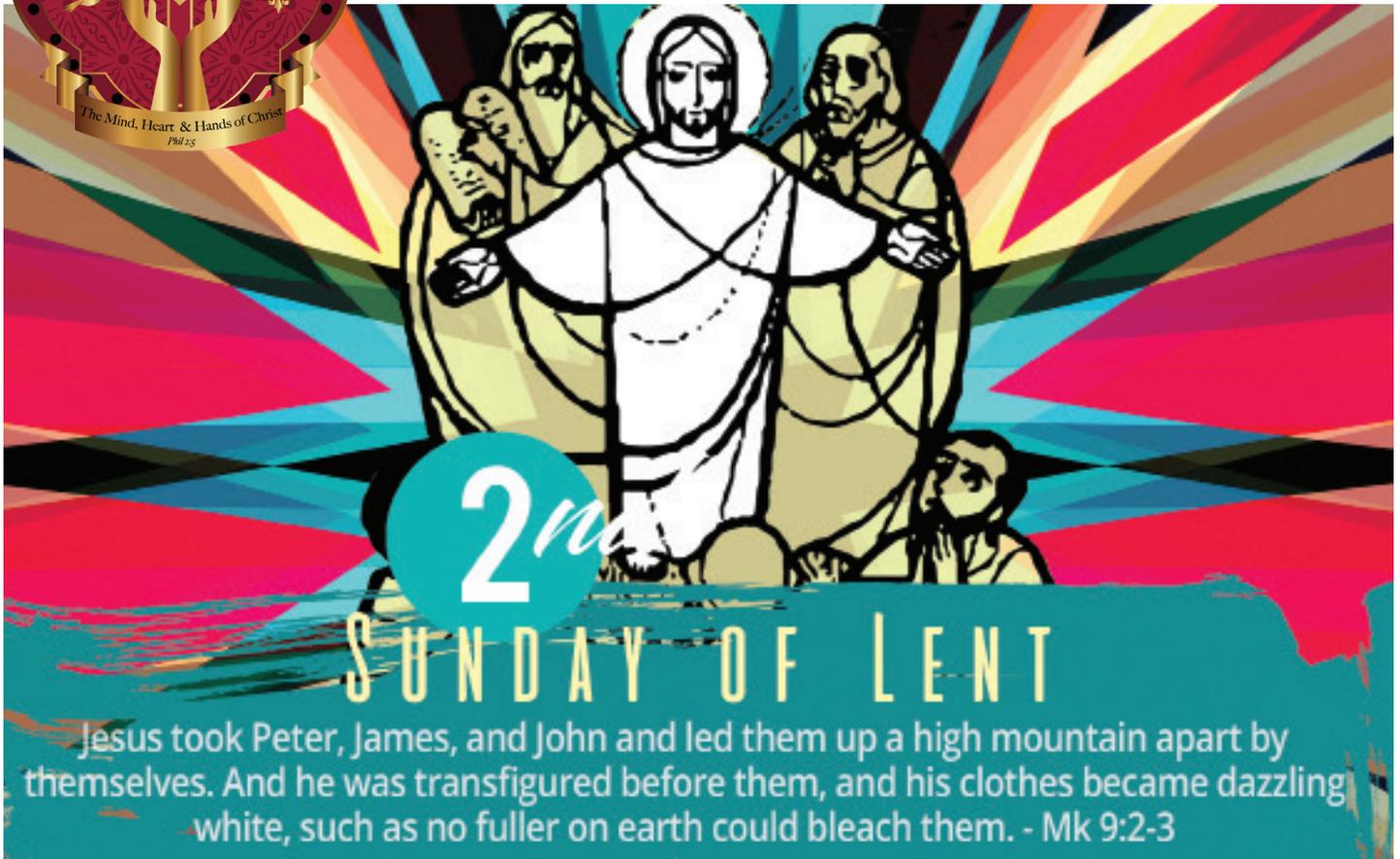




# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Rev. Michael A. Hanly

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Deacon Donald Hessemer

### MASS SCHEDULE

MARCH 6 & 7  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

### 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.*



# Jesus is God's beloved son, who was sacrificed for us.



Take your son Isaac ... whom you love ... (and) offer him up as a holocaust. These are shocking words to us, but would not necessarily have been so for Abraham. Child sacrifice was an accepted practice in Abraham's time among the polytheistic religions. But our God does not desire human sacrifice. Thus - and what is even more shocking in this story - God stops him! No pagan deity - the false gods of the polytheists - would ever have stopped a sacrifice. God was putting Abraham to the test, and for his faithfulness he was granted righteousness and became the father of a great nation, through whom, *all the nations of the earth shall find blessing*.



Christ is a descendant of Abraham, and theologians point out the parallels between this episode and the crucifixion. Just as Jesus carried his cross, Isaac carried the wood for the sacrifice. Abraham was *willing* to sacrifice his beloved son for God. God *did* sacrifice his Son for us.

God's sacrifice of his Son for us is at the heart of Saint Paul's message to the Romans today. *If God is for us, he says, who can be against us?* God loves us, and this love was made known when God *did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all*. Because of this we have reason to hope, since Jesus *intercedes for us*.

This hope is brought to light in today's Gospel account of the transfiguration of Jesus. Accompanied by three of his disciples, Jesus goes up a mountain. While they were there, Jesus was *transfigured before them*. Then Moses and Elijah appeared, and *they were conversing with Jesus*. Overshadowed by a cloud, the disciples hear a voice declaring, *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him*. And suddenly they are once again alone with Jesus.

The transfiguration of Jesus demonstrated his divine nature and manifested the glory he had always possessed, and would return to upon leaving his earthly human body. It is also a prefiguring of the glory we shall one day obtain in our resurrected bodies. If we live and die with Christ - if we do in fact *listen to him*, for he *intercedes for us* - then we shall take our place among our ancestors, as Christ showed on that mountain.



What we think we become!



**LENTEN SCHEDULE**  
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
 6:30AM, 8:30AM & Saturday 8:30AM only  
**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Sat 5PM (also LIVESTREAM), Sunday 7:30AM, 9AM (also LIVESTREAM), 10:30AM & Noon  
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 Every Saturday from 3-4PM



Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>



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# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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## ACADEMY IN ACTION

### EXPLORING POETS & NOVELS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!

Middle school is an exciting time for students, it's full of change and questions. Reading novels and poetry in middle school gives students the opportunity to develop empathy and better understanding of others, and to explore the world around them. Students at the Academy have been reading some wonderful books and exploring the world of poetry.

5th grade has been reading a classic book about friendship, *The Bridge to Terabithia*. They learned about story element, character development, cause and effect, and making predictions. They also discussed how their own experiences help them relate to the characters.

6th grade read the *Twilight Zone's The Monsters are Due on Maple Street* as a play. As they read it aloud, they learned about how dialogue advances the plot, conflict resolution, and how fear can affect a crowd of people. Students then compared and contrasted the original *Twilight Zone* television episode with the play. Soon, the class will start reading the novel *Wonder*. They are looking forward to leveraging the close reading skills they are developing and applying it to a non-fiction work.

Students in 7th grade recently completed a poetry project. Reading and analyzing poetry can seem difficult and intimidating for many students. After selecting a poet and three poems by their chosen author, the students utilized the TP—FASTT (Title, Paraphrase — Figurative language, Attitude, Shift, Title, and Theme) sequence to analyze the poem. This framework gives the students a useful process to analyze poetry. They examine subject, purpose, and audience through this method and start to enjoy reading poetry. They also completed a biography on the author. To complete the unit, the class will have a poetry reading and each student read a favorite poem aloud in class.

The 8th grade students are getting ready to read a choice of dystopian novels. The students can choose from *The Hunger Games*, *Maze Runner* or *Divergent*. These types of novels encourage students to start to think about philosophical questions and reflect on society. They will break up into study groups as they read and analyze the books. They will then watch the movies that were created from the books and compare and contrast them.

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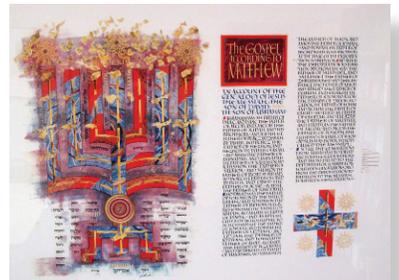
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### NEW YOUNG ADULT FAITH SERIES

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@st-bartholomewchurch.org](mailto:bquigley@st-bartholomewchurch.org). Hope to see you there!

### LENTEN FAITH SERIES

Looking for a way to deepen your prayer life this Lent? Join us for "Journey with The Saint John's Bible," a virtual series on prayer through Scripture and art beginning **Monday, February**



**22** at 7-8PM. We'll explore the Church's tradition of reading Scripture and depicting it in art, explore several spectacular illuminations from **The Saint John's Bible**—a hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible crafted in the 21st-century, and take a deep dive into the Scripture passages those illuminations depict. We'll learn how to pray with Scripture and art through guided experiences of lectio and visio divina and have the opportunity to grow in faith with one another! For more information or to sign up, contact **Briana Quigley** at [bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org).

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### SACRAMENTAL RETREATS

**Sunday, February 28**

Please pray for our Communion Students who will attend the *Jesus Day Communion Retreat* on Zoom! Through his beautiful presentation, potter **Ray Boswell** will share the beauty of God's unbounding love and forgiveness with our Communicants as they prepare their hearts for First Reconciliation and receiving Jesus in *First Holy Communion*. Our *Confirmation Candidates* will also attend a **Holy Hour Retreat** on Sunday evening in the Church. Please keep our *Confirmandi* in your prayers as they are inspired to ignite a flame of desire in their soul and open their hearts to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

*Help us to Help Others Together We Can*

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Goes out to the many families that participated in our *Help the Children Project!* We have already received well over 500 bags and look to double that as the weeks go on! We also collected 160 *Love Thy Neighbor Bags* and sent out the first delivery on a very snowy night! Our volunteers would not let the snow get in the way and were able to deliver to 40 nominated families! Thank you to our volunteers that stood out in the cold to collect the bags and sort them! Thank you to those that filled those amazing bags to the top! Thank you to our delivery team. Together, we let 40 families know they were special and loved. Another bag goes out **Monday** (drivers look for an email with info)! The response has been an overwhelming thank you for your kindness! We are living out the words "*love thy neighbor*" this Lent and it is incredible! Thank you!

### VETERANS NEED OUR HELP

Our friends at *Valley Brook* are in need of cleaning supplies so we are offering up another Lenten project! Fill a cleaning pail with cleaning supplies (or just send along and we will fill) such as; *dishwashing detergent, dishwashing soap, disinfectant, laundry detergent, window cleaner, Febreze, Toilet bowl cleaner* and send along some *paper towels and toilet paper!* You can, you guessed it, drop it in the pantry basket in front of the rectory when you are done! Together, we are helping those in need this Lent.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ELAINE COUPE  
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### VIRTUAL WOMEN'S SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Every Saturday during Lent! Calling all women of St. Bart's. Faith, fellowship & coffee! Come in your PJs, bring your coffee, and let's get together to pray, to lift each other up, and to just have the chance to say hello. *Women's Saturday Morning Prayer Group* will be meeting every **Saturday** during Lent at 7:30AM and will then continue meeting the first Saturday of each month. (virtually for now). No previous experience necessary. Contact **Joanne Guarnuccio**, [jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com](mailto:jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com) to be added to the Zoom invite list.



## YOUTH GROUP

It has been a while since the weather enabled us to meet in person, but last weekend the sun was shining so we were thrilled to welcome a new face along with the faces we have missed in person. In these unprecedented times, face-to-face peer conversation is not a common occurrence. During our time together, the members had a chance to talk about how they are progressing with their extra-curricular activities; will there be a sport season, will there be a marching band season, are clubs meeting. We also had the opportunity to talk about Lent. Several members shared their *Ash Wednesday* experience, whether it was the early morning mass in the church or one of the popular outdoor services, they were happy for the chance to participate. Their plans for Lent were also shared. Some members shared their goal to give up something that they feel has been a guilty indulgence, others have plans to commit to be better followers of Christ through their actions and words. As always, there was a focus on prayer. As we stand together in prayer, we are all reminded that we are a family, that none of us stands alone.

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### CHURCH CAPACITY INCREASES

Thank you Governor Murphy for increasing the capacity in places of worship to 50%! We hope to welcome more of our parishioners back in the coming weeks, but please know the following; our capacity will now be increased from 150 to 300 people. Registration for Mass will no longer be required (except for special occasions such as Holy Week and Easter). You will continue to wear a mask, and you will continue to practice social distancing. We look forward to coming together safely.



### A FISH FRY THANK YOU

The Fish Fry Committee would like to thank the 265 people who purchased dinners for the *13th Annual Fish Fry*, through the Pandemic & snow, you helped make the event a huge success, and it was great to see so many friendly faces!! I would like to express my gratitude to the members of this year's Fish Fry who made this great community event possible, **Michael Vignola, Steve & Donna Felber, Greg & Jackie Giardello, Kelly Price, Donna Duffy, Anne Rogalin, Father John, Father David, and Felicia DeBonis**. We look forward to the 14th Annual Fish Fry March 4th, 2022! Thank you, **Rich DeBonis**, Coordinator.

  
**BAPTISMS**  


Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class, held the last Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Registration in advance is required. Please call 908.322.5192.

  
**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.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be "gravely ill" to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

  
**WELCOMED HOME BY GOD**

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of  
**Pamela Delnero**  
**Philomena Vespa**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, February 28**

7:30AM Esterina Sanguiliano  
req. by Nick & Angelo DelNegro  
Frank Losavio  
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta  
9:00AM Amelia Santoriello  
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello  
George Germinder  
req. by Frank & Martha Marino  
10:30AM Mathew Mielczarek "Living"  
req. by Blessings, Mom  
Stephen A. Panarese  
req. by Frank Panarese & Family  
Noon Maria de Dominguez  
req. by Virginia Leone  
Robert Leone  
req. by SPF Service League

**Monday, March 1**

6:30AM Camille & Rose Sigona  
req. by Women's Cornerstone  
8:30AM Margaret Boezel  
req. by Women's Cornerstone

**Tuesday, March 2**

6:30AM Liliana Peduzzi  
req. by Dina Marisi  
8:30AM Robert (Bobby) Farina  
req. by his Loving Wife, Mary

**Wednesday, March 3**

6:30AM Nancy Carrozza  
req. by Linda Andreoli  
8:30AM Leonard Romano  
req. by the Marcovecchio & Rogalin Families

**Thursday, March 4**

6:30AM Nancy Iosca  
req. by daughter, Theresa  
8:30AM Wayne Steinbeck "Living"  
req. by Vickie Steinbeck

**Friday, March 5**

6:30AM Luke Mineo  
req. by the Rossi Family  
8:30AM Mike Rebutth Sr.  
req. by Ginger Rachko

**Saturday, March 6**

8:30AM Mary Patricia Faro  
req. by the Cannone Family  
5:00PM Philip & Theresa Checchio  
req. by granddaughter, Barbra & Guido  
Leonard Krema  
req. by the D'Appuzzo Family

**Sunday, March 7**

7:30AM Elizabeth Chando  
req. by Larry & Linda Juelis  
Susan Witkoski  
req. by George & Theresa Flood  
9:00AM Esterina Sanguiliano  
req. by Emil & Ersilia DiFrancesco & family  
Esterina Novello  
req. by Biagio & Emilia DiNoto  
10:30AM Marion & Joseph Daniels  
req. by Mary Jo Skutnik  
Dennis Surbrug  
req. by Elaine Hoffman  
Antonio Novello  
req. by Pat & Evelyn Novello & family  
Noon James & Fannie Iozzi  
req. by son, James & family  
Vito DeMattia  
req. by Antoinette Russo-Kielwasser

# Rectory Directory

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## Rectory Hours

**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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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.**

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### 2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered."-  
Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.



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