



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Deacon Robert Gurske
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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 1
4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Paladino
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Santos

SUNDAY, MAY 2
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 the Good Shepherd who knows us, who cares for us, who lays down his life for us.



This May, I will be celebrating my 30th Anniversary of Priesthood and 16 years serving as your Pastor. I must say, without any doubt or hesitancy, "I don't just love you ... I have fallen in love with you."

Beloved, our second reading says, we are God's children now. We are God's children now. Can we imagine a God who doesn't just love us, but who is "in love" with us? A God who will do anything to protect and care for us?

Jesus, the Incarnation of God's perfect and abundant love for us, himself provides an image for this love, an example that would be well understood at the time. I am the good shepherd, he says. A good shepherd is not a hired hand who, when trouble comes, flees from it rather than facing it, leaving the sheep exposed to danger and death.

No, the good shepherd is one who knows his own sheep; he cares for his own sheep and leads them to safety; and he never flees from danger. Rather, the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. In fact, in this relatively short passage, Jesus says five different times that the good shepherd "lays down his life" for his sheep.

As human beings, we face many dangers in our lifetime, many threats to our safety and well-being. We may face sickness, loss, fear. We may face ridicule, or we may worry for our loved ones; we may struggle with loneliness, have anxiety, or we may struggle with sin.

Yet Jesus knows us. We are the sheep of his flock. He "sees us" as we are, with all of our accomplishments and all of our failures. Jesus cares for us, and he shepherds us through this world, and our life of faith.

We can take comfort by trusting in God and in Jesus, the Good Shepherd; and by remembering these things: Jesus knows us; he knows what we face. He understands our fears, our loss, our struggles. He knows everything about us, and he does not flee from this information; he does not run away like the hired hand. Rather, our Good Shepherd cares for us and remains with us to protect us. Our Shepherd loves us, and is in love with us, so much so that he laid down his life for us.



Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God.
- St. Mary MacKillop

Annual Appeal ^{the 2021}

Catholic Stewardship *in Action*

AN APPEAL FOR HELP FROM FR. JOHN & FR. DAVID



SCAN ME

Please make a gift if you have not already! You may be wondering why we are pushing the Archdiocesan Appeal so forcefully. Besides the reality of greater needs throughout the Archdiocese, if we don't reach our goal of \$117,029, we have to include the shortfall as an expense in our 2022 budget, which would hurt our parish's financial situation. On a positive note, all funds collected in excess of the goal will come back directly to our parish. At this time, we have reached \$83,534, which is only 71% of our goal. We thank you in advance for your support in helping us reach 100%!

Please visit rcan.org/sharing, scan the QR code on the left with your smartphone, or pick up an envelope in the back of the Church. Thank you in advance for your assistance!



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

ACADEMY IN ACTION

SPRINGING INTO FUN

This spring, with two new after-school clubs being formed, we have seen a glimpse of a return to some normalcy at the Academy.

The Basketball Club, open to students in grades 5-8, has been able to meet outside after school and work on their skills, enjoy some time together, and stay in shape for next season. The Academy also re-introduced track. Students in grades 1-8, while working on their physical fitness, are being introduced to the various track and field events. Both clubs aim to have some intramural games and races toward the end of the school year.

Book Club, our newest club, was recently introduced by Ms. Caitlin DeMatos, our middle school literature interim teacher. Students in grades 7-8 have been meeting after school, socially distant, and discussing young adult novels. They just completed reading "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" by Ransom Riggs. They started the first book club talking about whether the students believed monsters existed, what their definition of a "monster" is in real life, and if time travel can really happen. They also discussed important points of history during WWII, since the book incorporates the war into one of the pivotal characters. Our students are very happy that social and athletic activities have been able to restart, and we look forward to some weeks of after-school programs filled with fun.

This past Monday, the Academy community recognized the wonderful group of priests at St. Bartholomew Church by celebrating "Uplift Your Priests." Our priests have been called into great heroic action by offering the sacraments and finding creative ways to support and serve parishioners during a pandemic. "Uplift Your Priest" is an international campaign from April 12-23, which is designed to inspire the laity to support and encourage their priests. The Academy students visited Fr. John Paladino, Fr. David Santos, Fr. Mike Hanly, and Msgr. Donald Guenther with a walk-by parade in front of the rectory. Students waved and presented the priests with handmade thank you cards expressing their appreciation. We are very fortunate to have such a generous, prayerful, and kind group of priests here at St. Bartholomew's.

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



PLEDGE TO
HEAL

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

MAY CROWNING OF MARY



On **Sunday, May 23**, immediately following the 9:00am Mass, all are invited to attend the May Crowning of Mary, a yearly Catholic tradition that honors our Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Our First Communion children will crown her this year! Any First Communion children wishing to participate are invited to wear their Communion outfits for the event, and may RSVP to Connie Boruch at religiously@stbartholomewchurch.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Help us to Help Others Together We Can



Now **through May 3rd**, We are collecting items to donate to single mothers in need for Mother's Day. Our hope is to show our love and appreciation to those moms that need a lift. We will be collecting items in the "pantry" basket located in front of the Rectory. We are seeking the following items:

- Reusable water bottles
- Reusable coffee mugs
- Hand lotion
- Hand sanitizer
- Socks
- Makeup
- Costume jewelry
- Scarves
- Small jar candle
- Tea
- Hard candy
- Chocolate
- Dunkin Donuts gift card
- Handmade Mother's Day card

Help us make this a special Mother's Day for all!

SPF VETERANS INVITED

We will be hosting 2 BBQ's for our Veteran's this month! The first one will be **Sunday, May 16th at 3:00pm**. If you are a Veteran and would like to join us, please contact Elaine.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need food donated and volunteers to set up and serve food to our Vets! If you are interested, email Elaine for more information. The second one will be **Tuesday, June 1st** at Valley Brook. We need food donated and volunteers to help transport and serve. If you have a group that would like to make cards for our veterans, let Elaine know!

Scan the QR code to sign up to help! Let's make this a special Memorial Day for our Veterans!



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ELAINE COUPE:
stbcommunityoutreach@stbartholomewchurch.org

YOUTH GROUP

When the rain recently kept us from gathering outside, the Youth Group met online and talked about the fact that April is child abuse prevention month. Much of the conversation was informing the members of our Protecting God's Children certification. Prayers and riddles filled the rest of our time together. When we were able to meet outside, a mini-golf course on the campus green proved to be just what was needed to get everybody laughing. Of course, our gathering started with each individual sharing their prayer request aloud so that we could all pray it with them. Our Tuesday night gatherings have been opened up to all members for a few weeks, so that we may together enjoy the message from the Parish Mission - Radical Love. If you are a local high school student and want to join us, please reach out to the Youth Minister.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN
yg@stbartholomewchurch.org



will you come and **FOLLOW ME?**

"There is no salvation through anyone else." Does a life of joy in knowing you are following the Lord as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life inspire you? Contact Fr. John at frpaladino@stbartholomewchurch.org / 908.322.5192 ext. 114 or Fr. David at frsantos@stbartholomewchurch.org or call ext. 112. You could also speak with Fr. Gino (Fr. Eugenio de la Rama) at the Vocation Office at (973) 313-6190 or delaraeu@rcan.org. If you are considering religious life, contact Sr. Patricia Wormann at Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week. Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call

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

Confession is offered 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.
Francesca Cafolla
Kathleen "Kay" Duff
Palmiro Ferraro
Nadine Martinson
Paul Pettit
Maureen Vincent
Franca Zingariello

Elizabeth Barker
Rina Conti
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Peter Morgan
Joseph Tufaro
Dolores Waltsak
Joe Zingariello

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 sick. 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 families of

John McManus
Frank DiLollo

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, April 25

7:30AM **Geraldine McMahon**
 req. by her Loving Family
Steven Provenzano
 req. by Steve & Donna Provenzano & Family
 9:00AM **Anthony Della Ventura, Sr.**
 req. by Laura & Roberto Sorge
Grace Spellman
 req. by Richard & Linda Scannell
 10:30AM **Esterina Sanguilano**
 req. by Nicola & Dina DiNizo
Jean Burke
 req. by her Loving Family
 Noon **Maureen Murphy**
 req. by Tom & Lynda Breznitsky
Louise Luce Halm
 req. by Joan Dietrick & Family

Monday, April 26

6:30AM **Mindy Santos Sweeney**
 req. by her Loving Family
 8:30AM **Mindy Santos Sweeney**
 req. by her Loving Family

Tuesday, April 27

6:30AM **Egonia Bonoan**
 req. by SPF Work Family
 8:30AM **Henry Durkin**
 req. by his Loving Family

Wednesday, April 28

6:30AM **Nancy Marra**
 req. by nieces Mary Ann & Barbara
 8:30AM **Karen Fitzgibbons**
 req. by Joseph Tomasko

Thursday, April 29

6:30AM **Thomas Breznitsky**
 req. by Vittorio & Rina Passucci
 8:30AM **Ivo Roosendcal**
 req. by Tillie Blahosky

Friday, April 30

6:30AM **Josephine Macchia**
 req. by Judy Strum
 8:30AM **Dennis Surbrug**
 req. by his Loving Family

Saturday, May 1

8:30AM **Anna Bender.**
 req. by JoAnn & Jack Kovalcik.
Agustin Galace, Sr.
 req. by Amy Potian
 5:00PM **Joseph Franzone**
 req. by Eugene and Yolanda Schiller
Adelina Pulice
 req. by her Loving Daughters

Sunday, May 2

7:30AM **Susan Roberts**
 req. by Cynthia McLeavey
Steven Provenzano
 req. by Steve & Donna Provenzano & Family
 9:00AM **Nicola Novello**
 req. by Danny & Marisa Ferrara
Andrew Doyle
 req. by Sherry Family
 10:30AM **Vivian Sheran**
 req. by James Steiman
Mauro DiNizo
 req. by Laura Del Negro & Family
 Noon **Fanny & James Iozzi**
 req. by son James & Family
Anne Henry
 req. by Brian & Cindy Searls

Rectory Directory

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PARISH TRUSTEES

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

CONTACT US



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Religious Education Office

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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

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Stewardship of Treasure

April 11, 2021

<i>Envelope Collection:</i>	\$7,020
<i>Faith Direct:</i>	\$11,806
TOTAL:	\$18,826
<i>Archdiocesan. Assessment</i>	<i>\$3,081</i>
<i>Easter 2021 to date</i>	<i>\$63,519</i>
<i>Easter 2020</i>	<i>\$65,172</i>
Deficit	(\$1,653)