



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCTOBER 10, 2021



ALL THINGS ARE

*possible*

FOR GOD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

4:00PM Confessions  
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Ortiz

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:30AM - Fr. Ortiz  
9:00AM - Fr. Paladino  
10:30AM - Msgr. Guenther  
NOON - Fr. Hanly  
4:00PM - 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.



FROM THE DESK OF  
*Fr. John Paladino*

*Joy comes to those who seek  
the love of God above all else.*



Jesus, looking at [the man], loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

The man's response? His face fell. He went away sad, for he had many possessions.

This man was a self-described good man; he had observed all the commandments from his youth. Jesus shocks him, however, by telling him that following the rules is not enough. To inherit eternal life, Jesus says, the man must give up all he has. In a time when material wealth was considered a sign of God's blessing, this was a radical proclamation.

***It is still a radical proclamation!*** But it is one that is meant for us to understand that in order to experience the fullness of joy that God wants for us, it is first necessary to free ourselves from our attachments. Only when we are free from the things that do not help us grow closer to God is there room within us to be filled with his love: love that is so fulfilling that it overflows into generosity to others; love so overwhelming that we want to respond by taking up our cross and eagerly following Jesus.

It is difficult to give up that which we hold dear - the things that make us comfortable and provide convenience, that represent our accomplishments, and that give us status and make us proud. In fact, Jesus says that it is impossible for humans. But he also tells us that we are not on our own. We can rely on God to help us break free from the material and temporal goods we treasure, because all things are possible for God. He assures us that if we give up things for his sake, if we rely on him totally and choose him above all else, we will receive a hundred times more now in this present age.

You are reading this because you believe in the One who gave up all to give you all. In seeking to be one with him through the gift of his body and blood, we reveal our desire to know and imitate his love more deeply. In receiving him in the Eucharist, we recommit ourselves to allowing the Lord to work in us, making it possible to break free from all that keeps us from knowing his love completely.

**Knowing that God is with us, we continue seeking to make God our greatest "treasure," and trust that we will know joy not only in eternal life, but here in this life which he has so graciously given us.**



STORIES OF THE SAINTS  
**Oct 15: St. Teresa of Avila**

*Teresa of Avila destroys every notion that there are two kinds of religious personalities: active and contemplative. The story of Mary and Martha recorded in the Gospels, so beloved by every author of spiritual literature, makes us think that the two patterns of behavior are clear opposites, mutually exclusive. The Christian is either an active Martha, busy with the dishes; or a contemplative Mary, sitting at the feet of Jesus in quiet contemplation. Such a simple distinction is inaccurate. Teresa is an outstanding example of a thorough blending of both.*

*At the age of 21, Teresa responded to a lifelong urge and became a Carmelite nun in her hometown, Avila, Spain. As an active Christian, she reformed her order and founded fourteen monasteries... Plagued with poor health, Teresa somehow managed to attend to a multitude of administrative details. She directed the work of laborers the way a modern contractor hires and oversees employees. She dealt with royalty and "city hall" like a diplomat. She put in an exhausting day that began with worship at five in the morning and often kept her at her desk until well past midnight. A favorite quotation from her autobiography is, "Rest? I don't need rest. What I need are crosses!"*

*This same busy, creative, determined administrator is also one of the greatest contemplative spirits in history. While signing contracts and confuting her critics, she had an awareness of living in the presence of God. She had a personal experience of mystical union with God through a remarkable prayer life that dominated her existence. Her prayer life was the source of her energetic activity.*

*Interior Castle is her most distinctive book. In this volume she ignores the interesting details of her life and work, and concentrates exclusively on her spiritual discoveries. While she was, by nature, a rambling writer who followed her stream of consciousness before the pedagogues ever coined the term, Interior Castle possesses form and comeliness...*

*To read Teresa is to sit down for a chat with her. She did not read what she had written with a critical eye, scratching out this line and that, amending and shaping, correcting and refining. She simply sat down and wrote what was on her mind, often reminding the reader that she was not very good at it. But in fact, she was a wizard at wringing profound meaning from the Spanish language, delicately playing one word against another in puns so subtle, translators often miss them.*

Bernard Bangley, *Butler's Lives of the Saints*, 2005, p. 241



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

## ACADEMY IN ACTION

### FALL ACTIVITIES ARE BACK!

The school year is in full swing and we are excited that this school year brings a return to activities and opportunities that were either scaled back or missing last year due to COVID-19.

The Student Council campaign is winding down toward election day. Student council is a wonderful way to give students an opportunity to develop leadership by organizing and carrying out school activities and service projects. In addition to planning events that contribute to school spirit and community welfare, the student council is the voice of the student body. This year, there are four students running for President, four for Vice President, three for Publicity Chairperson, two for Social Concerns Chairperson and one for Spirituality Chairperson. Campaign posters were made, and candidates presented their platforms and ideas to the students in grades 2-8. Ballots will be counted this weekend with the winners announced on October 12.



Volleyball is back this fall! After a hiatus due to COVID-19 last fall, our Lady Eagles are eager to get back on the court. This year, the JV

team (5th and 6th grade) is coached by Sharon Pacheco, and Varsity (7th and 8th grade) is coached by Pamela Sawicki. Both teams have had to adapt to a temporary practice space at Union Catholic High School while the St. Bartholomew gym floor undergoes repairs. Despite that setback, and learning to deal with COVID-19 restrictions, both teams won their opening games this past weekend against Holy Trinity. We are looking forward to a great season!



Boy Scout Troop 203 is also back with in-person meetings and have several camping trips planned. They are always welcoming new scouts from 6th grade through high school from both the Academy and parish. If you are interested in learning more about the Troop, please email [stbartstroop203@gmail.com](mailto:stbartstroop203@gmail.com).



## MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT RETURNS IN 2022!

### Save the Date: March 11 & 12, 2022

Take some time out from your hectic life and give yourself the gift of time to reinvigorate your relationship with God!

Men's Cornerstone program for St. Bartholomew's and Immaculate Heart of Mary is now in its 13th year! Over 300 men have participated in this program to date to revitalize their relationship with God.

Unlike prior Cornerstone retreats, there will be no requirement to sleep over. The program will begin Friday evening and end after a full day on Saturday. All Covid protocols of the Archdiocese will be followed.

#### FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Young Adults 20-35 are welcome to join us for *The Search*, an innovative video series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. In six beautifully filmed episodes, experts from the fields of science, medicine, psychology, art and religion examine our place in the larger story of existence. **Come join us for fellowship, faith-sharing, or simply asking questions and learning more. We hope to see you there!**

#### DETAILS:

We will gather on **Thursday evenings at 6:30PM** in the St. Bartholomew Cafeteria, now through October 28th.

#### REGISTER:

To ensure that we are prepared with adequate food and space for the group, we ask that participants please sign up at [stbartholomewchurch.org](http://stbartholomewchurch.org) on the Young Adult Ministry page.

#### CONTACT:

Please reach out to Briana Quigley, [bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org) with any questions.

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



After 18 months of living through a pandemic, we are looking to re-connect and re-invigorate our faith together as a community - one way we hope to do this is through small groups. We will begin the journey together by exploring the question Jesus asked his disciples and again asks us today: "Who do you say that I am?"

### WHY SMALL GROUPS?

Small groups are a way to come together in an informal setting to share experiences, question and discuss, and grow in faith among peers.

### WHEN /WHERE WILL SMALL GROUPS MEET?

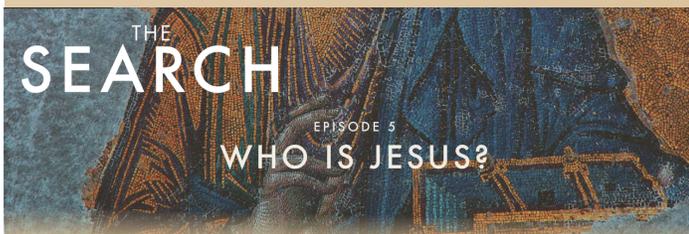
We hope to begin in November, once a week for one hour in a variety of ways: in homes, at the Church, on Zoom, or even through private study for those who prefer.

### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE OR JOIN A SMALL GROUP?



Visit the Small Groups page in the Ministries section of our website or scan the QR code to sign up. Please reach out to Elaine Coupe at [kecoupe@verizon.net](mailto:kecoupe@verizon.net) with any questions.

*All are Welcome! We hope you can join us!*



## THE SEARCH CONTINUES . . .

Join us as we dive in for our fifth week of *The Search* adult faith small group series, as we explore the question: Who is Jesus? Whether you are a seasoned church-goer or still questioning and searching, there's something here for everyone!

**The Monday October 11 7PM meeting will be MOVED to Tuesday October 12 at 7PM** this week. The Tuesday afternoon group will proceed as scheduled on **October 12th at 1PM** in the Rectory. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome!

FOR INFO, CONTACT PAT KREMA  
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## THE GREAT PUMPKIN CARVING & DECORATING EVENT



**Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10:30AM  
in the St. Bartholomew Back Parking Lot**

Fun for the whole family, sponsored by St. Bart's Noah's Ark Family Ministry and Parish Life. Pumpkins and decorations will be provided. Hope to see you there!

## YOUTH GROUP

Though we had last Sunday off, our leaders have been prepping for our meeting, September 10. Things have changed since our Youth Group members were being educated in our faith. We are excited to introduce them to our new Emmaus Faith Formation Program. If you are a local high school student, grade 9-12, come and learn about this new program and have some fun with peers of your faith. Meet us 6-7 near the ball field behind the church. If you are unable to join us this, that is no problem, reach out to the Youth Minister and get the most up to date information on our next gathering.

FOR INFO, CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN  
at [yg@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:yg@stbartholomewchurch.org)



## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

St. Bartholomew's requires all volunteers and staff who work with children in any capacity to take a Protecting God's Children class, have a current background check on file, and submit a volunteer application.

Two in-person Protecting God's Children sessions will be offered at St. Bartholomew's:

**Wednesday, October 20th at 6:30PM  
in the St. Bartholomew Gym**

*Preregistration is required.* Please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) or see our Parish and Academy websites for more information.

CONTACT: SANDRA CARROLL  
at [pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org)

# Mass Intentions



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 7:30AM **Victor De Stephan**  
req. by Daughter, Lu  
**Margaret Sylvester**  
req. by Robert & Jaclyn LaCosta
- 9:00AM **Grace Culliman**  
req. by Loving Family  
**Kenneth Blom**  
req. by Dolores Blom
- 10:30AM **Nicholas Iosca**  
req. by daughter, Theresa  
**Lee Fusselman**  
req. by Rebuth Family
- Noon **Joseph Cullinan**  
req. by Loving Family  
**Frank DiLollo, Sr.**  
req. by Donna Iasello

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:30AM No 6:30am Mass

- 8:30AM **Thomas Winters**  
req. by Janet & Jim Walsh

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 6:30AM **Peter & Catherine Kellet**  
(74th Anniversary)  
req. by Loving Family
- 8:30AM **Lorotto Keck**  
req. by Andrew & Kathleen McDonald

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 6:30AM **Esmie Fenandoe**  
req. by the Fenandoe Family
- 8:30AM **Thomas Lloyd**  
req. by Elsa Lamastra

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 6:30AM **Concetta Secretario**  
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller
- 8:30AM **Alice Luciano**  
req. by Jane & Tyler Bowman

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 6:30AM **Al Fantini**  
req. by John & Elena DiFiore
- 8:30AM **Vincent Cronen**  
req. by the Quinn Family

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:30AM **June A. Harris**  
req. by the Valera Family
- 5:00PM **Robert (Bobby) Farina**  
req. by his Loving Wife, Mary  
**John Sr. and John Jr. Cimino**  
req. by Wife and Mother, Maria

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 7:30AM **Margaret Merola**  
req. by Larry & Linda Juelis  
**Ava Finnenty**  
req. by Maureen & Bob LaCosta
- 9:00AM **Agnese Ferrara**  
req. by Ester & Emil Mancini  
**Robert "Bob" Kruthers**  
req. by Dcn. Bob & Joanne Gurske
- 10:30AM **Mary E. Howell**  
req. by Bill & Jo-Anne Mealia  
**Oswaldo Melendez**  
req. by Loving Family
- Noon **Mary Beth Driscoll**  
req. by Barbara & John Smith  
**John F. Laezza, Sr.**  
req. by the Profaci Family
- 4:00PM **Rosa Transita Chavez**  
req. by Rev. John Paladino

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Edilberto Agaton Jr.**  
**Jacob Benedicto**  
**Rina Conti**  
**Kathleen "Kay" Duff**  
**Palmiro Ferraro**  
**Nadine Martinson**  
**Andrea Muñoz**  
**Kenneth Quigley**  
**Patricia Uber**  
**Dolores Waltsak**  
**Franca Zingariello**

**Elizabeth Barker**  
**Francesca Cafolla**  
**Nancy DeCristofaro**  
**Tami Eddy**  
**Emma Lara**  
**Peter Morgan**  
**James Pettit**  
**Richard Quigley**  
**Maureen Vincent**  
**Melinda Williams**  
**Joe Zingariello**

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

### 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

**John Ruggiero**

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.*



## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to complete Baptismal Preparation. Registration in advance is required. Please call 908.322.5192.

### Reconciliation

Confession is offered every Saturday at 4PM or call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

### Marriage

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or deacon as soon as the engagement is announced.



## RCIA: RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS AND BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more about becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments at our parish, please contact Pat Krema: [pkrema@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:pkrema@stbartholomewchurch.org). We are happy to accompany you on your journey of faith!



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### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | OCT 3, 2021

Envelope Collection:	\$ 8,912
Faith Direct:	\$ 9,449
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$18,361</b>
<i>Building Maintenance</i>	\$ 4,832

*Thank you for your support!*

### SUPPORT ST. BART'S WHEN YOU SHOP ON AMAZON!

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## Available Services

### MASS AVAILABLE ON TV & ONLINE!

For the home bound Parishioner, tune in on **Sundays** at 10AM to watch Mass. Comcast channel 34 or Verizon channel 22. Watch the Mass livestream on our website and Facebook page on Saturdays at 5PM and Sundays at 9AM.

### 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. | 908.232.0893**

**Joseph Ochs, LPC | 732.221.6673**

**Dina Brue, LCSW | 646.643.5345**

**Laura Otchy, MS, Ed.S. LPC | 973.580.5930**

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