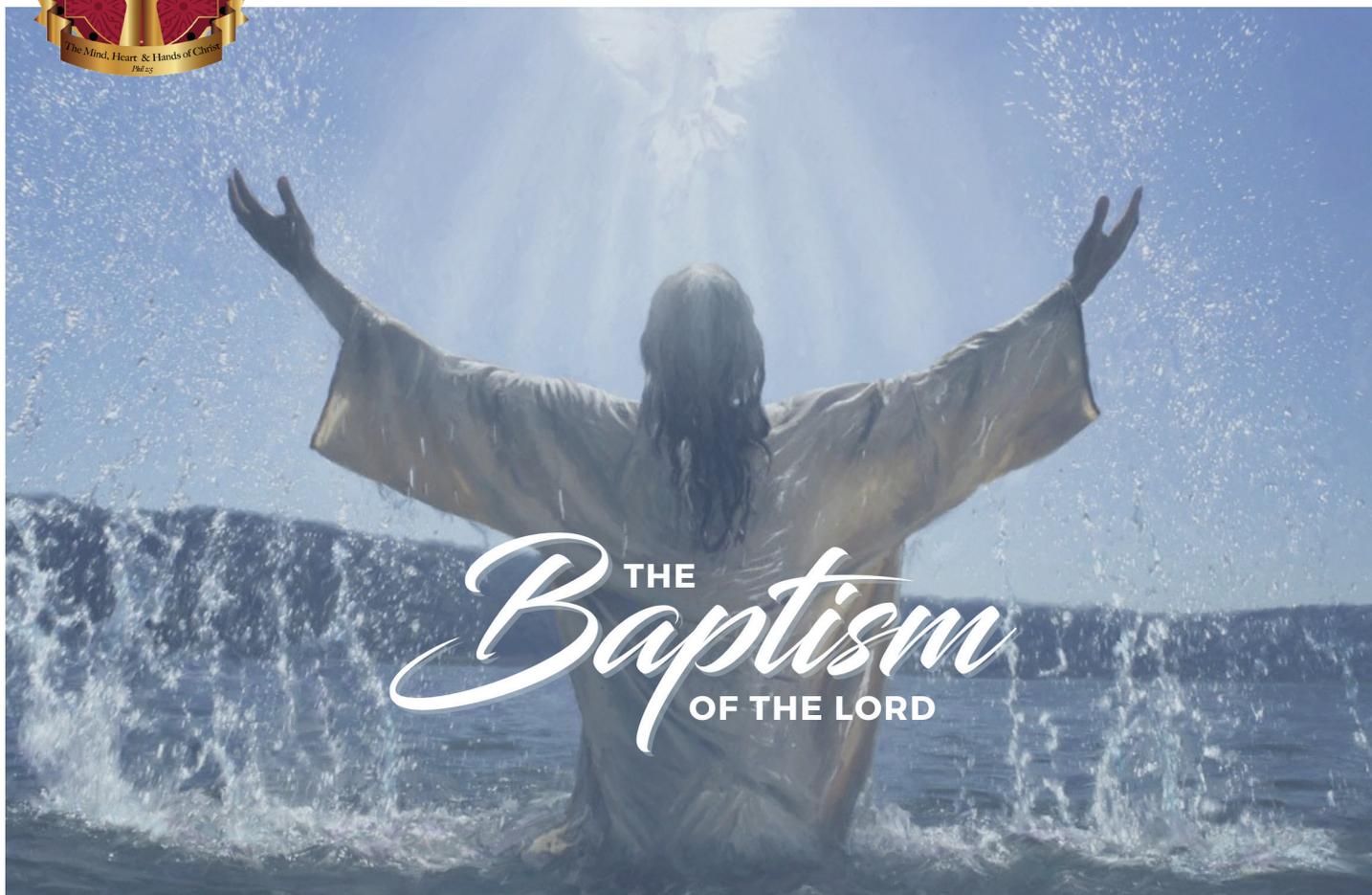




ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 9, 2022



2032 Westfield Avenue,
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076
(908) 322-5192
www.stbartholomewchurch.org
www.stbartschurch.flocknote.com

PASTOR

Rev. John J. Paladino, K.H.S.
908.322.5192 ext. 114
frpaladino@stbartholomewchurch.org

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Msgr. Donald E. Guenther
Rev. Frank Rose

WEEKEND ASSISTANT

Rev. Roberto Ortiz

DEACONS

Deacon Matthew Gonzalez
Deacon Robert Gurske
Deacon Donald Hessemer

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Msgr. Guenther

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30AM - Msgr. Guenther
9:00AM - Fr. Rose
10:30AM - Fr. Rose
NOON - Fr. Ortiz



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*

Encountering Christ changes us and leads us to light and life.



With today's feast, our Christmas season ends, and we begin the next chapter of our Church year. Moving through the liturgical year is like reading through the chapters of a book or watching the seasons of a television series. Season one is Advent, focused on eager anticipation for the Messiah. Season two is Christmas, focused on celebrating the Incarnation: God with us. Season three is Jesus' ministry and today is episode one: his baptism.

After Jesus had been baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove and a voice was heard affirming him as the beloved Son.

Jesus instituted baptism as a sacrament – an outward sign of inward grace. At baptisms now, we may not see the Holy Spirit descend like a dove, but we see the sacred chrism poured out, symbolizing the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We may not hear the Father's voice from heaven, but we hear God's word spoken through Scripture. Jesus may not be there in person, but the ordained minister stands in his place, following his commission to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Through these words and actions of baptism, we are given the grace of salvation through the power of the Holy Trinity. We need this because we cannot save ourselves. Left to our own devices, we succumb to worldly desires and take up godless ways. Our only hope is for God in his kindness and mercy to save us by the Holy Spirit, poured out on us through Jesus our Savior. So we are saved, not because of any righteous deeds we have done, but because of the mercy and love of God.

Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing babies, who cannot speak for themselves. But infant baptism can be a powerful demonstration of the generosity and kindness of God's saving love. What sort of righteous deeds can an infant do to earn grace? How temperately and devoutly can a baby behave? None of that matters; they receive the grace of the sacrament all the same. Grace is not for those who can earn it, it is for those upon whom God bestows it, and often God prefers the most vulnerable, most humble, and most needy to bless.

On this feast, we give thanks for the saving grace of the sacrament and the generosity with which it is given. The next time we participate in a baptism, let us look to see the Holy Spirit, hear the voice of the Father, feel the presence of his beloved Son, and know how much we are blessed.

(Image: Pietro Perugino, *The Baptism of Christ*)





THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEA...

Ever wanted to explore or start reading the Bible, but not sure where to start? Looking for a new year's resolution to strengthen your spiritual life in 2022? St. Bartholomew's encourages everyone to sign up for the **Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz**. Episodes are about 20-30 minutes a day, featuring a couple of bible passages followed by an engaging reflection by Fr. Mike Schmitz guiding listeners through what was just read. You can access the podcast through the Hallow App, on Spotify or Apple podcasts, or on Youtube.

We would also like to hold some in-person and virtual check-ins throughout the year with all those journeying through the Bible in a Year. This intentional community will further help break open the scriptures and help us stay connected throughout the year. Scan the QR code with your smartphone to answer a survey if you are interested in participating!





St. Bartholomew is starting a new Small Group Ministry in January and we want you there! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet as a faith community with people exploring their faith just like you!

Why Small Groups?

Small groups are a great way to meet others in a safe environment to explore and challenge your faith. The groups are no larger than 10 people each, which provides the ability for everyone to share, relationships to form and faith to deepen.

When and where will we meet?

We will meet once a week beginning January 24 in a variety of ways, including in homes, at the Church and online. Each group will follow the same study guide and conclude the study with a large group meeting on the final week. Check the Connect Small Groups page on our website for more information on each of the groups that are offered and to learn more about our leaders.

How can I get involved?



Contact Elaine Coupe at kecoupe@verizon.net with any questions and for more information on joining a group, or scan the QR code to sign up.

KICKOFF EVENT AT DARBY ROAD IS CANCELLED

Out of concern for the safety of our participants we will not be gathering at Darby but rather all those signed up can drive by the front of the Narthex, meet the leaders and pick up the book on Thursday, January 13th from 7-8PM. Books will also be available for pickup in a basket at the Rectory.

spotlight on faith : WHAT IS ORDINARY TIME?

This week, we begin Ordinary Time again. Ordinary Time is a liturgical season, just like any other. And just like any other season in the liturgical calendar, this season celebrates a very specific time in the life of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The term 'ordinary' in our common use typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. A kind of 'it is what it is' mentality. For that reason, many people hear 'Ordinary Time' and they immediately think of the season as such. But that understanding doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season.

Ordinary, in this context, comes from the Latin term ordinalis, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. This title simply refers to the ongoing and rhythmic nature of the season. Just like everyday life, there is a rhythm to the days and the weeks. Sure, we have holidays and special occasions that we look forward to that change the pace, just like we have holy days and feasts in the Church year. But those special occasions aren't the whole picture, just like there is more to the life of Christ than what we celebrate in other liturgical seasons.

According to the USCCB, "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ." Think about that last phrase for a moment.

Caught up in Christ. What would life look like if you were caught up in Christ?

Here's a short list of ways you can fully embrace this liturgical season and get caught up in Christ:

- 1. Examine your habits.** Your day to day life is typically just a series of habits played out one after the other. If you want your life to change, the first place to look is your habits. A great new habit to start: reading the daily Gospel.
- 2. Gratitude.** Joy always finds its root in gratitude. Try starting each day by thanking God for five ordinary, everyday things. If you have a family, try going around the table at dinner time and list off things together.
- 3. Use your imagination to reflect on the daily life of Jesus.** Imagine Jesus doing the simple things. Eating, walking, joking with his friends. Praying. Make yourself a bystander to the Gospel stories in your imagination.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is only unlocked if you live it!

adapted from thecatholictelegraph.com



THEREFORE, WHOEVER IS IN CHRIST IS A *new creation*; OLD IS GONE, BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME!

2 Corinthians 5:17



**ST. BARTHOLOMEW
ACADEMY**
The Catholic Academy that makes a difference in your child's life.

THE ACADEMY IS HIRING!

Preschool Aide - Part-time Position

8:30 -3:00 pm daily. Assist pre-K 4 teacher with children in the classroom setting

After Care Teacher - Part-Time Position

3:00-6:00 pm daily. Assist lead teacher with caring for students in grades prek-6 after school hours

Gym Teacher - Part Time Position

Thursday and Friday 8 am-3pm

ALL POSITIONS: Must pass NJDOE criminal background check and obtain Protecting God's Children Certificate. These positions require standing, stairs and playing with children.

Send resume to: Kim Harrigan, Principal
at sbapincipal@stbacademy.org

YOUTH GROUP



Life is fragile.

HANDLE WITH PRAYER.

The last couple of years we have all seen how fragile life can be. We also all know that the Lord can make all new again. The Year 2022 is a New Year and our Youth Group family will continue to gather either in person or virtually while taking care to protect each other during these challenging times. If you are a high school student and want to learn more about our YG, please reach out to the Youth Minister for the most up to date gathering information.

**FOR INFO, CONTACT JENNIFER RYAN
at yg@stbartholomewchurch.org**

MEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT March 11TH and 12TH 2022

WHAT IS CORNERSTONE?

Cornerstone is an opportunity to renew and strengthen your faith and grow in your experience as a Christian community. It is a retreat led by a team of parishioners from various backgrounds and ages who themselves have experienced an increased presence of Christ in their lives.

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND CORNERSTONE?

You will have a unique opportunity to meet other men of the parish and together listen, reflect, and share real life experiences. Taking the time to retreat from daily routine and stress is both a necessary and rewarding experience.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT CORNERSTONE TO BE LIKE?

It will begin Friday evening at 6PM and end on Saturday evening after Mass and dinner. There will be talks, followed by small group discussions, time for quiet personal reflection, Reconciliation and Eucharist. There will also be ample time to interact with others who are looking to grow spiritually.

WHY THE NAME "CORNERSTONE"?

The word "Cornerstone" describes Christ as the main foundation ("the cornerstone") of our lives. His presence within us allows us to live, grow, and become more loving and vibrant people of God.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

Men of all ages are invited. In anticipation of a large response and limited space, please register early.



Scan the QR code here with your mobile device for registration and for more information. Info is also available on our website on the Cornerstone Retreats page. If you have any further questions, please contact:

Michael Caramico at mjcjmc@aol.com
Liam Nobile at liamn71@yahoo.com
David Diken at dndiken@aol.com

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30AM **Jean DeTore**
req. by Barbara Riepe
Tom Lilly
req. by the LaCosta Family

9:00AM **Geraldine & Anthony Galantino**
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
Peter & Lucy Capranola
req. by Maria Novello & Family

10:30AM **Christopher Martaulis**
req. by Meredith & Matthew Ince
Alphonse Fantini
req. by Maria & Peter DiNizo

Noon **Biagio DiNoto**
req. by the Skara Family
Barbara Jean Faccone
req. by Eleanor Percival
Antimo Guardascione (1st Anniversary)
req. by Giuseppina Guardascione

4:00PM **Janice Barton**
req. by Billy & Maryann Degnan

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30AM **Michael Stein**
req. by Loving Family

8:30AM **James Hines**
req. by Matilda Blahosky

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30AM **Carrie Pfannenstiel**
req. by Rev. John Paladino

8:30AM **Anthony DeSando, Sr.**
req. by the Koch Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30AM **Carl Broderhausen**
req. by the Nobile Family

8:30AM **Joshua Petrucelli**
req. by Deacon Bob & Joanne Gurske

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30AM **Marie Geredella**
req. by Joan Newmark-Glover

8:30AM **Sr. Theresa Chippa**
req. by Nancy Kennedy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

6:30AM **Lawrence Salvatore Rosello**
req. by the Rosello Family

8:30AM **Anthony Benenati**
req. by Michael & Jill Rebut

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00AM **Frank Ferlazzo**
req. by Matilda Blahosky

5:00PM **Joseph Tufaro**
req. by Alex & Rosaanna Passucci
Donald Goscicki
req. by Camille Goscicki

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30AM **Christina Bruder**
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta
Anne Shea
req. by Maryann & Billy Degnan

9:00AM **Biagio DiNoto**
req. by the Martucci Family
Lucy DiFrancesco
req. by Loving Family

10:30AM **Joseph Tufaro**
req. by Scott & Rosemarie Lamperti & Family
George Sydor
req. by Loving Friends, Loretta & John Screefon

Noon **Joseph Macchia**
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff & Lorraine Coons
Joseph Fantini
req. by Angela & Nick Del Negro

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:

Sanctuary Lamp & Bread and Wine
In Remembrance of Fr. Michael Cogliani
req. by the Ditchko & Cullen Families

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Jacob Benedicto
Rina Conti
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Peter Morgan
James Pettit
Patricia Uber
Dolores Waltsak
Franca Zingariello

Elizabeth Barker
Francesca Cafolla
Kathleen "Kay" Duff
Palmiro Ferraro
Nadine Martinson
Andrea Muñoz
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 families of
Steven Margiotta
Thomas MacStoker



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to complete Baptismal Preparation. Please register in advance by calling (908) 322-5192.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Eva Josephine, daughter of Michael & Rachel Gargiulo
Jack Gary, son of Connor & Lisa Henderson
Athena Jo, daughter of Herman & Lydia Torres
Gabiella Rose, daughter of Joseph & Jillian Caratozzolo
Valentina Xiomara, daughter of Richard & Naomi Lopez
Lorenzo Michael, son of Mark & Daniela Palmieri
Daniel William, son of Daniel & Amy Royland
Simon Jude, son of Frederick & Ronalyn Ydio
Olivia Rose, daughter of Philip & Kimberly Acosta
Thomas Joseph, son of James & Meghan Callahan
Chidindu Daniel, son of Humphrey & Chinonye Opara
James Steven, son of Brian & Erika Gartner

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.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Michael Ruzek and Jean Brown, December 11, 2021



PARISH OFFICE DIRECTORY

908.322.5192

Email: contact@stbartholomewchurch.org
Web: www.stbartholomewchurch.org

ACADEMY OFFICE:
PRINCIPAL KIM HARRIGAN
908.322.4265
admissions@stbacademy.org

RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE: 908.322.2359
religioused@stbartholomewchurch.org

Office Hours:
Monday-Tuesday 8:30AM-6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:30AM-3:00PM
Saturday-Sunday: 9:00AM-2:00PM

ST. BARTHOLOMEW STAFF

STEVEN SERAFIN
Pastoral Associate
sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 112

PAUL MILAN
Director of Liturgy & Music
pmilan@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 260

PATRICIA KREMA
Coordinator of Liturgy & Adult Faith Formation
pkrema@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 126

BRIANA QUIGLEY
Director of Communications
bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 130

CATHERINE ZIOBRO
Community Outreach Coordinator
cziobro@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 108

CARLA KELLY
Director of Confirmation
ckelly@stbartholomewchurch.org

JENNIFER RYAN
Director of Youth Ministry
yrg@stbartholomewchurch.org

SANDRA CARROLL
Safe Environment Director
pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 135

CINDY PITONZO
Business Manager
cpitonzo@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 129

KATHY KOBLISKA
Office Manager
kkobliska@stbartholomewchurch.org | ext. 100

DENNIS WEISS
Facilities Manager
dweiss@stbartholomewchurch.org
PAULETTE CORONATO | JOSEPH DILLON
Parish Trustees

Supporting Our Parish

EASY ONLINE GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

Streamline your offertory and simplify your support for St. Bartholomew the Apostle as we continue serve our parishioners and those in need throughout the community. 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. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ844, or text 'Enroll' to 908-324-5627. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | DEC 19, 2021

Envelope Collection	\$7,032
Faith Direct	\$11,081
Total	\$18,113

Collection totals for Dec. 25-Jan 2 unavailable at the time of publication.

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

St. Bartholomew's has partnered with Amazon Smile. Please remember that while you shop consider using smile.amazon.com. The Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to our church. *It's no additional cost to you!* Choose St. Bartholomew Church via this link: <https://smile.amazon.com> and start shopping! Thank you for your support.

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

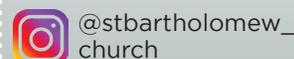
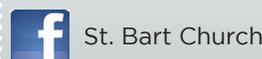
If you are an individual, a couple or a family that is experiencing difficulties, there are counseling services available to you. All calls are confidential. Fees can be adjusted to one's financial situation. Please note, that no one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Counselors available to 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

Stay Connected!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

for daily inspiration and all the latest parish news and updates!



JOIN OUR FLOCKNOTE

to receive our weekly newsletter & stay plugged in to all your favorite parish groups and ministries!



Scan the QR code or visit stbartschurch.flocknote.com to join!