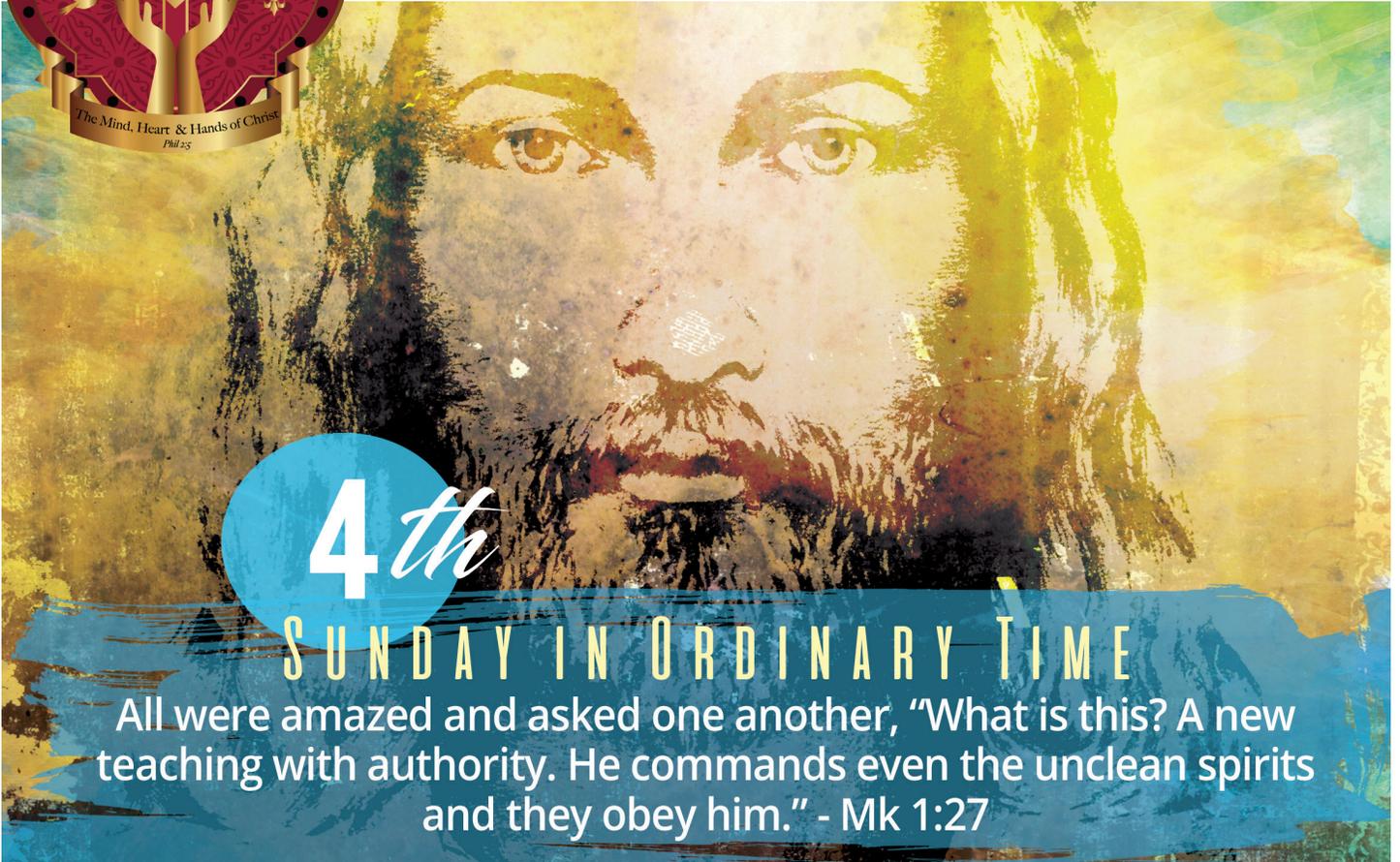




ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 31, 2021



4th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - Mk 1:27

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Rev. Michael A. Hanly

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Deacon Robert Gurske
Deacon Donald Hessemer

MASS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 6 & 7
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday

Confessions 4:00PM - Fr. Paladino
Mass 5:00PM - Fr. Santos

Sunday

7:30AM - Fr. Hanly
9:00AM - Fr. Santos
10:30AM - Fr. Paladino
Noon - Msgr. Guenther

Our Parish Mission

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, are brought together by Jesus, as we recognize His presence among us in Word, Sacrament and each other. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we accept Jesus' invitation to be His disciples by using our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all.



May we always be attentive to the voice of God.



Too often, we define a prophet as one who sees into the future – a fore-caster, or a psychic. But the biblical meaning of this role is someone who interprets the divine will. The prophet delivers God’s message to his/her contemporaries and advocates for adherence to God’s plan.

In the first reading, we encounter Moses, God’s prophet who did marvelous deeds in fulfillment of God’s will – leading the Israelites out of Egypt, giving them God’s commandments, and leading them to the brink of the Promised Land. Moses relays God’s message of another, far greater prophet: *I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.* Further, God would hold accountable those who will not listen to his words.



And God did, indeed, send the greatest prophet of all – his Only Begotten Son. In Hebrew, the word for this anointed one is “Messiah.” In Greek, it translates as the “Christ.” The angels confirmed the arrival of this Mes-siah in their message to the shepherds on the night of Jesus’ birth. The Father confirmed the anointing of Je-sus at his baptism in the Jordan and again at his Transfiguration. When Jesus preached, he revealed what the Father wanted him to reveal. Whenever Jesus spoke or performed healings, he did so in harmony with God’s will: “His works and words will manifest him as ‘the Holy One of God’” (CCC 438).

In today’s Gospel, we read of one such instance. When Jesus was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum, *the people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.* And that authority was further manifested when he drove out the unclean spirit from a man. The people were even more astounded that even the unclean spirits had obeyed him. The Church, too, continues to act publicly and authoritatively in the name of Christ. She exists to proclaim the Gospel message. In the name of Jesus, she calls down God’s protection against evil in the rites of initiation.

What is the lesson for us in all of this? Perhaps the clue can be found in today’s psalm response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts* (Psalm 95:7-8). We are constantly being bombarded with messages, with voices: from marketers and politicians; from friends and foes; from those who spew hate and from those who seek peace; from voices who want us to satisfy our own interests and from those who seek the common good.

Let us listen to God’s prophets. Let us focus on those who have God’s words in their mouths. This will take prayer and discernment, but it is possible with God’s grace. In the midst of all the noise, may we always be attentive to the voice of God.



Either you run the day,
or the day runs you.



We Welcome

New Parishioners September 2, 2020 to January 13, 2021

Kelly Blom
Sujeiry Sanchez
Megan O’Shea
Kirk Drum
Hayley Beldner
Dennis & Kerri Cuocci
Bryan Villagomez
Michael Reis
Angela Manibay
Shannon Van Doren
John & Connie Profaci
Martin & Brianna Carroll
Joseph & Anissa Kotulak
Mark, Daniela & Antonia Palmieri
Vincent, Judy & Sofia Tucci

Matthew & Christine Markovich
Anthony & Marcelle Schillizzi
Jessica, Katherine & Emily Pena
Jon, Caitlin & William Bareford
Joseph, Lauren & Zachary Pegas
William & Corinne Hunnell
Rafael, Jenna, Jaxon & Mason Diaz
Joseph, Meg & Mason DiBernardo
Lawrence, Siobhan & Mairead Knox
Stephen, Heather & Madelyn Williams
Jason, Melissa & Lillian Robbins
Joseph, Jennifer & Sofia Scuccimarri
Paul, Diana, Nathan & Landon DaCunha
Christopher, Michelle & Harper Williams
Nicholas, Lara, Olivia & Nicholas Ruggieri

Gianfranco, Danielle, Genevieve
& Francesca Leone
Stephen, Ashley, Avianna, Nico
& Lorenzo Sciaraffo
Andrew, Marilyn, Nathan, Asher
& Noemie Rosario
Michael, Catherine, Andrew,
Cassian & Felicity Ziobro
Michael, Stephanie, Michael
& Mia Sciortino
Keith, Elizabeth, Zachary
& Alexander Waggoner
Jacqueline, Kiersten, Courtney
& Peyton O’Donnell

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ at the start of this new year.

Though different in many ways, our recent celebration of Christmas, reminded us so powerfully that Christ is the Light that shines in the darkness.

In more ways than one, this past year seemed to be covered by shadows and dimmed by the dramatic global pandemic that continues to affect our world. Despite the uncertainty and adversity, the People of God remain steadfast in their witness and stewardship, and for this I am grateful.

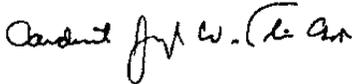
As is customary for this time of year, I would like to humbly ask your support for the 2021 Annual Appeal which will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care of the poor and those on the margins.

Now more than ever, especially during this health crisis, our ministries and programs need your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal?

I can assure you that 100% of your contribution will fund the case for support outlined in the enclosed brochure. The gifts we receive are used exclusively to serve the mission of the Church and nothing more.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness. May Mary, Mother of our Redeemer and our Mother, protect you and lead you ever closer to her Son.

Sincerely in Christ the Redeemer,



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark

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Gospel values so that they are the living Christ: Christ's arms, Christ's legs, here on earth, to minister to His people. As Pope Benedict said, Catholic schools are "first and foremost.... a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals His transforming love and truth."

I have been both a Catholic school educator and administrator for over thirty years. This is my first year at SBA. I feel blessed to be welcomed into such a caring and loving community who not only supports, but celebrates its faculty, staff and students. All who enter here are truly welcomed as Christ. Our teachers are dedicated educators who are partners with our parents to help fulfill the school's mission. Teaching is not only their profession, but it is their ministry. This has been most evident this year as they work through a world pandemic to provide face to face and virtual instruction to our students. Faculty, staff, parents, and administration have created a safe and protective atmosphere where our students feel safe to learn.

Catholic education as a whole and SBA are continuously striving to update students' educational and technological instruction to meet their 21st century needs. In our academic world, we have added a STEM lab, one on one chrome book instruction, Smart boards in every classroom, and a new math and reading curriculum. In our faith world, we are attending Mass together, participating in a kindness campaign and providing social-emotional class activities for our students. When these two worlds collide, a Catholic education at SBA offers a well-balanced education for "the whole child." I welcome you to come and see what we are all about! Visit our website and book a socially distanced tour! You'll be glad that you did because good things are happening at SBA!



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Why Should You Choose a Catholic School for Your Child?

Kimberly Harrigan, Principal

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A parent's choice of a Catholic school for their child is a personal one. Catholic schools offer a strong and consistent academic education infused within a faith-based curriculum. It is through this Christ centered environment that we are unique and can help our students make a difference in their lives to reach their full potential. We help our students go into the world to be life-giving members of society who are highly skilled, tolerant, loving and just.

Being a product of Catholic education, I was blessed to be able to follow suit and send my own children to Catholic schools. Each day I was amazed to see how they took what they learned and apply it to their everyday life. They were stewards of their faith and wanted to make a difference in the world. When I asked my son why he thought it was important to bring food in for a food drive one day, he replied, "Because it is who we are and what we do. We help those less fortunate because we can." This is what Catholic schools do best. We immerse our children in the Academy

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What's the plan? Do you know a family in your neighborhood that has been adversely affected by COVID? Maybe this is someone who lost a job, has lost a family member or even a front line worker that is working endless hours? We would like to send a little love and care to our neighbors in need that won't ask for help. Here's how it works. You nominate someone, give us a little information and we will deliver a "We Care" package anonymously to their door during the 5 weeks of Lent. Remember, this is someone who could really use help during these difficult times. **How to Nominate a Family:** Send an Email to stbcommunityoutreach@stbartholomewchurch.org. Include an address, the family makeup # of Adults 13+ & # of Children under 13. Nominations due by **February 14.** **How to Volunteer:** Pick up a Bag and Donate a Bag, Pick up a special bag to fill on **Sunday, February 7** from 9 -11AM in front of the rectory and return **Sunday, February 21** from 9-11AM in front of rectory. You can volunteer to give out and receive bags or you can volunteer to deliver bags to those nominated! Sign up at volunteer genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20FOB4AAA729A6FC1-love>.

PANTRY NEWS

Thank you for your generosity in helping us to feed those in need during these difficult times. For now, we need the following; *Cereal, Shelf stable milk, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, fruit cups, granola bars, healthy snacks, tomato sauce, soups, rice, taco dinner kits, Mac and Cheese, Spaghettes, Ramen Noodles and crackers.* Please hold off on pasta, beans and canned vegetables. Thank you!!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ELAINE COUPE
stbcommunityoutreach@stbartholomewchurch.org

YOUTH GROUP

"Baby, it's cold outside." Those song lyrics are very true but, that did not stop our Youth Group from gathering outside last week. Conversations varied from coronavirus, to hybrid learning, to the weighted value of the SATs on today's college applications. With members ranging in age from freshman year of high school to senior year, many perspectives were shared and discussed. Another topic of conversation was looking at oneself to see how we can live more like Jesus. Leaders also worked on small group discussion on how to be an effective leader during covid. Our seniors are looking forward to a digital meet with available alumni. If you are a high school senior and have questions for our college alumni, please join. Reach out to the Youth Minister if you do not already get the REMIND texts.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN
yg@stbartholomewchurch.org

RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

Grades 1-6 At Home Family Faith Formation A central website serves as a hub for all things faith formation! Lessons and videos to supplement the workbooks, along with a pool of resources to support families in living out our faith in everyday life are sent weekly. Passing on the faith to our families and children is not so much about memorizing concepts or passing a test. It's about a way of life! Our program this year supports families not only in learning the faith, but also in living it! If you are fully registered, please watch your email each Sunday for a link to the weekly step-by-step instructions. **Confirmation Level 1 and Level 2** students are continuing their journey with an at-home virtual program led by Jan Pepino of Fiat Ministries. Prayer & Worship, Adoration, custom made Fiat videos, and Zoom sessions with catechists will all be an exciting part of the Confirmation formation process. Registered families, please watch your email for information including links to the upcoming sessions. Need to register or haven't picked up your workbook for Gr 1-6 yet? Please reach out to: religioused@stbartholomewchurch.org

FAITH
FORMATION

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PAT KREMA
pkrema@stbartholomewchurch.org

NEW YOUNG ADULT FAITH SERIES

Calling all young adults ages 18-35! Looking for a way to dive back in to faith and fellowship? You are invited to join us for the **Alpha Young Adult Series**, a virtual small group program that creates a space for open conversations about life and faith. We are teaming up with the young adults at **St. Helen's Catholic Church** in Westfield to kick off the new year with this exciting and engaging series! We will meet in small groups via Zoom on **Thursdays** from 8-9PM starting **January 21 through March 4.** Contact **Briana Quigley** for more info at bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org. Hope to see you there!

COVID VACCINE-CALL CENTER

NJ will be launching a call center for those with no internet, email or having trouble navigating the site. Open 8AM-8PM, 856 568-0545.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Could you spare one hour a week to pray to protect babies in the womb who are in peril? If so, please contact **Frances Spilman** of *Morris County Right to Life* to volunteer one or two hours a week to pray during our spring **40 Days for Life** campaign being held at the *Planned Parenthood Morristown* from 7AM-7PM daily. Her email is: 44lifeus@gmail.com, phone:973.627.1654. You can make a huge difference for babies and their families.

KNIGHTS & DAMES 2021 RECIPIENTS

Praise be Jesus Christ. We wish to announce that the following parishioners will be inducted as a *Knight* or *Dame* of *St. Bartholomew Parish* this coming 2021 year. Please join us in congratulating them for their outstanding service.



Sean McKenna
Kevin & Maria Moloney
Len Romano
Ted Schiller
Nicholas & Mary Schoendorf

Due to the unprecedented time we are experiencing, the prayer service honoring the 2021 recipients and cocktail reception will be announced at a later date.

JANUARY BAPTISMS

Congratulations to the newly Baptized.

Bennett Jack, son of Mark & Gia Bubnis
Olivia Mary, daughter of Mark & Gia Bubnis
Thomas Parker, son of Gregory & Catherine Josephsen
Catherine Grace, daughter of Christopher & Christa Fisher
Lorenzo James, son of Stephen & Ashley Sciaraffo
Amelia Rose, daughter of Marc & Julia Stiffler

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday at 4PM.

WEDDINGS

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or deacon as soon as the engagement is announced.

A TIME TO HEAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK.

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Rina Conti
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Nadine Martinson
Paul Pettit
Maureen Vincent

Elizabeth Barker
Kathleen "Kay" Duff
Palmiro Ferraro
Juliette Lewis
Peter Morgan
Joseph Tufaro

Please Note:

For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by **members of the immediate family** after they have received permission of the one who is ill or injured.

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of
Thomas Breznitsky
Paolo Patti

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 31

7:30AM Dennis Surbrug
 req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
 Leonard Romano
 req. by Marueen & Bob LaCosta
 9:00AM Filippo DelNegro
 req. by Romano & Mary Del Roio
 BJ Giannone
 req. by the Carroll Family
 10:30AM Mauro DiNizo
 req. by Peter & Maria DiNizo
 Yupin Englert
 req. by her Loving Family
 Noon Manuel Gonzalez
 req. by Gina Walsh
 Mary Kennedy
 req. by Barbara Scalyndona

Monday, February 1

6:30AM Frank Punzo
 req. by Alex & RosaAnna Passucci
 8:30AM Thomas Sean Smite
 req. by Mary & Mike Kelly

Tuesday, February 2

6:30AM Victor Meireles
 req. by the Santos Family
 8:30AM Albert Williams
 req. by Donna & Danny Isello

Wednesday, February 3

6:30AM Vito Nicola Palumbo
 req. by A friend
 8:30AM Nicola "Nick" Novello
 req. by Sandra Novello

Thursday, February 4

6:30AM Egbert Fenandoe
 req. by the Fenandoe Family
 8:30AM Eileen Smith
 req. by the Driscoll Family

Friday, February 5

6:30AM Mary & Raymond Kriete
 req. by the Leone Family
 8:30AM Sam Stillo
 req. by Dina Marisi

Saturday, February 6

8:30AM Lucille Lamy
 req. the Ed & Jen Butler
 5:00PM Liliana Peduzzi
 req. by Guido & Barbra Passucci
 Adolph Kopiczak
 req. by George & Theresa Flood

Sunday, February 7

7:30AM Mary Ann Bender
 req. by JoAnn & Jack Kovalcik
 Joseph Bender
 req. by JoAnn & Jack Kovalcik
 9:00AM Nicola "Nick" Novello
 req. by Maria Novello & Family
 Esterina Sanguiliano
 req. by Mary & Romano DelRio & Family
 10:30AM Connor Sheehan
 req. by the Ursino Family
 Filippo DelNegro
 req. by Paul & Evelyn Novello & Family
 Antonio Novello
 req. by Paul & Evelyn Novello & Family
 Noon Elizabeth Anne Oliva
 req. by Eileen Leso
 Zbighiew Mielczarek
 req. by wife, Ursala

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Saturday & Sunday

9AM to 2PM

Monday & Tuesday

9AM to 7PM

Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday

9AM to 5PM

At this time, with Covid, the rectory is NOT open for any group meetings. Thank you

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MASS AVAILABLE ON TV!

For the home bound Parishioner, tune in on **Sundays** at 10AM to watch Mass. Comcast channel 34 or Verizon channel 22.

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

If you are an individual, a couple or a family that is experiencing difficulties, there are counseling services available to you. All calls are confidential. Fees can be adjusted to one's financial situation. Please note, that no one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Counselors available to you:

Barbara Stumm-Gray, Ed.S.

p: 908.232.0893

Joseph Ochs, LPC

p: 732.221.6673

Dina Brue, LCSW

p: 646.643.5345

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This new year is filled with hope and promise – opportunities abound to grow our vital ministries, explore new ways to share the good news of Christ's love, and reflect His care and mercy to those in need throughout the community. To continue to make a difference in 2021, St. Bartholomew the Apostle is reaching out to our parishioners. Begin the new year with eGiving to help sustain and build ministries throughout 2021 that reflect the promise of God's love. The need is great in our community, and your generous online gifts will help people all around us. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ844, or text 'Enroll' to 908-324-5627. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32 How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this-use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.



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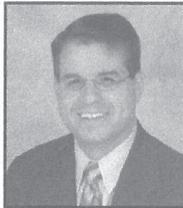
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