

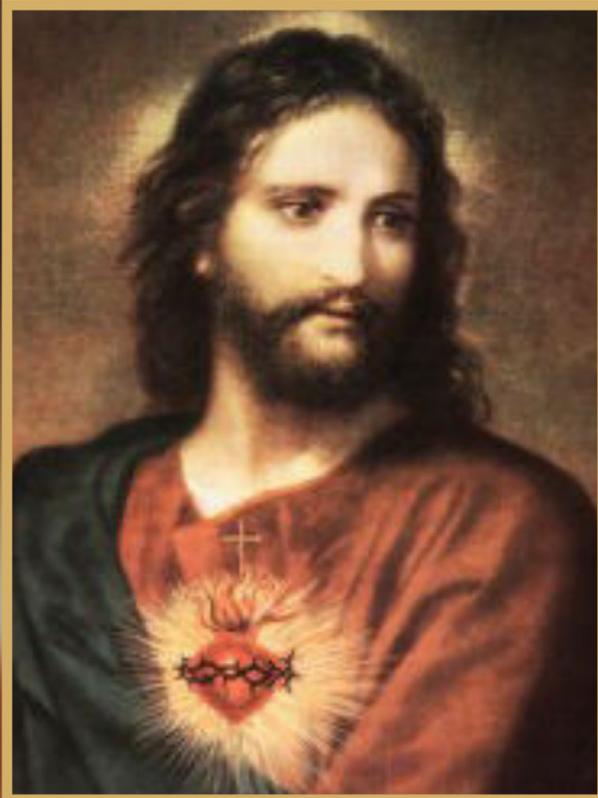


# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

THOUGH  
OUR LORD  
JESUS  
CHRIST  
WAS RICH,  
HE  
BECAME  
POOR,  
SO THAT  
BY HIS  
POVERTY  
YOU  
MIGHT  
BECOME  
RICH.



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Rev. Roberto Ortiz

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Dcn. Robert Gurske  
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Transitional Dcn. Chris Hughes

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30AM - Fr. Gonzalez  
9:00AM - Fr. Paladino  
10:30AM - Fr. Ortiz  
NOON - Fr. Rose  
4:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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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*

### *Love is the heart of the Gospel.*

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses a parable to teach us about the many opportunities that come before us to show love to others. As with all parables, it operates on two levels – the story and the teaching.

In the story, we see how the rich man living a life of comfort and ease is oblivious to the struggles of Lazarus at his doorway. How often did he step over him or look away? He would have known the teachings of the prophets, how could he have knowledge of the words of Amos that we heard today and not been moved to help? How could he have given worship to God and yet been blind to Lazarus' pain? It could only be that he had chosen not to see Lazarus.

One of the great themes of Luke's Gospel is reversal – God puts down the arrogant and raises the lowly, he feeds the hungry and sends the rich away empty, he warns the rich that they have received their consolation and those who have the respect of others that it is fleeting and will fade (Cf., Luke 1:46-55).

Here that reversal is evident: The once poor and destitute Lazarus is now at the side of Abraham while the once wealthy and influential rich man lies in torment.

Here in this sobering parable Jesus calls us to a new way of living – one that highlights mutual responsibility. The kingdom is both something to be striven for and something to be built here and now in our actions and choices. If we listen closely to the Gospel, we will become more alert and open to the needs of others, especially those around us. Yes, we know that it may cost us, and perhaps even dearly at times, but the rewards will be out of this world.

We will be judged by love. The Pharisees who heard this message were noted for their adherence to the law, but they were often devoid of love and compassion and closed to the needs of others. The Christian message is one of joy and hope, which by definition means not being closed to the needs of others: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ" (Gaudium et spes, §1).

If we seek to live in the love of God, then we must be willing to share that love with others. If we wish to experience the love of God, let us begin by becoming a people of love and showing that love through our word, our choices, and our actions.

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



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

## Faith Formation in Middle School

"Education in the faith is a part of the finality of a Catholic School." This statement made by the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome in 1982 holds true today; specifically, that it is important to St. Bartholomew Academy to preserve and amplify our Catholic identity through an integrated religious curriculum. Like other parts of the Academy curriculum, religious studies are scrutinized regularly to see where improvements can be made. This year the middle school religion program has been redesigned and energized to better enable the students to develop a deeper relationship with God, prepare them for the challenges they will face, develop a respect for humanity, and encourage service to the community.

Mrs. Mary Schoendorf, who was the middle school English and writing teacher, is now the middle school Religion teacher. In previous years, each grade's homeroom teacher taught religion. By focusing religion into one separate content area, Mrs. Schoendorf will be able to better thread themes across the middle school grades and provide a consistency in learning the Catechism over the three years in middle school. Students start each class sitting in groups with a spontaneous prayer, intentions, and a song. This encourages them to become active participants in their faith experience. Students are currently focusing on the theme of "Identity" and how knowing one's self is the path to knowing God better. Each grade completed a different project which required them to reflect on how God's love was imprinted on them, what made them unique, and how they think their future will unfold.

Mrs. Schoendorf is also working with the Academy's first Campus Minister, Ms. Alex Cernick. Ms. Cernick spent time with each class talking about the life of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, "The Man of the Beatitudes." The students learned the Beatitudes and were challenged to write their own. Ms. Cernick will be working with all the grades this year, but will be focusing particularly on the middle school students facilitating weekly lessons, various service projects and retreats. The Academy is looking forward to continuing its mission to grow faithful servant leaders.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### 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.



### Sunday, October 2nd at 8AM-12PM

Come join us and meet your fellow parishioners at our first coffee social of the year, in the Cafeteria, which is on the lower level of the Church (enter one of the side hallways to the left and right of the church doors, come down the stairs, and you'll find us!). We will have assorted drinks, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and more, along with donuts and bagels. There's a little something for everyone!



Calling all women of the Parish for a morning of faith, fellowship and coffee! Women's Prayer Group will meet on the first Saturday of each month beginning **October 1st, 7:30-8:30AM in the Cafeteria** - Downstairs from the Rectory side entrance. No previous experience necessary!

Contact Joanne Guarnuccio with any questions at [jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com](mailto:jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com) or 908-447-4066.

## EVENTS & MINISTRIES



### Women's Rosary Gathering

The Rosary Altar Society will be gathering in the St. Nicholas Prayer Garden at St. Bartholomew on Monday, October 3rd at 7PM to recite the rosary. All women of the parish are welcomed. You do not have to be a member to join us in our gathering. Please bring a chair and your rosary.

### St. Bart's High School Youth Group

We had a great kick-off event for our High School Youth Group last weekend, with games, smores, fellowship and lots of fun! Please note that Youth Group will not be gathering this weekend - we will be picking back up on Sunday, October 2nd at 6PM at St. Bart's. All high school students are welcome!

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Collection for Refugee Assistance Partners

We will be collecting toiletry items like shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and sanitary pads, until Sunday, 10/9 for RAP (Refugee Assistance Partners). All donated items will be given to refugee families in need who have recently arrived. Items can be left in the bins in the narthex or brought to the rectory (clearly labeled). Thank you for your generosity!

### Food Pantry Needs

The St. Bart's food pantry is currently in need of the following items: Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, soap bars, shampoo, conditioner, napkins, tissues, individually wrapped TP and individually wrapped paper towels, ziploc sandwich and storage bags, cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent, Windex, dish detergent, and sponges, jarred tomato sauce, thin spaghetti, peanut butter & jelly (small size jars), taco Kits, canned soup, canned fruit, snacks such as cookies, crackers, pretzels, etc. **Please drop donations off at the basket in front of the Rectory office. Thank you for your support!**



Small groups are a great way to meet others in a safe environment to explore and challenge your faith. The groups are no larger than 10 people each which provides the ability for everyone to share, relationships to form and faith to deepen. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet as a faith community with people exploring their faith just like you.

**Tuesdays at 7:00PM in the Gym  
October 18th through November 15th**

This Fall, we are reading *Jesus: What Catholics Believe* by Alan Schreck, which can be purchased at [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com). If anyone is in need of assistance with purchase of the book contact Elaine.

**To sign up, please reach out to Elaine at [kecoupe@verizon.net](mailto:kecoupe@verizon.net) or 908 472-6096.**

FIRST  FRIDAY

## Mass & Luncheon

FOR GRANDPARENTS & SENIORS

**Fridays at 11:00AM - 1:30PM  
at St. Bartholomew Church**

Join us for Mass at 11AM, followed by food, fellowship, and a new guest speaker at each gathering. All seniors are welcome!

### 2022 GATHERINGS:

**Oct. 7 | Kick Off - Welcome Home  
Nov. 4 | Encounter and Healing  
Dec. 2 | Prepare for Christmas**

### RSVP:

Please RSVP to Gail Iozzi at [gaidioz@aol.com](mailto:gaidioz@aol.com) or (908) 917-2522, or call the Rectory at (908) 322-5192.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

## 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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:30AM **Victoria Sandin**  
req. by Charles & Ann Argila
- 8:30AM **Browne-Wesner Family**  
req. by the Fung-A-Fat Family

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:30AM **Dennis Surbrug**  
req. by Loving Family
- 8:30AM **Yolanda Gregov**  
req. by Deacon Bob & Joanne Gurske

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Donald Richter**  
req. by Anne Marie Santoriello

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 6:30AM **All who suffer from an addiction**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **John W. Byrne**  
req. by David Harris & Margaret Hanlon

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:30AM **All who suffer from an addiction**  
req. by a Friend
- 5:00PM **Galizio & Elisa Passucci**  
req. by son, Guido & Barbra  
**Chicky Porter**  
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 7:30AM **Nicholas Barattucci**  
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta  
**Frank Tanzella**  
req. by Dawn, Anthony, Brian & Jason Sidito
- 9:00AM **Anna Kiss**  
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy  
**Carlo Bravo**  
req. by Antonio & Gisella Appezzato
- 10:30AM **Frank Pantano**  
req. by Chris & Joe  
**Grace Cullinan**  
req. by Loving Family
- Noon **Anthony Verlangieri**  
req. by John & Barbara Smith  
**David Jenssen, Sr.**  
req. by MaMa Wilkis & Tommy
- 4:00PM **Barbara Gallagher**  
req. by Josephine Wilkins  
**Len Zanowicz**  
req. by Tom Cusimano

## SPECIAL INTENTIONS

### ALTAR CANDLES

In Memory of Michael Novello  
req. by Maria Novello & Children

### 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 family of:

**Richard Bonner**

*Eternal rest grant unto him, 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.

### Bereavement Support Group

St Bartholomew Church will be offering a Bereavement Support Group for those who have lost a loved one. Group dates are October 5, 12, 19, and 26, November 2 (All Souls Service), 9, and 16. The group will meet from 7PM to 8:30PM at the St Bartholomew Academy Building.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Jo-Anne Meila at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette Stoecker at 908-510-0995. All calls are confidential.



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# Supporting Our Parish

## STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE | SEPT. 18 2022

Envelope Collection	\$ 7,578
Faith Direct (online giving)	\$ 12,102
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 19,680</b>

*Thank you for your support!*

## ONLINE GIVING

Our online giving platform, 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](http://stbartholomewchurch.org) for more information. If you would like to try e-giving, **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](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:

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**Joseph Ochs, LPC | 732.221.6673**  
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