



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 11, 2021

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MAY THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
enlighten the eyes of our hearts.

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Deacon Matthew Gonzalez
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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 17

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

SUNDAY, JULY 18

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



Those called to lead others to the Lord must first learn to follow Him.



Today, Jesus sends his Apostles on their first missionary journey. He is specific about what they may take with them. They will have to trust in the Lord and depend completely on the hospitality of those with whom they share the Gospel. Where the word of God is welcomed, the one who preaches it will be fed and sheltered. Where the Gospel meets with hostility, the Apostles are to shake the dust from their feet and move on.

Like the Apostles, we, too, are called and sent by our baptism, called to be disciples of Jesus and called to make disciples for Jesus. One in three people in our country do not profess Christianity, nor do one in three people in the world. Once we accept the call of our baptism, our work is cut out for us: to spread the faith by word and example as the Apostles did, trusting in the Lord and in the kindness of strangers.



Being an intentional missionary disciple requires devotion, perseverance, and persistence. The prophet Amos exemplified all these traits when he opposed Amaziah, the high priest of Bethel and chief advisor to King Jeroboam II some 750 years before the birth of Jesus. Amos was content as a shepherd when the Lord called him to lead a new flock. When shepherding lambs, he walked behind them to keep them always in his sight, making sure they did not wander off. As a prophet, he is called to lead, not to follow, but the goal remains the same: to keep the flock together.

Amaziah despised Amos and wanted him expelled, never to prophesy again. Though banished and censored, Amos did not stop prophesying and calling God's people to repentance. God, who is always faithful, does not give up either, telling Amos, Go, prophesy to my people. At the end of Mass, we are given the same instruction: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Not everyone will listen, but for those who do, the word of God changes everything.

The Apostles would have learned the stories of Amos when they were young, and if Amos was their inspiration, Christ was their motivation. The Apostles, like Amos, had a single aim, one shared by Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians – the call to holiness. May that be our goal as well: to live to the praise of his glory.



"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things, as well as all things in God."
- St. Francis de Sales

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Fr. John J. Paladino".



It's that time of year - Summer vacations are upon us! As we make time to rest and relax, let's remember to continue to make time for God! It can be difficult to coordinate when and where to go to Sunday Mass while you're out of town and travelling, but MassTimes makes it easy! Simply visit WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG, type in the zip code of the area that you are searching, and MassTimes will give you the locations of all Catholic Churches nearby as well as the times that Mass and other liturgical services are celebrated. It's that easy!

FR. DAVID'S FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who helped make last weekend's Farewell Mass and Reception a huge success. It is truly humbling and exhilarating to see our community come together and celebrate in such grand fashion. The love of God, the Church, and One another was clearly on display this weekend. St. Bartholomew's is truly a place where everyone feels welcomed and loved! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Fr. John J. Paladino
Fr. David C. Santos



TO ALL VBS TEACHERS AND VOLUNTEERS: THANK YOU FROM FR. JOHN

Have you ever seen the bumper sticker that reads, "If you can read this, thank a teacher"? There ought to be another one reading, "If you know the Bible, thank a Vacation Bible School Teacher/Volunteer."

Expressing our appreciation to those who contributed to our spiritual growth is as important as thanking those who have helped us with general learning.

This so to thank all of those VBS Teachers & Volunteers! I know this is hard work and this year "hot" work that required a serious commitment of time and effort. I believe, however, that you have found it rewarding. In terms of God's Kingdom, it is of tremendous importance.

I'm certain God will bless each one of you for using your talents of Christ and his Church.

A MESSAGE FROM VBS DIRECTORS, JEN DELOS SANTOS AND AMY BEVERSLUIS

After a year off, Vacation Bible School was back at St. Bartholomew's to kick off this summer! The program was run with the Mega Sports Camp theme of "HEART of a Champion" and took place this past week, June 28-July 1st with over 80 children from PreK to Grade 4. It was an amazing week of discovering what it takes to have the HEART of a Champion. And this was all made possible by the individuals who helped in various capacities throughout the week. We were truly blessed by this remarkable group of adult and student volunteers:

Adult volunteers: Linda Birck, Lisa Brokaw, Joanne Guarnuccio, Frances, Isleta, Mrs. Jenkins, Ginger Rachko, Loren Schramm, Laura Swidersky

Student volunteers: Henry Beversluis, Normandie Beversluis, Sophia Birck, Alexa Birnbaum, Brittany Catalan, Yaritza Catalan, Emily Cuccurullo, Olivia Erbafina, Kaylin Gonzales, Bridgid Guarnuccio, Emmalyn Hunsinger, Olivia Hunsinger, Sophie Isleta, Alexandria Kolenski, Charlotte La Costa, Alexandra Martins, Emily McCall, Raphaela Merola, Taylor Mingoia, Kourtney Most, Isabella Narciso, Kristina Nitro, Therese Nitro, Cooper Pomponio, Grace Price, Taryn Ribaudo, Eliana Rotundo, Emilia Saccento, Julia Scott, Heather Sherman, Evalyn Szalanczi, Markus Ubungen, Paul Vlkovic

Thank you to all the volunteers! Special thanks to Mrs. Connie Boruch, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education and Formation for guiding us through this week and for giving us the opportunity to be part of this incredible experience. Happy summer to all and we will see you next year!



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STATEMENT FROM CARDINAL TOBIN REGARDING THE HYDE AMENDMENT AND THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am deeply concerned that the proposed federal budget would eliminate the Hyde Amendment, which, for 45 years, has prohibited the use of federal funds for abortion. **The Hyde Amendment is credited with saving the lives of millions of children. Now, the powerful pro-abortion lobby and members of Congress are calling for the elimination of this Amendment and the implementation of a policy that would designate billions of taxpayer dollars for elective abortions.** Taxpayer-funded abortion represents a failure to recognize the sanctity of human life and promotes a culture in which human life in its most vulnerable moment is perceived as disposable. Such a proposal targets poor women as needing an expedient solution to a complex problem.

Pope Francis has said, "it is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child." He notes that abortion "is not a primarily religious issue but one of human ethics."

It is crucially important that we send a strong, clear message that the Hyde Amendment has far-reaching public support and should not be repealed. Members of Congress need to hear from as many of us as possible. Please read the Action Alerts posted by the New Jersey Catholic Conference at www.njcatholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment, and join me in acting before July 16 to send this urgent message to Congress. **Sign the petition at www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.**

Know of my continued prayers for each of you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

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



NEW FAMILY FAITH FORMATION INITIATIVE

As we continue to welcome back the entire St. Bart's community, we are excited to announce our new Family Faith Formation approach that will be taking place this Fall. One of the most important lessons that this past year has emphasized is the importance of family in the handing on and building of faith. Over this next year, the Universal Church is making it a priority to listen to and accompany the entire family. Building from what we have learned and answering the Church's call to strengthen families, St. Bart's new Family Faith Formation initiative seeks to walk with the entire family to foster an encounter with God, connect families, and empower parents/guardians. The Family Faith Formation initiative is open to all families, including our grandparents. Together as a parish team, we will be designing each of these sessions to be a moving and transformative experience for your entire family.

There will also be a newly created and separate program for the youth of St. Bart's seeking Confirmation. Look for more information and how to register for both initiatives towards the end of July.

THANK YOU CONNIE BORUCH!

This July, we wish Connie Boruch, our Pastoral Associate for Religious Education, farewell. Connie joined our staff five years ago after the death of Diane McGee. She has been a valuable and well-respected member of our team. She was appreciated by her catechists and volunteers. Her work and contribution, including the extended hours and dedication, are greatly honored. We will miss her professionalism, empathy, and strength. We respect her decision to move on and wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

YOUTH GROUP

So long. Farewell. Auf Wiedersehen. There are many ways to wish someone well when parting. The Youth Group chose a video for Fr. David. A representation of members, past, present and even future, gave Fr. David a message of thanks, memories and well wishes. Good luck and God Bless! If you are a high school student reach out to the Youth Minister to learn more about our next gathering on July 27.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN
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BAPTISMS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Rush Jude, son of Shane & Lauren Riccio
 Ava Maria Seabra, daughter of Steven & Ashley Del Rio
 Olivia Michelle, daughter of Michael & Cassandra Cosentino
 Liam Anthony, son of Edward & Sarah Carrion
 Brandon Dominic, son of Vincent & Stephanie Vicari
 Milo Peter, son of James & Alisa Smith
 Cassandra Elena, daughter of Claudio & Caitlin Mahony
 Evelyn Faith, daughter of William & Meng Vaughn
 Ella Grace, daughter of Kevin & Dina Cashin
 Travis Patrick, son of James & Kathryn Neiswinter
 Penelope Joyce, daughter of Jack & Deanna Kitchen
 Casey Gregory, son of Jean-Paul & Natalie Richer
 Ariana Marie, daughter of Ryan and Angelina Cullen
 Paisley Jane, daughter of Christopher & Jenna Schiro
 Olivia Belle, daughter of Sean & Jennifer Serillo

WEDDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUNE NEWLYWEDS!

Carmelo Rindone & Dara Baliatico, June 12, 2021
 Miguel Camilo & Nina Soutelo, June 19, 2021
 Daniel DiDomenico & Stephanie Leso, June 26, 2021
 Kirk Drum & Hayley Beldner, June 28, 2021

A TIME TO HEAL

PLEASE PRAY  FOR OUR SICK.

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Jacob Benedicto
Rina Conti
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Peter Morgan
Richard Quigley
Maureen Vincent
Melinda Williams
Joe Zingariello

Elizabeth Barker
Francesca Cafolla
Kathleen "Kay" Duff
Palmiro Ferraro
Nadine Martinson
Paul Pettit
Joseph Tufaro
Dolores Waltsak
Franca 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 family of

Barbara Germinder

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 11

7:30AM **Ronald Cerra**
 req. by Bob & Mauren LaCosta
Richard Navyoks
 req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller
 9:00AM **Filomena Vespa**
 req. by the Porter Family
Marie Midrang
 req. by Jill & Michael Rebuth
 10:30AM **Paolo Patti**
 req. by Tony, Pauline, Giulia, & Alessandra
Mauro DiNizo
 req. by Danny & Marisa Ferrara
 Noon **Justin Cunningham**
 req. by the Ruzek Family
Amalia DelRoio & Giuseppe Zengaro
 req. by Vittorio & Rina Passucci

Monday, July 12

6:30AM **Josef Smutelovic**
 req. by Fr. John & Fr. David
 8:30AM **Robert Kruthers**
 req. by Leone Family

Tuesday, July 13

6:30AM **Christine Shaffer**
 req. by Pat & Rich Crema
 8:30AM **Julius Andrew Potian (Living)**
 req. by Amy Potian
Ryan Bennett (4th Anniversary)
 req. by Loving Family

Wednesday, July 14

6:30AM **Filomena Iasello**
 req. by her Children
 8:30AM **Beth Ann Meredith**
 req. by Mary & Mike Kelly

Thursday, July 15

6:30AM **Michael Grausso**
 req. by Pat & Irene Bartels
 8:30AM **Lucille Tomaric**
 req. by Elsa Lamastra

Friday, July 16

6:30AM **Patricia Thomas**
 req. by her Loving Family
 8:30AM **Anna DiFrancesco**
 req. by her Loving Family

Saturday, July 17

8:30AM **George Moran**
 req. by JoAnn & Jack Kovalcik
 5:00PM **Divina Saldana**
 req. by George & Theresa Flood
Robert (Bobby) Farina
 req. by his Loving Wife, Mary

Sunday, July 18

7:30AM **John "Jack" Foulks**
 req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta
Bob Pratscher
 req. by the Rossi Family
 9:00AM **Austin O'Farrell (10th Anniversary)**
 req. by the Carroll Family
Margaret Smith-Whiteside
 req. by Marie & Joseph Paino
 10:30AM **Mauro DiNizo**
 req. by Fred & Lina Esposito
 req. by Nick & Angela Del Negro & Family
 Noon **Henry Yessman (22nd Anniversary)**
 req. by the Yessman Family
Donna Fantini
 req. by Al Fantini & Loving Family

Special Intentions

ALTAR CANDLES

In Memory of John B. DiSarro
 req. by Ann DiSarro

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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:

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July 4, 2021

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