



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 28, 2021



Palm SUNDAY

"Blessed is He
who comes
in the name
of the LORD."

mark 11:9

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HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE
APRIL 1-4

PLEASE
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MORE INFO

HOLY THURSDAY

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

3PM OUTDOOR Celebration of the
Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY

7:30PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:30AM - Msgr. Guenther

9:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:30AM - Fr. Santos

NOON OUTDOORS - Fr. Paladino

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 be a sign of hope in a world that cries out for it.



This year, as we enter our holiest week, we read the account of the passion from the Gospel of Mark. In a few days, on Good Friday, we will read the account from John.

Among all the cruel and violent persons we hear about in Christ's suffering last hours, perhaps it is easy to overlook those who were kind. At Bethany, Simon the leper offers him hospitality, and a (nameless to us) woman with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil anoints Jesus. Since Jesus will soon be executed as a criminal, with the possibility of no Jewish funeral rite or burial place, this was a tender moment of deep meaning. She put herself in danger to honor him and his sacrifice.



In Jerusalem there was Simon of Cyrene who helped carry his cross, and Joseph of Arimathea who courageously asked Pilate for the body of Jesus and laid him in a new tomb. All of these people, and perhaps more whom we do not know, were glimpses of light in a day of darkness. They were peace amidst the conflict; joy amidst the sorrow; celebration in the midst of tragedy. In other words, they are a sort of allegory to the hope of Easter that was present on Good Friday.

So why write about this contrast, this dichotomy, today on Palm Sunday? Because this day itself is one of contrasts. Our liturgy, and Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, began with palm branches and songs of joy and praise for Jesus as King. He is welcomed into the city with shouts of Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! He will soon leave the city walls as the lowest of the low: a scourged, half-dead wreck of a man; a criminal set to be executed. In our Mass today, we will re-present his sacrifice, uniting our sins to those of the whole world and uniting our suffering to his. And in the midst of all the horror, we will celebrate, for Christ will triumph over all of sin and death.

There is a catchy little phrase that we might hear spoken of by Catholics - "we are not an either/or people, we are a both/and people." It generally means that we have the critical reasoning capacity, and the faith, to hold two things in tension without being confused. So, for example, Christ is both divine and human; the kingdom of God is both present and not yet fully realized; the Eucharist is both the appearance of bread and wine and truly Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity.

And specific to our worship today, we are both an Easter people and we live in a Good Friday world. That is to say, we believe that Christ's death on the cross transformed all suffering and that by his resurrection, we have the promise of eternal life. But we live in the here and now, with all the suffering and evil still present in the world - a world in which we are called to be active witnesses to our faith. Every moment of our lives gives us a chance to be one or other of the type of persons we encountered in the passion narratives. With God's help, may we be like Simon and the woman at Bethany, Simon of Cyrene, and Joseph of Arimathea - signs of hope in a world that cries out for it.



Apart from the Cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven. -St. Rose of Lima

Make your gift today!

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$68,513 already pledged. This is approximately 58.5% 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. 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

ACADEMY HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following Academy Students who earned Honor Roll for the Second Trimester. We are proud of you!

Principal's List- 8th grade- Justin Klein; 7th grade- Colleen Kennedy, Grace Taylor, Diane- Jane Ngumah; 5th grade- Christopher Cabrera, Anabella Nizner, George Tran-Negishi

First Honors- 8th grade- Shelby Carmant, Megan Cunha, Victoria Cunha, Jocelyn Griffith, Keyla Matamoros, Chiamaka Nwokike, Manuela Roncancio Roldan, Chelsea Taylor; 7th grade- Sophia Yalcin, Maria Thomas, Abigail Perreault, Lola Martinson, Alexandria Landazabal, Charles Giuntini, Maria Gialanella, Ben Fenandoe; 6th grade- Charles Gilligan, Isabella Narciso, Eliana Rotondo, Nathan Thomas; 5th grade- Luciana Aumenta, Thomas Cassidy, Liviana Guarino, Kylie Kroeger, Emily Lagemann, Bella Rose Lin, Amarachi Nwokike, Anastasio Pavlou

Second Honors- 8th grade- Maxwell Anderson, Nicholas Aumenta, Matthew Cassidy, Dominic Erbaflina, Michelle Godoy, Anthony Kwiatkowski, Luca Passucci, Ella Peoples, Kassidy Renosa, Naomi Tucker; 6th grade- Quinnton Battiste, Olivia Erbaflina, Charlotte LaCosta; 5th grade- Zachary Battiste, Azari Blair, David Camargo, Rileigh Jean Lin, Lyla Mortarulo, Michael Paz, Olivia Peoples

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children is inviting all families who are considering enrolling their children in a Catholic school within the Archdiocese to apply for a partial tuition grant. The application is online at sficnj.org. Go to the Parent/Student portal and follow the instructions. Eligibility and income requirements are located on the website. You have until **April 30**, 2021 to apply and complete the application. Call SFIC at 973-497-4283 if you have any questions. Thank you.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 1

7:30PM Evening Mass
of the Lord's Supper.

Register through Eventbrite.

10:00PM Night Prayer.
No registration required.

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 2

3PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Outdoors, weather permitting.

*Please bring a chair and a
personal cross to venerate.
No registration required.*

7:30PM **Outdoor** Living Stations

EASTER | APRIL 3-4

SATURDAY:

7:30PM Easter Vigil

Register through Eventbrite.

SUNDAY:

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, Mass in Church.

Register through Eventbrite.

12PM **Outdoor Mass**, weather permitting.

*Please bring a chair.
No registration required.*

CHILDREN'S WALK WITH JESUS



Join us on Good Friday for the annual St. Bartholomew's Walk with Jesus! The Stations of the Cross presented by the children, for the children, will be held in the parking area behind the church on **Good Friday, April 2nd,**

from 10-11AM. Though socially distanced, we look forward to seeing everyone, masks and all! We are asking each family to bring a small piece of bread or crackers to share with your family members during the re-enactment of the Last Supper. Questions? Contact Connie at religiously@stbartholomewchurch.org

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN



Please be assured that here at St. Bartholomew the Apostle, we are committed to ensuring a safe environment for all the children of our Academy and Parish. We view your children's safety as our greatest responsibility and take that responsibility very seriously. Sandra Carroll, our Safe Environment Director, maintains and ensures that all St. Bartholomew Parish and Academy staff, teachers and volunteers are fully compliant with all Archdiocesan and state requirements, to include current background checks and fingerprinting.

We encourage anyone with knowledge of ANY misconduct to report the abuse immediately. To report any sexual misconduct please contact:

Fr. John Paladino, Pastor

(908) 322-5192 x114

Sandra Carroll, Safe Environment Director

(908) 322-5192 x135

pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org

NJ Division of Child Protection

1-(877)652-2873 / 1-(877) NJ ABUSE

Scotch Plains Police Department

(908) 322-7100

RIGHT TO LIFE WAY OF THE CROSS

You are invited to join Morris County Right to Life on **Good Friday, April 2nd at 10am** as we pray *The Way of the Cross for Victims of Abortion*. We will be praying on the public right of way in front of the Planned Parenthood at 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown where babies are lost through chemical abortions. We are praying in union with others around the country as part of the Pro-Life Action League's coordinated efforts.

As we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us, we implore His help and the intercession of his Most Holy Mother in ending abortion and the attack on the most beautiful and innocent of all, the baby in the womb.

IN GOD'S IMAGE FAITH GROUP

In God's Image, the Catholic Faith Sharing Group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people at Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00PM. Our next meeting is **April 14** and will be on Zoom. Please email for more information. The group is open to LGBTQ adults, 18 and over, and their families. All are welcome for faith sharing, prayer, conversation and support. For more information, contact Fr. John Alvarado at 908 756 0633, ext 125 or the group may be reached by contacting 908 822 5895 or by emailing sacredheartigi@gmail.com.

YOUTH GROUP

• Much thanks to Christopher Verano who was our guest speaker last week. The cold, the rain, even a bit of hail did not deter our teens from enjoying Christopher's message. Chris talked them through how to keep a positive attitude even, perhaps especially, during difficult times. • He demonstrated how to shift your focus to elicit positive feelings and help set and achieve goals. Chris acknowledged that our group wants to be better versions of themselves, more engaged in their faith, and demonstrated that attitude and movement can be monumental in achieving those goals. The YG members were all given contact information for Chris if they want to follow up or they can ask the Youth Minister. If you are a local teen and want to join us, please reach out to the Youth Minister.

• **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN**
• yg@stbartholomewchurch.org

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Help us to Help Others  *Together We Can*

WE DID IT! Together, we have completed the "Love Thy Neighbor" Lenten Parish Project! We had 160 volunteers fill bags for 30 families in our community needing a lift! We also had 100 volunteer drivers that delivered the special bags each Monday right right to their doorstep! We partnered with the following businesses in town to not only help support our local businesses but also to give them an opportunity to give back to those in need. The businesses included; the FSPYMCA, Rotary Club, Darby Road, Houdini Pizza, Apple Blossom Florist, Scoops Ice Cream, Green Village Butcher, Stage House Tavern and Black Drop Coffee. We thank Joan Newmark for the wonderful last minute Easter Baskets too! The families that we supported were grateful and overwhelmed with the love and generosity we shared. Together, we lived out the call to "love thy neighbor" during this holy season of Lent. Thank you to everyone that was involved! It doesn't end here....continue to share the love! Our thanks - Elaine and Sandra

NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:

We will be building a "Pantry Distribution Team" to help distribute pantry bags to those in need. We are seeking volunteers for **Fridays** either from **10AM-12PM or 12PM-2PM**. The responsibilities would include packing bags and carrying them up to be put out for pick up. We will start this program after Easter. If you are interested, contact Elaine.

• **FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ELAINE COUPE**
• stbcommunityoutreach@stbartholomewchurch.org

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.

Congratulations to the newly baptized this month:

- Liliana Rae**, daughter of Michael Reis & Shannon VanDoren
- Madelyn Lily**, daughter of Andrew & Katharine Koleba
- Addelyn Grace**, daughter of Thomas LaVecchia & Joselin Estevez
- Arianna Gemma**, daughter of Dino Ganas, Jr. & Melissa Romero
- Mackenzie Margaret**, daughter of Matthew & Liz Grinkevich
- Eva Nicole**, daughter of Timothy & Sofia Margiotta
- Luke Martin**, son of Martin & Brianna Carroll
- Luciana Grace**, daughter of Steven & Caitlin D'Angelo



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**
- Peter Morgan**
- Joseph Tufaro**

- Elizabeth Barker**
- Kathleen "Kay" Duff**
- Palmiro Ferraro**
- Nadine Martinson**
- Paul Pettit**
- Maureen Vincent**

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
Joseph Federico
Janice Poorman

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 28

- 7:30AM Steven Provenzano
req. by Donna & Steve Provenzano and Family
Robert Reimers
req. by the Sherry Family
- 9:00AM Nicola Novello
req. by Nice DiGuippse
Esterina Sanguilano
req. by Danny & Marisa Ferrara
- 10:30AM Anne Henry
req. by Michael & Josephine Walsh
Edward Miller
req. by Dcn. Bob & Joanne Gurske
- Noon Frank Cerminaro
req. by wife Rose & Family
Elizabeth Norwick
req. by her Loving Family

Monday, March 29

- 6:30AM Justin "JJ" Cunningham
req. by Christine Scillieri
- 8:30AM Robert Leone
req. by the Leone Family

Tuesday, March 30

- 6:30AM Justin "JJ" Cunningham
req. by the Cucci Family
- 8:30AM June Swank
req. by Dina Morisi

Wednesday, March 31

- 6:30AM People of the Parish
- 8:30AM Dennis Sczabo
req. by Donna Iasello

Thursday, April 1

- 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
- 10:30PM Night Prayer

Friday, April 2

- 3:00PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3

- 7:30PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4

- 7:30AM Jill Anderson
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta
Donna Fantini
req. by Al Fantini & Loving Family
- 9:00AM Robert Reimers
req. by James & Kathleen Farrell
Rosa Fantini
req. by Romano & Mary Del Roio & Family
- 10:30AM Yupin Englert
req. by Loving Family
Dennis Surbrug
req. by Loving Family
- Noon Tom Breznitsky
req. by the Rigano Family
- OUTDOOR Rosemary "Maureen" Murphy
req. by Paul & Kathy Kobliska

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Rectory Hours

Saturday & Sunday

9AM to 2PM

Monday & Tuesday

9AM to 7PM

Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday

9AM to 3PM

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

Laura Otchy, MS, Ed.S. LPC

p: 973.580.5930



Thinking about spring cleaning? Why not streamline your offertory and simplify your support for St. Bartholomew the Apostle and the ministries that mean so much to you? Now is a great time to make the switch to eGiving - you can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts help sustain our parish as we continue to confront the challenges and turmoil sparked by COVID-19, and as we work to re-open more of our programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. 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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Stewardship of Treasure



March 21, 2021

Envelope Collection \$7,011

Faith Direct (on-line giving) \$11,311

Total \$18,322