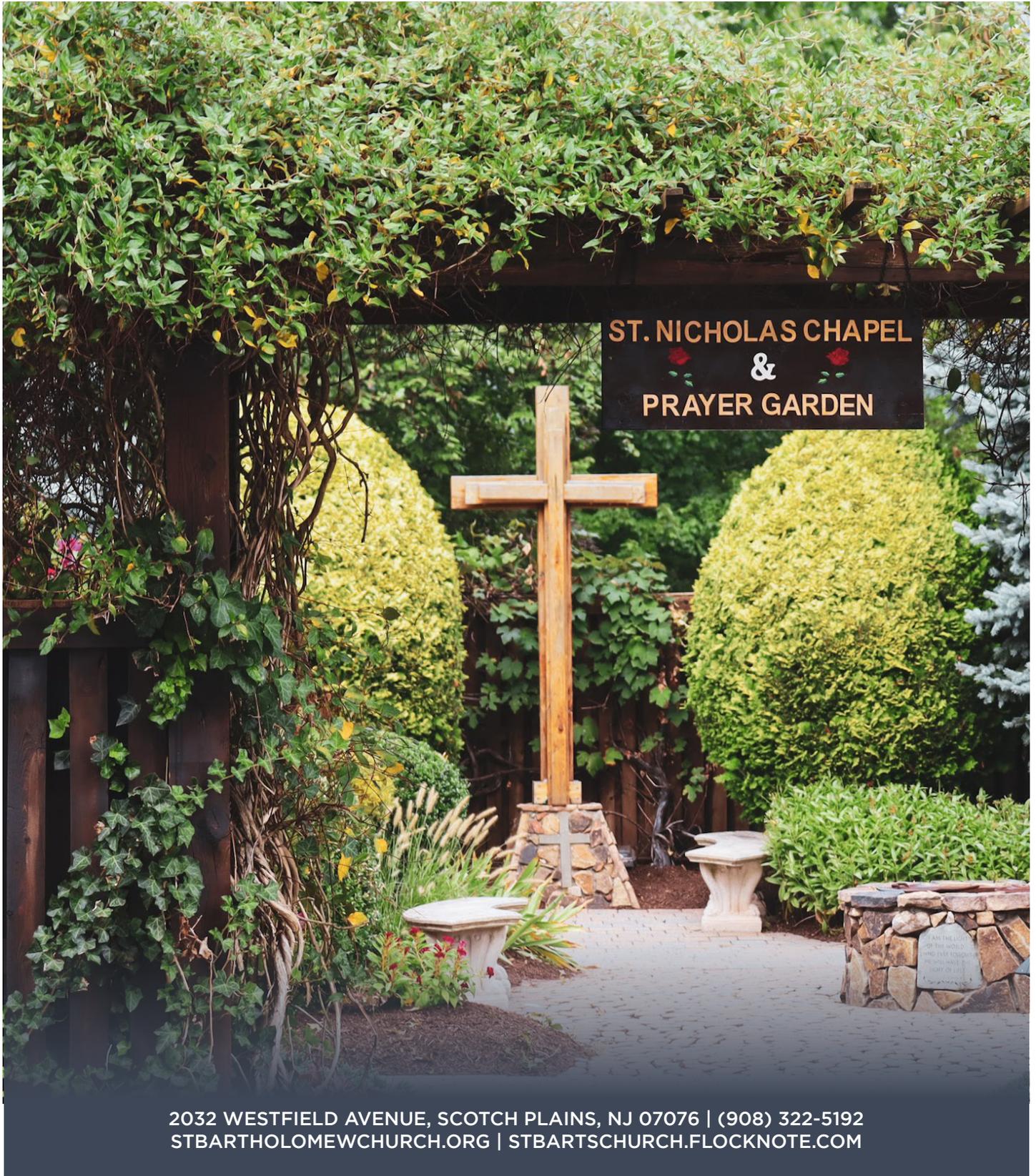




ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Gonzalez

5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Rose

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

*Seek to have minds and hearts formed by
the life and teachings of Christ.*

When Pope Benedict XVI visited Ground Zero in New York City on April 20, 2008, his prayer included these words: "Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred ... and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all."

Those who attacked the United States 21 years ago today, causing the death of almost 3000 people, could aptly be described, in the words of Benedict, as "those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred." As the pope prayed that God turn such hateful hearts and minds to the way of love, perhaps more than a few of us were praying that the hatred of our attackers would not cause us to be similarly consumed with hate. If that were to happen, would we not, then, be yet another victim of the 9/11 attacks? How awful it would be if the evil and hatred of others caused our minds and hearts to become consumed with hate.

As followers of Jesus, we seek to have our hearts and minds formed by his life and teachings. In Christ there is no hate or vengeance. His teachings about forgiveness and his acts of mercy make this abundantly clear. The three parables in today's Gospel passage reveal a God who does not seek to condemn the sinner, but rather One who is ever ready to seek out and forgive. Later in Luke's Gospel, we even hear Jesus willingly forgiving those who put him on the cross (23:34). He would not allow the cruelty and hate directed at him to turn him into a hateful person.

Such mercy should move us to abundant gratitude and a desire to forgive as we have been forgiven. Saint Paul, in the reading from First Timothy, expresses his gratitude for the mercy God has shown him: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant, but I have been mercifully treated ... Indeed, the grace of our Lord has been abundant.

In the face of evil and hatred, justice ought surely be sought. There should also be consequences for attacks against others, and there should be safeguards put in place to protect and health and welfare of others. Was not Jesus quick to challenge the behavior of those who did others harm? In the pursuit of justice and our efforts to protect others, however, let us be steadfast in seeking to form our hearts and minds after that of the Lord Jesus.

When Pope Benedict prayed that God "give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all," was he not calling us to take on the heart and mind of Jesus, the one who was generous in mercy and willing to lay down his life for those entrusted to his care? In all things, including our dealings with those who may be blinded by hatred, may our minds and hearts be formed by the life and teachings of Christ.

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

THANK YOU TO STAFF & VOLUNTEERS OF THE ITALIAN FESTIVAL



Thank you to the many, many volunteers under the leadership of Paul Raphael and his leadership team who helped to make our **Annual Italian Festival** such a wonderful success. By your time, your generosity, and your kindness you have helped others in need - people you may never see or come to know!

We know this was hard work and required a serious commitment of time and effort. We believe, however, that you have found it rewarding. In terms of God's Kingdom, it was of tremendous importance.

We do appreciate all you have done. The Festival could not have functioned without the help of volunteers who have done excellent work. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and our personal appreciation for your ongoing faithful and essential service to our Church. We are certain that God will bless you for using your time, talent and treasure for Christ and His Church! -Fr. John Paladino



A FOND FAREWELL TO PAT KREMA

With gratitude, we wish all the best to Pat Krema as she retires from 17 years on staff with St. Bart's. Over the years, she has served our parish community in many capacities, including Confirmation, Adult Faith Formation, Liturgical Ministries, Funeral Ministry, RCIA, Baptism Preparation, Friday Scripture Studies, and much more. Please join us in thanking her for the impact she has made on thousands of people who have walked through the doors of St. Bartholomew through her dedicated service.

"This summer I conclude my time as a member of the St. Bartholomew Pastoral Staff. It has been a privilege and my greatest honor to serve this extraordinary community for the past 17 years. Because of you, through our time together at Mass and in various ministries, I've experienced the many facets of a remarkable church (and the building is nice, too!). Please know of my sincere appreciation for your kindness, presence and friendship. I will indeed keep you in my prayers!

It is difficult to find appropriate words to thank Fr. Paladino for inviting me to join his first staff in 2005, but we have been on quite a journey together and my gratitude for each and every day is eternal. To my colleagues - old and new - I thank you for your friendship and wish each of you the very best as you continue the mission of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish. I will never forget you!

Please keep Rich and me in your prayers as we prepare to move near our family in Georgia, and may God continue to bless the Parish Community of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church." - Pat Krema



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



On September 7th, St. Bartholomew Academy opened its doors and welcomed over 230 students from Pre-K3 through 8th grade. This year the Academy added an additional PreK-3 classroom to meet the demands of the parish and local community. Students were excited to see the many changes that awaited them, including meeting our new Chaplain, Campus Minister, school secretary, kindergarten, gym, and first grade teachers. Please keep our students and teachers in your prayers throughout the year.

Faculty and Staff

PreK3A: Susan D'Apuzzo
PreK3B: Laura Gonnella
PreK4A: Roseann Aagaard
PreK4B: Alexandria Brooks
Grade K: Caitlin Barton
Grade 1: Joanmarie Farley
Grade 2: Christine Dencker
Grade 3: Maria Stetin
Grade 4: John Benvenuto
Grade 5: Lynda England
Grade 6: Mary Conroy
Grade 7: Katlynn DeMatos
Grade 8: Adam Vecchia
Grade 8: Mary Schoendorf
Advance Math: Elizabeth Ruccio
Science: Michelle Brooks
Art: Emily Recuperio
Gym: Kelly Rabbath
Music: Laurie Campana
Spanish: Marisol Yanez

Aides

Megan Taylor
Natalie Soto
Kristen Busch
Jennifer Baez-Feliciano
Daniela DiMaria

Administration

Principal: Kimberly Harrigan
Counselor: Maryann Degnan
Secretary: Michelle Kennedy
Admissions/FACTS: Maureen Doherty
Chaplain: Fr. Matthew Gonzalez
Campus Minister: Alex Cernick

Protecting God's Children Training

St. Bartholomew Church requires all volunteers and staff who work with children in any capacity to take a Protecting God's Children class, have a current background check on file and submit a volunteer application.

In person Protecting God's Children sessions will be offered at St. Bartholomew's on the following dates:

Monday, September 12th @ 6:00PM in the Cafeteria
Monday September 19th @ 6:00PM in the Cafeteria
Tuesday, October 18th @ 6:00pm in the Cafeteria

Preregistration is required for all Protecting God's Children sessions. Please visit www.virtus.org or see our Parish and Academy websites for more information on registering.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Carroll at pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org or call 908-322-5192 x135.



Thank You Jonathan!

A big thank you to Jon for sharing his creative talent with us by creating two beautiful signs for the St. Nicholas Chapel and Prayer Garden, which were added a couple weeks ago, one at the entrance to the garden and one inside the chapel building.

If you haven't seen our prayer garden and chapel yet, be sure to stop by! It is located on the northeast side of the building (next to the Rectory) and is open 24/7. The garden and chapel offer a quiet, peaceful setting surrounded by nature - perfect for prayer and reflection at any time of day. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle inside the chapel, so you can pray in the Eucharistic presence of Jesus at any time.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- 7:30AM **Rev. John Nielsen**
req. by Maureen & Bob LaCosta
Paul Sanguilano
req. by Kevin Thompson
- 9:00AM **Helen B. Davis**
req. by Steven & Donna Gastner
John Carlin
req. by Richard & Linda Scannell
- 10:30AM **Frances Pitonzo**
req. by Women's Cornerstone
Joseph Dorneo
req. by the Guarnuccio Family
- Noon **Geraldine Inman**
req. by Camile Goscicki
Georgette & Joseph Magrino
req. by Cathy Hirschorn

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 6:30AM **All who suffer from an addiction**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Donald Richter**
req. by Nancy Kennedy & Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- 6:30AM **Al Seidel**
req. by Anna & Matt Adams
- 8:30AM **Donald Richter**
req. by Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- 6:30AM **Debbie Pernal**
req. by Brian & Sue Mecca
- 8:30AM **Edward Wagner**
req. by Adian Guarnuccio

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- 6:30AM **Claire Emmons**
req. by the Conroy Family
- 8:30AM **Adelaide Wright**
req. by Nancy Romeo & Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 6:30AM **All those who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Ernesto Cerimele**
req. by John & Adele Cerimele

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:30AM **Angela DiNardo**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Cerimele
- 5:00PM **Madeline Del Prete**
req. by her Loving Family
- Robert (Bobby) Farina**
req. by his Loving Wife, Mary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 7:30AM **Dorothy McLeavey**
req. by Daniel & Cynthia McLeavey
Sr. Margaret Thomas, O.P.
req. by Dominican Associates
- 9:00AM **Barbara Jean Faccione**
req. by Eleanor Percival
Margaret Trigo
req. by Richard, Dante & Dio
- 10:30AM **Angelo Peloso**
req. by John & Adele Cerimele
Alceo DiBenedetto
req. by Carlo & Joanne DiNizo
- Noon **Gloria Ball**
req. by Nancy & Family
Flora Mae Smith
req. by Michael & Patricia Vignola

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

- Altar Candles: Phyllis & Harold Anderson**
req. by Rose Cerminaro & Family
- Bread & Wine: Joan & George Guyette**
req. by Cathy Hirschorn

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Edilberto Agaton Jr, Victoria Armstrong, 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.

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

We offer prayers and condolences to the families of:

Fatima Eloina Rios Frutos

Vincent Stephen LoSapio

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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 and great significance of this First Sacrament. Please register in advance by calling (908) 322-5192.

Reconciliation

Confession is offered at 4:00PM on Saturdays, or call the Rectory to set up an appointment: (908) 322-5192.

Marriage

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or deacon as soon as the engagement is announced.

Deacon Chris Hughes Assigned to St. Bart's!



Seminarian Chris Hughes, who has been serving at St. Bart's on Sundays for the past several years, has been assigned to our parish for his transitional diaconate year. This is the final year of formation before Priestly Ordination.

We are happy to have him with us again this year!



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Supporting Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | AUGUST 28, 2022

Envelope Collection	\$ 7,518
Faith Direct (online giving)	\$ 12,311
Total	\$ 19,829

Thank you for your support!

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

We are streamlining and simplifying the giving process for our parishioners. The new platform, called Pushpay, enables you to give with just a touch of a button from your smartphone or through an easy online giving portal. Please visit our website stbartholomewchurch.org for more information. If you would like to try out the new platform, simply **text ST-BARTGIVE 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:

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Dina Brue, LCSW | 646.643.5345
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