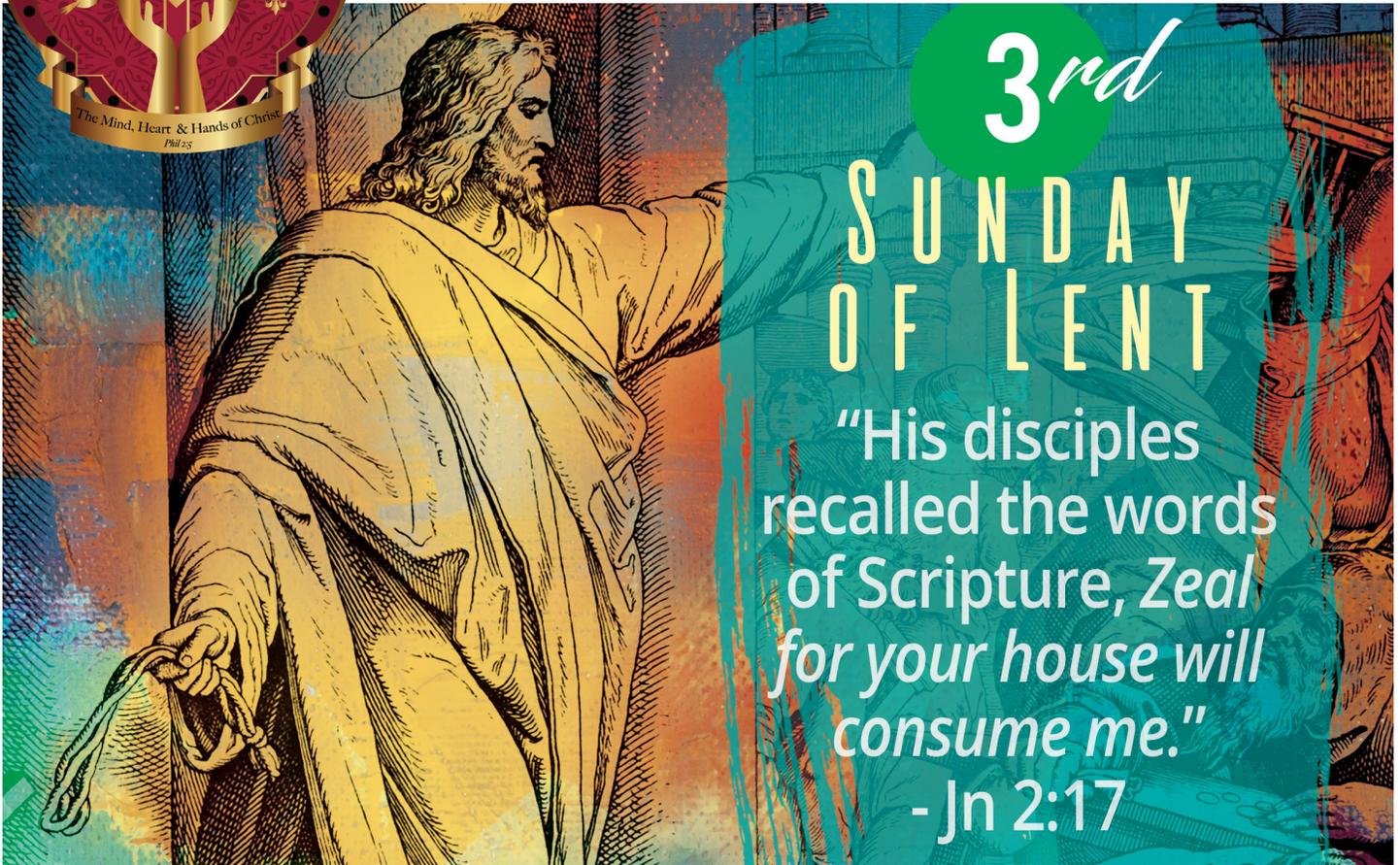




# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 7, 2021



3<sup>rd</sup>

SUNDAY  
OF LENT

"His disciples  
recalled the words  
of Scripture, Zeal  
for your house will  
consume me."

- Jn 2:17

### Parish Priests

Rev. John J. Paladino, K.H.S.  
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### In Residence

Rev. Msgr. Donald E. Guenther  
Rev. Michael A. Hanly

### Permanent Deacons

Deacon Robert Gurske  
Deacon Donald Hessemer

### MASS

SCHEDULE  
MARCH 13 & 14  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*Saturday*

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

*Sunday*

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



# We need Jesus' help to cleanse our hearts to make room for Him.



Each of us longs to know and love God better. Each of us needs the grace of God in our lives. Today's readings subtly teach us something important about receiving grace and instruction from God. First, he must cleanse us. First, he must make room in our hearts so that he can fill us with his grace.

We notice in today's first reading that, before God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, writing his law on their hearts, he had to get them out of Egypt. He had to free them so that they could be free to love and serve him. In today's Gospel, Jesus cleanses the temple, making a whip out of cords and overturning tables! But then, he teaches. He prophesies his glorious resurrection.



Lent is a time for examining what obstacles to grace and instruction from God may be in our lives. Remember that God respects our free will, and so he doesn't "force" his grace upon us; we have to cooperate. And so we, in humility, ask ourselves: What do we need to "cleanse" in order to "make room" for God's abundant grace? What false idols might we rank higher than God, even unconsciously? We know that *the temple of [Jesus'] body* was destroyed and raised. Therefore, we can trust that the same God who raised Jesus from the dead can also cleanse and breathe new life into our hearts.

To the world, it may seem foolish to place God and his commandments first in our lives, above money, power, and pleasure. But Saint Paul reminds us that to unbelievers, the simple fact that we glorify Christ crucified – Jesus killed as a criminal – is foolish, at best. God, in his infinite wisdom, desired this to be the way humankind was saved, and so we proclaim with joy: Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again.

May our simple prayer be: *Jesus, I want to cleanse my heart to make more room for you.*



**We must let go of the life we have planned, so as to accept the one that is waiting for us.**  
- Joseph Campbell



**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

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Wednesdays 9AM & Fridays 7PM (also LIVESTREAM)

**PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR**  
Saturdays 3PM  
Join us from 3-4PM for Eucharistic Adoration accompanied by live worship music.  
Confessions will be offered throughout the hour (also LIVESTREAM)

**CONFESSIONS**  
Every Saturday from 3-4PM



Annual Appeal the 2021



**Make your gift today.**

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$53,478 already pledged. This is approximately 46% of our goal of \$117,030. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your prayers and support.



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

The Catholic Academy that makes a difference in your child's life.

## ACADEMY IN ACTION

### Advisory Board Angel Challenge Update

We are so pleased to announce that the Academy Advisory Board successfully raised over \$70,000 for tuition assistance for Academy families!

The St. Bartholomew Advisory Board Angel Challenge began in December 2020 and ran through Catholic Schools Week in early February. Archangel Donors, a small group of dedicated donors, initially donated \$50,000, and the greater community was challenged to match their generosity. We are thrilled to report that over 60 donors contributed over \$20,000, with donations ranging from \$15.00 to \$2,500. During this time of economic instability for so many, this fund will give the gift of a Catholic education and help alleviate some stress for our families. We thank everyone who contributed, with a special recognition and thanks to our Advisory Board for their commitment to the Academy.

#### St. Bartholomew Advisory Board

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### 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 on **Mondays** in Lent at 7-8PM. and Tuesdays at 1-2PM. 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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**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](mailto:religioused@stbartholomewchurch.org)

COMMUNITY  
**OUTREACH**

Help us to Help Others Together We Can

### LOVE THY NEIGHBOR LENTEN PROJECT UPDATE

Thank you to the many volunteers who filled "Taco Night" Bags and the delivery volunteers who brought those bags to the doorsteps of our neighbors! We thank **Green Village Packing** for the taco meat! We partnered with Scoops and were able to give the gift of Ice Cream too! Together we have shown our love in so many ways! Next week our "Care Bags" go out with some surprises from businesses in our town. If you are scheduled to deliver, please check your emails! Love thy Neighbor this Lent!

### 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.

### THANK YOU

Men's Cornerstone would like to thank '**Gentleman Gerry Cooney**' for speaking to the men of the parish last Saturday at our *Lenten Prayer* gathering. **Gerry's** powerful and inspirational story of recovery touched our hearts, our souls and our 'funny bones!' He generously donated to St. Bart's all of the proceeds from his book signing at the end of our program. **Gerry-** we hope to have you back as part of Cornerstone soon!! THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THE GOOD THAT YOU DO!!! For more information about Men's Cornerstone, please contact **Liam Nobile** [liamn71@yahoo.com](mailto:liamn71@yahoo.com), **Mike Caramico** [mjcmc98@aol.com](mailto:mjcmc98@aol.com), or **David Diken** [dndiken@aol.com](mailto:dndiken@aol.com).

## YOUTH GROUP

During our Lenten journey, we prepare for the Resurrection of Christ at Easter. For many, that includes the Sacrament of Penance. In our gathering last weekend, we looked at and reviewed the process of an Examination of Conscience based on the Ten Commandments. It was noteworthy to associate some of the examination as it pertains to these days of pandemic. After our discussion, it was also noted that a pen and paper work just as efficiently as the electric whiteboard when playing team Pictionary at a digital meeting. We are always welcoming new members, reach out to the Youth Minister if you want more information.

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### EASTER EGG HUNT

Parish Life invites kids under 10 to join the **Easter Egg "Hunt" in a Bag**. Easter Egg Hunt in Bag includes: Eggs and directions for hosting an Easter Egg hunt! (PLUS - A prize to those that get 1 of the 3 special eggs in their bags...If you get a special egg please contact email below after **March 28**.) Please register for this event by sending an email to: [stbartparishlife@comcast.net](mailto:stbartparishlife@comcast.net) by **March 21**. Join us on **Palm Sunday** - 9-11AM on **March 28** (Rain or Shine in front of the Rectory!) take a picture with the Easter Bunny! Any questions please email above address or call 908 322-5192.

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### ST BART'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

**Monday, May 10, 2021**, at the *Maplewood Country Club*. Rain Date: **Monday, July 26, 2021**. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, proceeds from the golf outing over the last 10 years have been used to build a new kitchen, upgrade the computer lab, replace the windows at St. Bartholomew Academy, upgrade the internet infrastructure and install a projection system! Funds from this year's golf outing will be used to continue to make capital improvements to St. Bartholomew Academy. Please consider joining us for a round of golf, a delicious dinner or as an event sponsor. For more info, please go to <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6372> or contact **Ted Schiller** at (908) 490-0444/ **Susan Hernandez** at [shernandez1297@gmail.com](mailto:shernandez1297@gmail.com).

## 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.

### 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  
Filomena Vespa**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

## Mass Intentions

### 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 MaryJo 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

### Monday, March 8

6:30AM Dominic Fino  
req. by Fung-A-Fat Family  
8:30AM Craig Smith  
req. by Marchovecchio & Rogalin Families

### Tuesday, March 9

6:30AM Nancy Carrozza  
req. by Michael & Kimberly Tardy  
8:30AM Vickie Duke  
req. by Tom Otchy

### Wednesday, March 10

6:30AM Margaret Egan  
req. by Mike & Molly Kelly  
8:30AM Patrick & Bridget Brady  
req. by Brady Family

### Thursday, March 11

6:30AM Thomas J. Moran, Sr.  
req. by Mary Smith & Family  
8:30AM Wayne Steinbeck "Living"  
req. by Vickie Steinbeck

### Friday, March 12

6:30AM  
8:30AM Leonard Krema  
req. by Dcn. Bob & Joanne Gurske

### Saturday, March 13

8:30AM Ryan O' Korn  
req. by Dcn. Bob & Joanne Gurske  
5:00PM Sr. Clare Ouimet  
req. by Franca Bianco  
Joseph F. Carroll  
req. by the D'Appuzzo Family

### Sunday, March 14

7:30AM Ernesto Del Negro  
req. by Nick & Angelo Del Negro  
Remo Carriero  
req. by Maryloo & Stan  
9:00AM Beatrice Toffolo  
req. by Frank & Martha Marino  
Marilou Walsh  
req. by Frank & Anne Rossi  
10:30AM Esterina Sanguiliano  
req. by Roberto & Laura Sorge  
Dennis Surbrug  
req. by Frank & Martha Marino  
Noon Joseph & Georgette Magrino  
req. by daughter Cathy Hirschhorn  
Remo Carriero  
req. by David & Monica Kaminski

# 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

## CONTACT US



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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**

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### 3rd Sunday of Lent

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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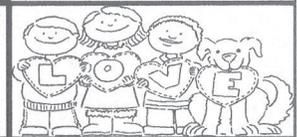
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