



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JULY 17, 2022



THERE IS NEED OF
only one thing.
LUKE 10:42

Christ in the House of Martha and Mary (Vermeer), 1655

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 23

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

SUNDAY, JULY 24

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

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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

Let us make time to be in the presence of God.

In the beginning of Chapter 18 of Genesis, God comes to Abraham in human form, as three travelers. Sensing he is in the presence of God, Abraham greets his three guests in the singular as "Sir," or Lord, and shows them hospitality.

God has revealed himself as a trinity of persons to Abraham. Abraham is informed that he and Sarah will receive an answer to their greatest prayer - to become parents. In the same chapter, we learn that Sarah is beyond child-bearing years and has never had a child, but Abraham trusts in the Lord and his faith is greatly rewarded.

Hospitality is also the focus of today's brief Gospel from Luke. Jesus has stopped at a village a short distance from Jerusalem. He is visiting the home of Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus.

Martha and Mary have very different ideas about how Jesus should be welcomed into their home. For Martha, he is an important guest, and she feels it is necessary to lay out a feast. Mary seems aware that Jesus will not be with them much longer and therefore she does not want to leave his feet for even a moment. Indeed, Jesus' first prediction of his death occurred in the previous chapter.

Martha is incredulous that Jesus sides with Mary, so sure is she that Mary should be serving the guest, not wasting time at his feet. Jesus favors Mary as having chosen the better part, if only by making time to be in his presence instead of being distracted by other tasks.

This is an important and challenging lesson for Martha and for all of us. We can become so busy - so distracted and overwhelmed with the affairs of daily life - that we sometimes find it hard to make time to be in the presence of God or to find any peace when we do so. Making time to go to Mass, participate in eucharistic adoration, or pray at home requires two things - sacrificing the time and whatever else we could be doing. Abraham's sacrifice was rewarded and so was that of Mary of Bethany. We, too, seek to find that balance between prayer and labor, doing all things for God's glory and for the good of others, for God will not be outdone in generosity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "fr. John J. Paladino".

WELCOME, SISTERS OF MARY!

We are happy to welcome the Sisters of Mary from Kenya to our parish this weekend. Please be generous in your support, whether through a gift to support their work or through your prayers, as you are able. Thank you!

FEARLESS

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2022

JOHN 16:33

Our teens had a fantastic weekend at the Fearless Youth Conference in Steubenville this past weekend (July 8-10)! It was a weekend of fun, prayer, worship and community.

Thank you so much to all who supported and prayed for the 10 youth who participated in this life-changing experience! Over 2,000 people attended! Make no doubt about it: the Church is alive and thriving!

Here's what our teens had to say about the impact this weekend had on their lives:



“My experience at Steubenville was amazing, it opened my eyes to so many possibilities that I'd have missed if I didn't grow my relationship with God! Going to Steubenville has truly changed my life and I will be forever grateful that I was able to go. I grew my relationship with God and my fellow friends who had also accompanied me on this trip.”



“Steubenville meant a lot to me regarding the growth of my faith. I felt like this was the first time I truly saw God and heard a message from Him. During the adoration of Jesus that we participated in, I experienced unforgettable emotions that have connected me to my faith and bonded me with my peers for years to come.”



“Steubenville meant truly experiencing God for the first time and just soaking in and being in wonderful awe of his awesomeness and knowing that I can always turn to him and put my trust in him. I am definitely grateful for coming on this trip and want to take everything I learned back home and use it to live each day of my life going forward until I am fully reunited with God in heaven.”



“I am very grateful for this experience and opportunity. This has really shown me a new side of me and showed me I'm never really alone and there's always someone who loves me, even when I don't feel like I am.”

Around the Community

MERCY HOUSE DONATIONS NEEDED

Mercy House is a resource and referral center that supports pregnant women, people struggling with addiction, those in abusive relationships, and others in need.

As Mercy House continues to serve those in need, there has been a greater demand for the following items: non-perishable food such as cereal, shelf-stable milk, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, small packages of rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, fruit cups, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly. We can also use diapers in all sizes as well as baby wipes, formula, and baby clothing.

Please drop off items in a designated bin in the Narthex or in the basket in front of the Rectory (please mark items clearly for "Mercy House" collection) **by Sunday August 7th**. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER FOR INSPIRE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

INSPIRE Family Life Center was founded to meet the urgent needs of the thousands of at-risk and underserved women and families living in New Jersey. Our goal is provide mothers and families who are facing unplanned or unexpected pregnancies with practical, emotional and spiritual support. Our doors are open to anyone in need of our services, including women who are not insured or in need of resources.

- **Life affirming medical professionals such as nurses and sonographers**
- **A Medical Director to oversee Operations and Client Care**
- **Financial partners who will share their treasure to build up our life saving mission**
- **Mentors to guide our mothers and families**
- **Office and Administrative Help**
- **Partners in Prayer**
- **Volunteers to assist with our Baby Boutique**
- **"Meet & Greet" Hosts for small gatherings and more...**

Visit inspirefamilylifecenter.org/contact if you are able to assist and help build a culture of life in our community.



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

WE'RE HIRING!

Preschool/Kindergarten Aide Position

Work with our preschool teacher and assist students during class and lunch time. This is a part-time position. Hours vary but are usually 9AM-2PM OR 8AM-1PM.

After Care Position

Work with students in our after care program after school. Help students with homework, prepare activities, and monitor students until parent pick-up. This is a part time position. Hours are 3-6PM daily.

Both positions: Must have or be willing to obtain fingerprinting and Protecting God's Children Certificate.

Contact Principal Kim Harrigan at sbprincipal@stbacademy.org with resume.



September 2-5, 2022

It's that time of year again!! This annual Italian fest is a Labor Day weekend tradition with something for everyone. There is nightly live music, rides, games, and delicious food, including favorites like pizza, pasta, zeppoles, clams, and calzones, and more! In addition, there are nightly 50/50 drawings and a super 50/50 raffle on Monday.

Calling All Feast Volunteers!



The festival is made possible with the generous help of many volunteers! Interested in volunteering to work a game during our Labor Day Italian Festival? Sign-ups are officially open! Scan the QR Code or visit our website

for more information. Please email Jane Bowman at stbfeastvolunteers@gmail.com with any questions.

Prayer Intentions & Sacraments

SUNDAY, JULY 17

- 7:30AM **Judy DiFiore**
req. by David & Family
Chiara Martone
req. by Duane Family
- 9:00AM **Romano DelNegro**
req. by Vittorio & Rita Passucci
Robert McCarthy
req. by Albert Blom
- 10:30AM **Barbara Jean Faccone**
req. by Eleanor Percival
Carmine Tropeano
req. by the Rebuth Family
- Noon **Pietro Monaco**
req. by Barbara Fumosa
and by Susan & Michael Buccola

MONDAY, JULY 18

- 6:30AM **People of the Parish**
- 8:30AM **Liliane Dias De Aguiar**
req. by the Glastal Family

TUESDAY, JULY 19

- 6:30AM **People of the Parish**
- 8:30AM **Pierro & Palmieri Families**
req. by their Grandchildren

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- 6:30AM **People of the Parish**
- 8:30AM **Gilda & Jessie Sapaden**
req. by Gee Fontanilla & Tina Zarejko

THURSDAY, JULY 21

- 6:30AM **Cathy Potian (Living)**
req. by the Potian Family
- 8:30AM **Josephine Macchia (Birthday)**
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff & Lorraine Coons

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- 6:30AM **Kenneth Quigley (Birthday)**
req. by Briana Quigley
- 8:30AM **Gordon Fuller**
req. by Loving Family

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- 8:30AM **John Dowling**
req. by Wife & Loving Family
- 5:00PM **Kenneth Thomas**
req. by Loving Family
- Kyle Galace (Living)**
req. by the Potian Family

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- 7:30AM **Virginia Mistreta**
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta
Dave Shepard
req. by Ellen, Pablo & Claire
- 9:00AM **Catherine Delacruz (Living)**
Mass of Thanksgiving
Janis McArdle Gesiriech
req. by Steve & Pat Goldberg
- 10:30AM **Romano DelNegro**
req. by Roberto & Laura Sorge
John Tenore
req. by Nancy Lanbros
- Noon **Mr. Gordon Ekstrand**
req. by the Capece Family
Pia DiFabio
req. by Esther Mancini

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, Jennifer Munoz, 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.

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.

RCIA: Becoming Catholic and Receiving the Sacraments

***Interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?
Were you baptized Catholic but did not yet receive
the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
St. Bartholomew RCIA welcomes you!***

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation.

If you would like to learn more about becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments, please contact James Choma and Susan Delaney-Choma at chomajim@outlook.com.

We're here to welcome you and walk with you on your journey of faith!



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Supporting Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | JULY 10, 2022

Envelope Collection	\$ 6,874
Faith Direct (online giving)	\$ 10,555
Total	\$ 17,429

Archdiocesan Assessment: \$ 3,104

Thank you for your support!

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We are streamlining and simplifying the giving process for our parishioners. Our giving platform is 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 on-line giving portal. Please visit our website stbartholomewchurch.org for more information. If you would like to try out the new platform, simply **text STBARTGIVE to (833) 921-6421** or scan the QR code here with your mobile device. 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

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

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