



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 22, 2022



PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,  
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU.

*John 14:27*

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## OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

### Pastor

Rev. John J. Paladino, K.H.S.  
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### In Residence

Very Rev. Frank Rose, V.F.

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Roberto Ortiz

### Deacons

Dcn. Matthew Gonzalez  
Dcn. Robert Gurske  
Dcn. Donald Hessemer

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MAY 28

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 29

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

## CONTACT US

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## 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*

*"Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you."*

Although we are in the Easter season, our Gospel comes from the farewell discourse in John's Gospel - Jesus' final instructions to his disciples on the night of the Last Supper. Jesus is aware that his impending death is going to shake their faith to its very roots, and so his words are full of encouragement and promise.

Central to his parting words are the gift of peace and the promise of the Spirit - the Spirit of God who would teach and remind them of all that he had shared with them and in time, would give them the courage and strength to regroup and embrace the mission.

As Jesus prepared to go away, the disciples must have been full of questions and doubts, in dire need of that peace. But did they understand its truth, or did they simply think that their lives would be smooth sailing, devoid of struggle?

The Hebrew word for peace as found in this passage, Shalom, seems to capture the truth of this gift. It is more than just the absence of strife, it is the state of positive well-being, a sense of wholeness and harmony that focuses primarily on our relationship with God but inevitably flows into our relationships with others. It's that right relationship with God.

Throughout his life, Jesus had this peace. It flowed from his desire to do the will of the Father with total trust and fidelity and knowing that whatever happened, he was always in God's care.

Yet, as he stood before the world, Jesus had no such peace. He was constantly misunderstood, rejected, abused, humiliated, and finally betrayed and put to death. So when we hear his call to follow him, we cannot really expect it to be smooth sailing, an "easy out" of the trials of this life. Perhaps that is why he invites us to deny ourselves and take up our crosses.

Let's face it: the peace most of us yearn for is often not the one Jesus offers. Most of us would be content with a peace that answers our daily human needs - an easy peace - even if at times, it might turn out to be a temporary one.

Today we are invited to ask ourselves if we truly understand this gift of peace: the power to be at peace and reconciled with God and others; to trust in him in the moments of trial and tribulation in life; to stand firm and in obedience to what God has asked of us through the events of our lives. This is true peace, and it is the peace the world can neither give nor take away.

It's the peace that many find when they lose themselves in service of others, and it is the peace Jesus offers us today. Our challenge is to reach out and make it our own.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John J. Paladino".

# Around the Parish

## Humans of ST. BARTHOLOMEW

### Meet Steven Serafin!

**What is your role here at St. Bartholomew?** As Pastoral Associate, I collaborate with the Pastor in



developing the vision and mission of the Parish. I direct and collaborate with the St. Bartholomew's team to foster a culture of discipleship for each of our parishioners through our various ministries and pathways, including the Family Faith Formation initiative.

Our goal is to assisting parishioners to mature in Christ and discover their personal gifts and abilities that God has blessed them with.

**Where is your hometown?** Morris Plains

**What brought you to St. Bartholomew's and why did you stay?** This past July, Fr. John invited me to be a part of this amazing team and parish community. The first time I drove onto St. Bart's grounds I was amazed by the beauty that I encountered. As I met more and more members of St. Bartholomew's that feeling of beauty and joy continued to grow. The parish provide my whole family such a welcoming invitation making us immediately feel a part of the St. Bart's family. There is such a great desire here to grow deeper in your relationship with God and because of that relationship to serve others. It is so energetic and my family had to be a part of such a wonderful faith community.

**What has inspired you in your faith journey recently?** My favorite quote for scripture is John 10:10: "I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full!" Throughout 2022 I hope to use this line as a reminder to live life to the fullest in every aspect of my life home, work, school, friendships. In order to keep my tank full, I am trying to stick to a prayer routine, meet with my spiritual director more regularly and make sure I am spending intentional time with family and friends.

**Who is your favorite way to pray?** The Hallow App has completely transformed my prayer life and has provided me with a prayer routine among the busyness. I try to start each day with the Surrender Novena as a reminder that I do all things for and with the help of God and my family.

**What is a fun fact about you?** I am a dual citizen with United States and Ireland!

## UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW!

### DEACON BOB'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

**Sunday, May 29th**



Deacon Robert "Bob" Gurske will celebrate 20 years of the Permanent Diaconate at the 12PM Noon Mass. Reception to follow.

### DEACON CHRIS' FIRST HOMILY

**Saturday, May 28th**



Mr. Chris Hughes will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate (the final "step" toward priesthood) and will preach his first homily at the 5PM Vigil Mass. Reception to follow.

### DEACON MATTHEW'S ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS

**Saturday, May 28th and  
Sunday, June 5th**



Deacon Matthew Gonzalez will be ordained a priest on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00AM at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

**Please join us to celebrate this great occasion - All are welcome to attend!**

Matthew will celebrate his first Mass at St. Bartholomew as a newly ordained priest on Sunday June 5th at the 12PM Noon Mass. Reception to follow.



# Parish Ministries

## YOUTH GROUP



What a gorgeous day for the NJ Catholic Youth Rally at 6 Flags / Great Adventure last Sunday. Our Youth Group members had a blast on the rides and breaking bread with catholic teens from across the state. The day concluded with outdoor mass that was hosted by the Diocese of Camden. This Sunday, May 22, we are looking forward to our newly confirmed candidates to join us for fun, prayer, and dinner. Hope to see you there, at St. Bartholomew 6-8PM.

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



## COMMUNITY FOOD BANK SERVICE DAY

A huge **thank you** to the many needed volunteers who gave their time at the Community Food Bank in Hillside on May 14th!

Together, while working on an assembly line, 616 boxes containing healthy food items for children were made. These boxes will be delivered to school based pantries and shelters throughout the NJ area providing children with easy access to food. Thank you to Peggy Burke, Simon Burke, Cindy Gaud, Sebastian & Fabian, Ray Cirrito, Lu Fedeli, Liam Nobile, Griffin Noble, Lou Sturniolo, Laura Watt, Patrick Watt and Viv Del Prete.

Together we are making a difference in the fight against hunger by providing Food, Help and Hope to those in need.

***There are still volunteer slots open for this Saturday, May 21st, June 4th and June 11th!***

Anyone 12 years or older is welcome to join. Please contact Viv Del Prete at 908-322-6912, or email [rvjdel@comcast.net](mailto:rjdel@comcast.net).

# Around the Community

## SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

***We Don't Know Them All, but We Owe Them All.***

**FRIDAY, MAY 27:** The ninth annual Memorial Day Concert will take place on Alan Augustine Village Green, adjacent to the municipal building (430 Park Ave.) in downtown Scotch Plains, beginning at 6:30PM.

The event will feature a Support-the-Troops style production with Scotch Plains native Mike Marino serving as Master of Ceremonies. Musical performance will be provided by oldies group The Cameos.

**MONDAY, MAY 30:** Starting at 10:45AM, at the gazebo in downtown Scotch Plains, the 2022 Memorial Day Parade will proceed along Park Avenue, to Martine Avenue, into downtown Fanwood.



# Prayer Intentions & Sacraments

## SUNDAY, MAY 22

- 7:30AM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family  
**Pietro Monaco**  
req. by MaryEllen & Fran
- 9:00AM **Giovanna & Peter Appazzato**  
req. by Loving Family  
**Thomas & Joan Climko**  
req. by Dave & Maria Stetin
- 10:30AM **Elena DiFiore**  
req. by Robert & Laura Sorge  
and by Nick & Dina DiNizo
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**  
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff  
& Lorraine Coons  
**Grace Caramico**  
req. by the Rossi Family

## MONDAY, MAY 23

- 6:30AM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family
- 8:30AM **Nancy Otchy**  
req. by husband, Tom  
**Lucia Bonavitacola**  
req. by Loving Family

## TUESDAY, MAY 24

- 6:30AM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family
- 8:30AM **Aurora Juarez**  
req. by Jack & Emmie McWade

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

- 6:30AM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family
- 8:30AM **Nicola Novello**  
req. by wife, Lena

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

- 6:30AM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family
- 8:30AM **Dorothy Lehlbach**  
req. by Maria Sikora

## FRIDAY, MAY 27

- 6:30AM **Janek Anthony Skutnik**  
req. by MaryJo & Loving Family
- 8:30AM **Mary Simone**  
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

- 8:30AM **Celeste Claire Donnellan**  
req. by Fernando Family
- 5:00PM **Marie Scarpa & Deceased Members of the Scarpa Family**  
req. by the Scarpa Family  
**Anna Plachta**  
req. by Robin Ince

## SUNDAY, MAY 29

- 7:30AM **Pia DiFabio**  
req. by Tom & Colleen Prendergast
- 9:00AM **Barbara Maria Talluto**  
req. by the Duane Family
- 10:30AM **Mary Bush**  
req. by the Pierson Family
- Noon **Robert DiAnno**  
req. by Joan Dietrich
- Elena DiFiore**  
req. by Laura Del Negro  
and by Gisella & Antonio Appezato
- Anthony Parenti**  
req. by Loving Family
- Grace Caramico**  
req. by the Duthie Family

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edilberto Agaton Jr, Santino Agosta, Elizabeth Barker, Jacob Benedicto, Francesca Cafolla, Maritoni Caceres Padilla, Kaitlyn Marie Cole, Rina Conti, Terri DeVany, Kathleen "Kay" Duff, Tami Eddy, Palmiro Ferraro, Emma Lara, Nadine Martinson, Arthur W. Morgan, Peter Morgan, James Pettit, Richard Quigley, Maureen Vincent, Dolores Waltsak, Melinda Williams, Franca Zingariello, Joe Zingariello, Lenore

*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

We offer prayers and condolences to the family of:

**Anthony D'Addario**  
**David P. Janssen, Sr.**  
**Fernando Piniero**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.*



## Baptism

We are excited to welcome your child into the Church, the family of God, through the Sacrament of Baptism!

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 parents 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 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.

Thinking of Making a  
Change for Your Middle  
School Child?



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ACADEMY

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Catholic Values and  
Christ-Centered

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Rigorous Academic  
Environment

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A Partnership with Parents  
and Teachers

Find out how your child can

**STRIVE**

towards academic excellence,

**BUILD**

a relationship with Christ, and

**ACHIEVE**

the goal to be a servant leader!

More information at:

[www.stbacademy.org](http://www.stbacademy.org)

Openings available in grades 4-8

Call Us for a Tour! 908-322-4265

# Supporting Our Parish

## STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | MAY 8, 2022

Envelope Collection	\$8,593
Faith Direct (online giving)	\$9,602
Total	\$18,195

Easter 2022 (to date)	\$64,967
Easter 2021	\$72,861
Deficit	\$7,894

*Thank you for your support!*

## ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We are streamlining and simplifying the giving process for our parishioners. Please stay tuned for more information coming soon over the summer. Our giving platform will be moving from FaithDirect to a service called PushPay. The new process will enable you to give with just a touch of a button from your smartphone or through an easy online giving portal. More information to come this week. If you would like to check out the new platform, simply **text STBARTGIVE to (833) 921-6421**. Thank you for your support of our faith community!

## 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.

### LEGAL CLINIC SERVICES

Do you live in Union County and need help with:

Housing insecurity?  
Rental assistance?  
Legal representation?  
Credit counseling, and more?

Please contact Joe Correa immediately at:  
[jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org](mailto:jcorrea@thewaterfrontproject.org)

[www.thewaterfrontproject.org](http://www.thewaterfrontproject.org)

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged people - the working poor, seniors, veterans, and those living with disabilities - to address their civil legal issues and concerns.

### 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