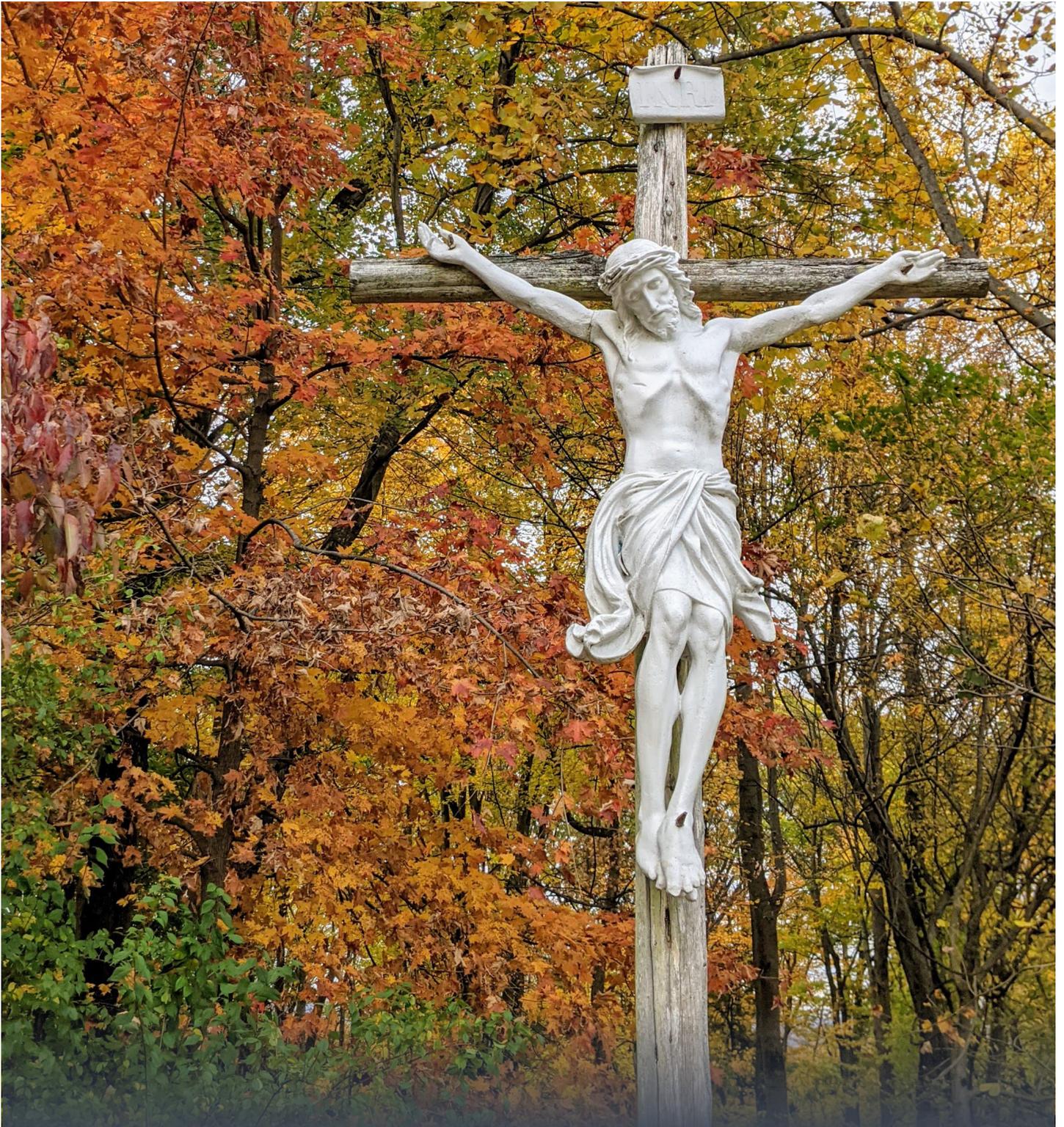




ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Gonzalez

5:00PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Paladino

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30AM - Fr. Rose

9:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:30AM - Fr. Gonzalez

NOON - Fr. Ortiz

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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

Serving God over mammon means using the gifts we have been given justly, prudently and honestly.

Christ is with us in the Church, to pray with us in times of sorrow or joy, to teach us the way to love God, and to gather us to worship the God who wants everyone to be saved, as the Letter to Timothy says.

One lesson in how we are to love God comes from the prophet Amos. In the first reading, he condemns the leaders and the wealthy of Israel. They are cheating the poor instead of treating them justly. They stage lavish pagan-style ceremonies with the money stolen from them. Driven by greed, they trample the needy and neglect their worship of God. They are serving mammon above God. The Lord sends Amos to announce the result of their hypocrisy: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

A second lesson comes from the parable Jesus tells in the Gospel about the dishonest steward. The steward is fired for squandering the master's property, but then commended for making deals to benefit himself. Here, Jesus isn't teaching us that it's OK to be dishonest. He is teaching us to be prudent in how we use all the wealth - or gifts - we have, as prudent as the dishonest are in amassing material wealth.

For disciples of Jesus, being prudent first means acknowledging that all gifts come from God and are to be used for the greater good, not just for our own gain. The U.S. Bishops echo the importance of being prudent and just in their 2016 pastoral letter *Everyday Christianity*: "All human beings have unique talents, gifts from God, that we are called to develop and share ... People who use their skills and expertise for the common good, the service of others, and the protection of creation, are good stewards of the gifts they have been given."

Being prudent also means intentionally choosing to live Gospel values in all areas of our lives. The bishops write, "Living our faith in the ordinary tasks of everyday life is an essential part of what it means to be holy today."

The final lesson Jesus teaches in this Gospel passage is about the importance of being trustworthy. *Everyday Christianity* explains its importance: "When we labor with honesty, serve those in need, work for justice and contribute to charity, we use our talents to show our love - and God's love - for our brothers and sisters."

It is a challenge to keep God first in our lives and to always act justly, prudently, and honestly. But we are not alone. Christ is with us through the Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage us. Christ is with us in the Eucharist, to strengthen our desire to become one with him and one like him.

Let us give thanks - every day - for these gifts of his presence, that our love for him and desire to serve him will increase. Let us ask him - every day - for help in living justly, prudently, and honestly.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "fr. John J. Paladino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BARTHOLOMEW

WELCOME HOME WEEKEND

Come and see what we have to offer at St. Bartholomew! New faces and old friends are welcome to join us for a weekend of fellowship, free food, games for the kids, and more in the St. Bartholomew front plaza. Whether you have been around for awhile, new to the community, or just looking for ways to connect, grow and serve in our community - there's something for everyone here!

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information coming soon!

Connect | Grow | Serve



SAT-SUN
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The Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 1st at Noon

Bring your four-legged friends to St. Bartholomew Church for a blessing of the animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi's feast day (October 4th). He is the patron saint of animals and pets! Please be sure that all pets are either on a leash or in a carrier. We will gather in the back lot of St. Bartholomew where the baseball field is behind the Church.

Mass & Luncheon for Grandparents & Seniors Friday, October 7 at 11AM-1:30PM at St. Bartholomew

Join us as we kick off a new year of First Friday senior luncheons! As the title suggests, we'll gather on First Fridays of each month for Mass at 11AM, followed by food, fellowship, and a new guest speaker at each gathering. All seniors are welcome!

Please contact Gail Iozzi at gaidioz@aol.com to RSVP.

Cornerstone Alumnae Retreat "Women Make a Difference"

Wednesday, September 21, 6:00PM - 9:30PM

When was the last time you spent time on a "mini retreat"... not to mention a retreat with your Cornerstone Sisters? We all need to take time to step away from our busy lives and reconnect with each other and most importantly our God. Women make a difference in their homes, their church, and their community, especially women who have been touched by Cornerstone. Come together to breathe and to share fresh ideas of how Cornerstone might light a candle to get ready to celebrate St. Bartholomew's 75th anniversary year. Our retreat will be led by Paulette Cicero.



There is no cost to this retreat. This is such an important time for all of us to come together and reconnect. Register on our website or by scanning the QR code here. Please reach out to Fiona Bell with any questions: fmbell@hotmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Pray & Play Ministry (3-5yo)

Pray and Play is a wonderful ministry for 3-5 year-olds of our parish. Children are dropped off for the 10:30AM Mass to play, sing religious songs, engage in fun activities, and hear the Gospel at their level of understanding.

We are looking for adults and youth volunteers to help once a month. Please contact Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org to sign up to serve.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (6-9yo)

CLOW assists all 6 to 9-year-olds during the 10:30AM Mass to encounter Jesus through the Word of God. No sign-up is required - children will be invited forward to participate during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30AM Mass.

We are looking for adults and youth volunteers to help lead activities and music for CLOW once a month. Please contact Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org to sign up to serve.

Pray & Play and Children's Liturgy Fall Schedule

October 2
October 9
October 23
October 30
November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27
December 4
December 11
December 18

YOUTH MINISTRIES



High School Youth Ministry Kick-Off Event Sunday, September 18th at 6PM

All high-schoolers, new or returning to Youth Group, are welcome to join us for a bonfire, games and snacks at St. Bartholomew Church as we kick off a new year of Youth Group. Please reach out to our Director of Youth Ministry, Alex Cernick, with any questions at acernick@stbartholomewchurch.org.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Volunteers Needed at Center for Hope

If you are looking for a truly rewarding volunteer experience, our visiting volunteers are a special group of individuals who provide direct (nonmedical) support services to our palliative care and hospice patients and their families in our Elizabeth and Scotch Plains facilities, as well as throughout Union County. They work alongside our clinical professionals to help enhance a patients' quality of life.

Are you nervous or unsure what to expect? No need to worry. We will guide you through the process by training and mentorship. Some people hear the word hospice and feel it is sad. We see it differently. It is an opportunity to be a companion and accompany someone through their journey. Many of our patients like to participate in activities, games, special events, as well as have someone to talk to.

We would love for you to join our wonderful team! You will have a personal connection, a sense of purpose, and you will be making a difference! If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Handwerker, Volunteer Coordinator, at rhandwerker@cfhh.org or 908-288-9111.

Union Catholic High School 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains. Check-in and Registration is at 7:30AM and the event will begin at 9:00AM. Registration fee is \$25.00 if registered by 10/22 (\$30.00 after 10/22 & on race day) Visit www.raceforum.com/unioncatholic to sign up! Questions? Contact Allison Lestarchick at alestarchick@unioncatholic.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30AM **Brian Granelli**
req. by Bill & MaryAnn Degnan
- 8:30AM **Domenico Romeo**
req. by Nancy Romeo & Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 6:30AM **The McMullen Family**
req. by the Fung-A-Fat Family
- 8:30AM **Thomas P. Love**
req. by Dcn, Robert & Joanne Gurske

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 6:30AM **Richard & Deanna Quigley (Living)**
req. by Briana Quigley
- 8:30AM **Franco BonavitaCola**
req. by Loving Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 6:30AM **All those who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Cornelia Bravo & Son**
req. by Paul and Evelyn & Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:30AM **All those who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Jenny Bair (Living)**
req. by Briana Quigley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 8:30AM **Carol Holze**
req. by Joyce Taylor
- 5:00PM **Robert Marolda**
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller
- Elaine Feldman**
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30AM **William Juelis**
req. by Larry & Linda Juelis
Kathy & Artie VanGordon
req. by the Vignola Family
Fawn M. Spingler (8th Anniversary)
req. by Loving Family
- 9:00AM **Angela DiNardo**
req. by Maria Novello & Family
Thomas & Joan Climko
req. by Dave & Maria Stetin
- 10:30AM **Elena DiFiore**
req. by John DiFiore & Baranowski family
Jack Gordon
req. by Wife & Loving Family
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff & Lorraine Coons
Raffaella Cosentino
req. by granddaughter, Patricia

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.

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.

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

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.



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Faith Direct (online giving)	\$ 12,102
Total	\$ 20,461

Archdiocesan Assessment \$2,379

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ONLINE GIVING

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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.

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

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