



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

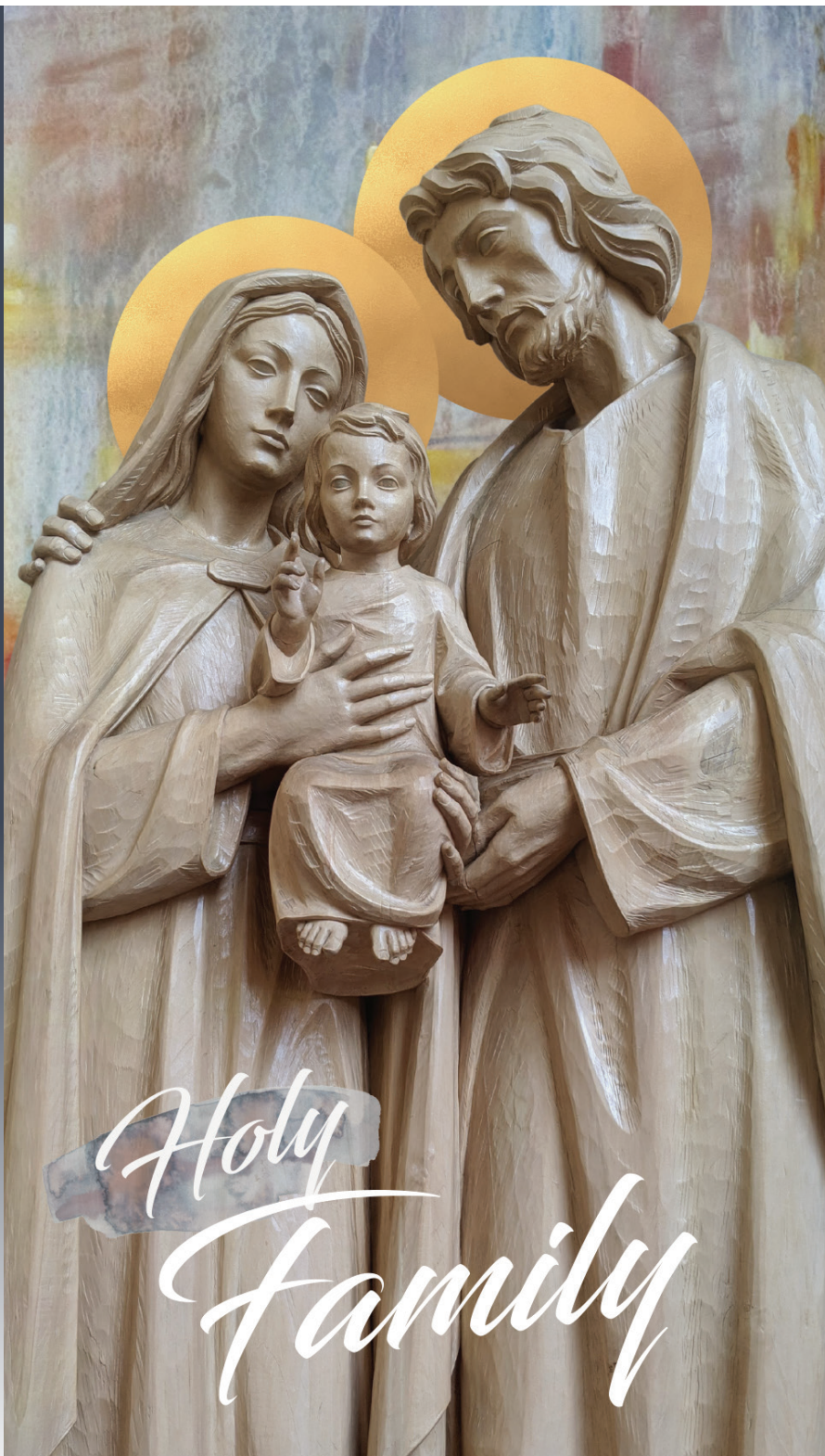
4:00PM Confessions
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Rose

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

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.



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FROM THE DESK OF
Fr. John Paladino

*Jesus is asking all of us to put out
into the deep water for a great catch.*



Doing the will of God is not easy. It can cost us everything. It did for Jesus. If we have ever found ourselves doubting God or our own ability to fulfill his will or vocation for our lives, we are in good company, as we can readily see in today's Scriptures. When Isaiah was told to become a prophet, he said, I am doomed. Saint Paul felt completely unworthy of being a missionary, referring to himself as the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle. When Saint Peter doubted Jesus and the great catch of fish they might make, he said, Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.

In each case, whether there was unworthiness, unwillingness, or feelings of incompetency, God made these people successful in their mission regardless of their human weaknesses and misgivings. God can do the same for us when we say, "thy will, not mine be done." For Isaiah, God sent an angel with a burning ember to purge him of his fears. Isaiah would then devote himself to God's service as a prophet for 40 years, saying, Here I am, send me. Saint Paul found strength in his weakness, as God gave him grace upon grace to spread the Gospel further and wider than it ever had been before.

In the Gospel, God used Peter's boat to make a great catch - so many fish that the boats could easily have sunk under the weight of them. Jesus eases Peter's guilt for his doubt by telling him, and us, Do not be afraid.

Jesus is telling all of us to put out into the deep water for a great catch. It is safer by the shore, and that is where we are most comfortable, but with greater risks come greater rewards. Like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we may have excuses for why we are incapable of fulfilling God's will for us, and plenty of reasons why God should ask someone else. Yet history shows, and our experience has taught us, that God can cover all of our weaknesses with his strength, and can bring forth a great catch when we say yes to his will, listen to his word, and busy ourselves doing his work.

In every way, these men experienced the intensity and immensity of the power of God, and it made them feel small and unworthy. God's mercy helped them to realize that he who is so intense and immense is also very intimately connected with each one of us, and the message is always the same: **"Put out into the deep" and "Do not be afraid."**

Fr. John J. Paladino

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. BART'S:



coffee social

*Join us after Mass today,
Sunday, February 6th
for food and fellowship!*

Come join us and meet your fellow parishioners! Parish Life is hosting a coffee social next Sunday from 8AM-12PM in the Cafeteria (go through the side doors in the Church and down the stairs - you'll find us! We will have assorted drinks including coffee, tea and hot chocolate, along with donuts, bagels and more. There's a little something for everyone! Hope to see you there!



**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 6TH
4:00PM AT
ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

This is for everyone who has struggled through the past couple years and just needs a little time and space for rest! Come join us from 4pm-5:30pm today for an evening of peace, prayer, and renewal. The evening will offer a brief reflection, silent time for prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and a guided prayer experience. All are welcome to gather with us in person or spiritually - the service will be livestreamed on our website and Facebook.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Every January, Catholic Schools across America celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service". Despite COVID-19, the Academy found ways to celebrate with Mass, hold our annual Open House, and program other activities for students, families, and members of the community. Through these events, the students and faculty were able to focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people, and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

On Sunday, our Academy started the week with Mass at 10:30am, and then the annual Open House. Over thirty prospective families visited the Academy. Due to COVID-19, the Open House was held by appointment only, but the individualized setting gave prospective parents a great opportunity to learn about the school and programs.

Each weekday, the students and staff focused on a different theme that highlighted pillars of Catholic Education. Monday was 'Celebrate our Community'. Students started a week long food drive to help the food pantries at St. Bart's and Immaculate Heart of Mary. The theme on Tuesday was 'Celebrating our Students'. During this fun filled day, students were able to earn "no homework" cards, enjoy a special snack from the Home School Association, and compete in a school t-shirt design contest. On Wednesday, the Academy focused on our country with 'Celebrate our Nation'. Students wore red, white, and blue, wrote letters to the President and Vice President, and started the Patron Saint of America Project. Thursday was 'Celebrate Vocations'. Fr. John, our Pastor, and Mr. Steve Serafin, the Parish Pastoral Associate, spoke with students about the various types of vocations. The students then wrote messages of encouragement to our parish priests. The last day of Catholic Schools Week ended as it started with the community gathering for Mass. The week was a great deal of fun and demonstrated that our Academy is a community of faith, excellence, and service.

CONNECT WITH US!

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Love Endures All Things . . . With A Little Help!

Starting this spring, St. Bartholomew will host a six-week marriage enrichment initiative that was designed by our Pastoral Associate Steven Serafin to help strengthen marriages. The six weeks will accompany couples in further developing key marital skills and proven strategies that will enrich their marriage. Each skill is founded on best practices developed by renowned marital counselors from around the country.



We are looking to see how many couples might be interested in participating. If you are interested, please sign up through the QR code and we will reach out with more information.



Have you ever had a longing to better know Jesus? Have you questioned his presence in the Eucharist? Have you ever wondered what happens after we receive?

Join our Lenten reflection series to dive deeper into these questions and more. We tend to live much (perhaps most) of our lives on the surface of things. We would like to invite you to journey with us each day during Lent through daily email reflections and a weekly presentation from Sr. Loretta Fernandez based on Henri Nouwen's little book, *With Burning Hearts*. **The daily reflections will be emailed to you each morning and our in-person weekly reflections will take place on Thursdays during Lent at 1PM and 7PM, beginning March 3rd.**

This life-changing book anchors us to the One who is the most intimate to each and all of us – Jesus. Come, not only to hear and to share but to open yourself to an experience of a deepening and enriching encounter of Christ in your everyday life.



If you are interested in receiving the reflection and/or attending our in person sessions please sign up by scanning the QR code with your mobile device.

Source Summit

SUNDAY
3.13.21
7:00-8:30PM



Please sign
up at this
QR code!

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead us in an evening of prayer, music, and reflection as we are guided towards an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, allowing the Source and Summit of our faith to take root in our hearts and lives. Youth are encouraged to attend, and all are welcome!

YOUTH GROUP



Our big outdoor gathering last weekend did not quite go as planned. The good news is that if you couldn't join us last week, you can enjoy skating with friends when we reschedule. **We are also planning our one-day retreat at the Deserted Village's Maskers Barn on March 20th.** Mark your calendar and reach out to the Youth Minister for a form to save your spot for the event. **Join us Sunday, February 6th, 6-7:30PM** for our next youth gathering. If you want to be a part of the YG fun and learn more, please contact the Youth Minister.

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

spotlight on *saints*

SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

The story of St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947) is a story that many people taken into slavery have experienced. Born in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was kidnapped at the age of 8 and sold into slavery many times. As she passed from owner to owner, she experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. It was only at the age of 13 that her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul in Sudan. It was here that she was fortunate to receive kindness, respect, and peace from her new master.



She was later handed over to the Canossian Sisters when she made the case that slavery had been outlawed in Italy for years. She was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church in 1890, where she took the name Josephine. She later entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later.

St. Josephine Bakhita's next 50 years were spent serving people through cooking, sewing, embroidery, and housekeeping. She was a source of encouragement and her constant smile won people's hearts, as did her humility and simplicity. Today she is known as the patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.

"Love the Lord and pray for those who do not know Him. What a grace it is to know God!"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

14TH ANNUAL FISH FRY

March 4th, 2022

Drive Thru Style: 5:30PM - 7:30PM

If you would like to help and be a part of the Fish Fry Committee, please contact Rich DeBonis at richdebonis@verizon.net or (908) 346-3602.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, May 9, 2022

at Maplewood Country Club

More info regarding sponsorship and golf opportunities to follow soon! Not a golfer? Not a problem! Join us for dinner, be a sponsor or buy a 50/50 ticket! For information, please contact Ted Schiller at (908) 490-0444 or Susan Hernandez at shernandez1297@gmail.com

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 7:30AM **Michael Scullin**
req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
Marie Giordanella
req. by the Huether Family
9:00AM **Mary & Tom McCarthy**
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
Al Fantini
req. by Antonio & Gisella Appezzato
10:30AM **Antoniette DiFrancesco**
req. by Peter & Maria DiNizo
Carlotta Ianello
req. by Susan & Michael Buccola
Noon **Antonietta Romano**
req. by Nicola & Camille DiNardo & Family
Anne Shea
req. by Sharon & Mike LaForge

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 6:30AM **Jon Mercelius Potian (Living)**
req. by the Potian Family
8:30AM **John Norbet Wilcox**
req. by the Rohmans

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 6:30AM **Joanne Mercier**
req. by the Ruggieri Family
8:30AM **Sr. Mary DeBacco**
req. by sister, Elsa

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:30AM **James Roberts**
req. by Cynthia & Daniel McLeavey
8:30AM **Marie Giordanella**
req. by Richard & Linda Scannell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 6:30AM **Gary Stiffler**
req. by Ed & Mary DePaola
8:30AM **Fr. Michael Hanly (Living)**
req. by the Rosary Group

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 6:30AM **Roseann Miller**
req. by Mary Smith
8:30AM **Katlyn Gallo**
req. by Josephine Wilkins

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:30AM **Carmelina Banu**
req. by Kimberly Harrigan
Biaggio DiNoto
req. by Guido & Barbra Passucci
5:00PM **William Laurence**
req. by Vittorio & Rina Passucci

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 7:30AM **Mary Erbafina**
req. by Maureen & Bob LaCosta
Kenneth Detlet
req. by a Friend
9:00AM **Angela DiNardo**
req. by Roberto & Laura Sorge
Noreen Dominguez
req. by Tom & Mary Stachowiak
10:30AM **Patrick Henry**
req. by Guarnuccio Family
Alfonso Fantini
req. by Lauren & Roberto Sorge
Noon **Thomas Romagnoli**
req. by Mauro & Judy & Family
Therese Racarolli
req. by Barbara & John Smith
4:00PM **Anthony Oliviera**
req. Pat & Irene Bartels

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Jacob Benedicto
Maritoni Caceres Padilla
Kathleen "Kay" Duff
Palmiro Ferraro
Nadine Martinson
James Pettit
Patricia Uber
Dolores Waltsak
Franca Zingariello

Elizabeth Barker
Francesca Cafolla
Rina Conti
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Peter Morgan
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:

Pia DiFabio
Nancy Nagel
Heather J. Watt

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.*



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.

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. We are happy to accompany you on your journey of faith and help answer any questions you may have!



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STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | JAN 30, 2022

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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

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Dina Brue, LCSW | 646.643.5345

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