



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dcn. Robert Gurske  
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### Mass Schedule

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

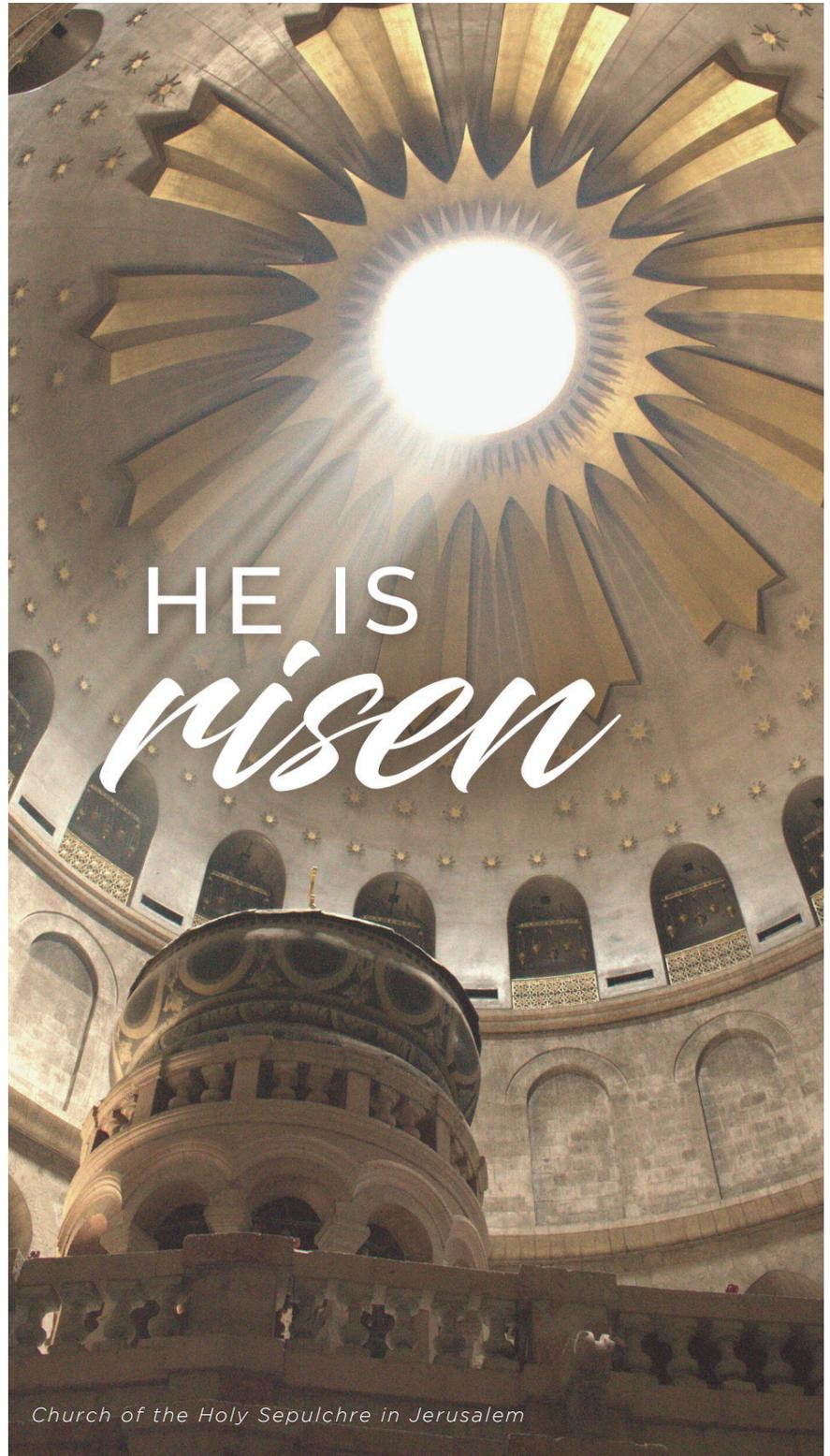
4:00PM Confessions  
5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Rose

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

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

### 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.



*Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem*



FROM THE DESK OF *Fr. John Paladino*

Jesus is not dead; he is alive!



The tomb is empty! Today we celebrate the love Jesus has for you and me. A love that's stronger than death. A love that enabled Jesus not just to accept, but to embrace the cross. Today we remember that Jesus died, freely gave up his life, to free us from sin and death, to give us life. And today on Easter we remember that he rose from the dead. This is true today and always: Jesus is not dead; he is alive.

This changes everything! Jesus is alive and is truly God. He has conquered sin and death. And since Jesus is alive, we are able to know him, speak to him, and hear from him. He is intimately present to us in this moment.

So often in life it's possible to feel alone, isolated, or abandoned. Today we celebrate the truth that Jesus is who he says he is. He is the light that shines in the darkness. He is the bread of life that nourishes and strengthens us. He is the way, the truth, and the life who guides us at every moment. He is the door through which we are brought back into union with our Father. He is with us always, at every moment, and will never give up on us or abandon us.

This indeed is the Good News! It's the message Peter preached in the first reading. It is reflected in our psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. This Good News is what Paul wrote to the Colossians: (through baptism) they have died with Christ and now their life is hidden with Christ in God. Their hope is quite literally in Christ in heaven, who will one day return and raise them to be with him in glory. This Good News is what the three disciples witnessed but did not yet fully understand, when they found the empty tomb. This Good News is why we are here. It is why we celebrate this wonderful, miraculous paschal mystery with the firm conviction that one day, too, we who have been baptized into the life and death of Christ will be raised to eternal life with him.

The Resurrection is the beginning of a new chapter. Jesus rose from the dead and now lives forever as Savior, Lord, and King. Jesus is not dead. He is alive!

**We've reached at least 85% of the goal...  
help us get to 100%!**

**Annual Appeal** *the 2022*

**Catholic Stewardship *in Action***

*The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission: to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. **Scan the QR code or visit [rcan.org/sharing](https://rcan.org/sharing) to give online.***

# WELCOME TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE CHURCH!

We're glad you are here! Thank you for joining us in our celebration of the Resurrection of Christ on this Easter Sunday!

This page features a few highlights of the groups/ministries offered here at St. Bartholomew, with much more on our website at [stbartholomewchurch.org](http://stbartholomewchurch.org).

## Parish Life Ministry

Our Parish Life committee organizes opportunities throughout the year to build fellowship and community here at St. Bart's. The **Parish Life Coffee Social** offered on the first Sunday of every month... these events are a great opportunity to meet others in the parish!

Join us at the next social on **Sunday, May 1st from 8AM-12PM** in the parish cafeteria (lower level of the Church). Hope to see you there!

## Community Outreach

We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we are always organizing ways to give back to the community. The Outreach page is frequently updated with opportunities to give and serve. Recently, our parishioners generously donated hundreds of items to our Ukraine collection. Thank you to all who participated. Visit [stbartholomewchurch.org/outreach](http://stbartholomewchurch.org/outreach) for upcoming opportunities!

## St. Bart's Moms Group

St. Bart's Moms' Group welcomes all mothers in the parish to join us in growing in faith, fellowship, and service. We meet the **first Thursday of each month at 7:30PM**. We always have chocolate and never any judgment!

Contact Brooke at the following email to be added to our email list:  
[BrookeEileenhamel@gmail.com](mailto:BrookeEileenhamel@gmail.com)

# MINISTRY *spotlight*

## Emmaus Family Formation Program



**Emmaus**  
FAMILY FORMATION

Our Emmaus Family Faith Formation program, serving families with children in grades 1-6, is wrapping up for the year this month. Over 400 families participated and we received lots of positive feedback. Families were invited to join us for a gathering once a month for six total sessions, beginning with Mass and followed by classes, fellowship, family

activities and an opportunity for parents to gather, learn and share on the joys and challenges of faith, family life, and parenting. Registration for next year will open soon - please contact Pastoral Associate Steven Serafin if you have any questions: [sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org).



*Pictured above, our families had the opportunity to write down some of their fears and worries and leave them at the altar in the Church as a symbolic gesture of handing over their struggles to Jesus, who promises to be with us and take care of us through difficult times.*

## CONNECT WITH US THROUGH FLOCKNOTE



Did you know... we have a weekly newsletter sent out through Flocknote with parish events, news, updates and more. Sign up is easy and free. Scan the QR code or text "STBARTSNEWS" to 84576 to sign up for the weekly newsletter and stay connected!



## ***The Message of Divine Mercy Sunday***

Did you know that this upcoming weekend, the Sunday after Easter, is known in the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday? It is a feast day during which we celebrate and remember the message of the great mercy of God that he asked a Polish nun, Sr. Faustina Kowalska, to share with the world.

God promises mercy and forgiveness to all who ask for it because they know they are in need of it. Divine Mercy Sunday is a feast day especially for those who feel lost, that they would be found, and for those who are struggling that they would find new strength and hope in God. No sin is ever too great that God's mercy cannot forgive it, and we can never stray so far that God would not welcome us back with open arms. Jesus came to save the world, not to condemn it. As we approach Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24th, know that God loves you with an everlasting love and that He wants to offer you mercy and healing for every sin and struggle that you face. Consider this simple prayer, called the Jesus Prayer, and hold it in your heart this week and as often as you need it:

***Jesus, Son of the Living God,  
have mercy on me, a sinner.***

Even a quick prayer spoken sincerely can bring great peace of mind and heart. Know that the doors of God's mercy are always open. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Confession, we offer it here at St. Bartholomew on Saturdays at 4:00PM, or by appointment (call 908-322-5192). If it's been awhile since your last confession, you can let the priest know and he will guide you through it. Have no fear - God delights in showing mercy and He waits for you with open arms!



**July 11th - July 15th 9:00AM -12:00PM**

Registration for this summer's VBS is now open to all children entering PreK-4 to Grade 4 in September 2022. Scan the QR code below or visit our website to access the registration form. The cost is \$25 for the first child or \$50 per family.



Registration will be open until June 15th or until we reach 100 participants. We are grateful for Jen Delos Santos and Amy Beversluis for Directing our VBS again this year.

If you have any questions, please contact [vbs.stbartholomew@gmail.com](mailto:vbs.stbartholomew@gmail.com).



Hallow is the #1 Catholic app in America, offering thousands of prayers, meditations, mental health content, bible studies and more. The #1 podcast, Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz, is also featured on the app. All Hallow content is free through St. Bartholomew in three easy steps:

1. Visit [hallow.com/holydaypackage](http://hallow.com/holydaypackage) and search for St. Bartholomew the Apostle in Scotch Plains.
2. Register for a free account (if you already have the app, make sure you log in again with the same email address).
3. Enjoy full access until Pentecost (June 5th)!

# Mass Intentions

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

- 7:30AM **Robert Leone**  
req. by Virginia Leone  
**Lorraine Jean Mays**  
req. by Michael & Patricia Vignola
- 9:00AM **Pat DelPrete**  
req. by his Loving Family  
**Robert "Bobby" Farina**  
req. by his Loving Wife, Mary
- 10:30AM **Yupin Englert**  
req. by her Loving Family  
**Elena DiFiore**  
req. by the Giovanni & Costanza Passucci
- Noon **Romano DelNegro**  
req. by Peter & Maria DiNozo  
**Michael Ruzek**  
req. by Anna Ruzek & Family

## MONDAY, APRIL 18

- No 6:30AM Mass
- 8:30AM **Betty, Frank & Michael**  
req. by Family

## TUESDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30AM **Janet Gardner**  
req. by Fran Valentine
- 8:30AM **Sara Gerlock (Living)**  
req. by the Rodino Family

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30AM **George Rachko**  
req. by Daughter, Ginger
- 8:30AM **Mary Caliendo**  
req. by Family

## THURSDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:30AM **Marie Bruno**  
req. by Fung-A-Fat Family
- 8:30AM **Theresa Lutz**  
req. by Chris & Jeanmarie Kiernan & Family

## FRIDAY, APRIL 22

- 6:30AM **John Egan**  
req. by Nancy Leahy
- 8:30AM **Kathleen Mazzei**  
req. by Alex Chelak

## SATURDAY, APRIL 23

- 8:30AM **Michael Ruzek**  
req. by Anna Ruzek & Family
- 5:00PM **Richard & Catherine Santoriello**  
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello  
**A. Maria-Scarano**  
req. by Franca Bianca & Family

## SUNDAY, APRIL 24

- 7:30AM **Larry Long**  
req. by Larry & Linda Juelis  
**Bob Kruthers**  
req. by wife, Grace
- 9:00AM **Elena DiFiore**  
req. by Nick & Angela DelNegro  
**John Giordanella**  
req. by Frank & Anne Rossi
- 10:30AM **Robert "Bob" Kruthers**  
req. by Kathy & Paul Kobliska  
**Elena DiFiore**  
req. by the Peter & Maria DiNizo
- Noon **Antonio & Anna DiFrancesco**  
req. by Loving Family  
**Kosephine Macchia**  
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff & Lorraine Coons
- 4:00PM **Domenico Romeo**  
req. by Nancy Romeo

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

**Elizabeth Barker**  
**Francesca Cafolla**  
**Kaitlyn Marie Cole**  
**Terri DeVany**  
**Tami EddyPalmiro**  
**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.



## CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

### Baptism

Baptism is the gateway to the Christian life and through our death to sin and rebirth in Christ, we become Sons and Daughters of God. We are excited to welcome your child into the Church, the family of God!

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to complete Baptismal Preparation, which provides a great opportunity to meet other young couples with children and to dive deeper into the beauty of this First Sacrament. Please register in advance by calling (908) 322-5192.

### Reconciliation

Reconciliation is an opportunity not just to confess our sins, but ultimately to receive the outpouring of God's love and mercy. The Father waits for us with open arms! 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.



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### Office Hours:

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

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Parish Trustees

## Supporting Our Parish

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### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | APR 3 2022

Envelope Collection	\$9,290
Faith Direct (online)	\$11,552
Total	\$20,842
Building Maintenance:	\$4,767

*Thank you for your support!*

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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

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