



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 16, 2022



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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

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

Pray with confidence like Moses.

The Exodus journey had barely begun before Moses and Israel were ambushed by the armies of Amalek at the oasis of Rephidim in the Sinai Desert. Historians believe the two armies were evenly matched. Victory came not at the hands of swords and spears that day, but in the upraised hands of Moses, calling out to God for help. When Moses' arms were raised, Israel was victorious. If his arms came down, the Amalek began to advance. Moses and Israel had to persevere. In placing their lives and their burdensome task in the hands of God, trusting in him completely to provide for their need, they didn't just win against their foe, they mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.

Moses, Joshua, and Israel showed the same kind of trust in the Lord that Saint Paul would recommend in his writing to the young Bishop of Crete, Timothy, when he said: Remain faithful to what you have learned . . . [and] be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. This applies to our work, our prayer, and our petitions. Often people tend to give up after a few unsuccessful attempts, feeling a mix of despair and discouragement. God wants us to be so trusting in him that we will continue to lift our hearts in prayer even when all hope seems lost.

We are called upon to pray like Moses with our arms held high, calling out to God who alone can give us victory in the battle. When we become tired and put our hands down, the enemy begins to prevail. Moses had Aaron and Hur to prop up his arms. We have the Church, the sacraments, and each other.

In the Gospel parable, Jesus rewards persistence, patience, and perseverance. The judge kept resisting. The widow kept insisting. Like her, we must call out to God day and night, demonstrating our great need but also our greater trust in him. "Shouldn't once be enough if God is all-powerful?" some may ask. God is all-powerful. We are not. We keep asking so that we can condition ourselves to see God as the source of all life and every blessing, and the only One who can answer our cries for help.

Jesus asks, When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? Our Lord was asking that question at a time in history when very few people believed in the one God. The world was pagan, and their deities were many, covering everything from agriculture to astronomy. History is repeating itself, as more and more people call themselves spiritual but not religious, and atheism is the fastest growing religious group in America. Like Moses, it is time for us once more to raise up our hands and arms, our voices and hearts to God, trusting in him to see us through and to bring us hom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. John Paladino". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a dark ink on a white background.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

Celebrating the Saints



October is 'Celebrate the Saints Month' at St. Bartholomew Academy! This theme provides a great opportunity for our students to learn more about Catholic saints through various activities throughout the month and be inspired to live their faith more fully.

The month long celebration kicked off with an all-school assembly hosted by the Academy Campus Minister, Ms. Alex Cernick. She shared some biographical information about a few saints and their path to sainthood. The students broke into teams where they dressed up a classmate as that saint using only aluminum foil. It was a fun way to learn about the saints! Even our Academy Principal, Kim Harrigan, got into the spirit being dressed up as St. Theresa of Lisieux.

Similar to the 'Weeks of Kindness' last year, the Academy will highlight a Saint of the Week and a particular virtue they exemplify: St. Therese - Humility; St. Francis - Charity; St. Kateri - Courage; and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati - Joy. Teachers will also nominate students each week that exemplify that week's virtue. Academy hallways will also be decorated with saint banners to encourage students to become saints and to celebrate the lives of these special people.

Saints' month will end with the annual All Saint's Day Celebration Prayer Service hosted by Pre-K to Second grade. This beloved tradition will feature students in Pre-K and Kindergarten dressed as saints. First grade will create dolls of the saints, and Second graders will read a paragraph about a saint. Celebrating the saints is a wonderful way for children to grow closer to God and have role models they can emulate.

WEEKEND RECAP

Prime Timer's First Friday Mass and Lunch

On Friday, October 7th, over 60 people came to our kickoff event of our monthly First Friday Mass and Lunch series for Grandparents and Seniors, a group which has been dubbed **The Prime Timers!** Fabio's catered pizza, pasta, and salad for lunch while Swiss Bake Shop supplied some delicious pastries for dessert. Several of our wonderful St. Bartholomew Academy seventh graders assisted in setting up, serving, and cleaning up. Overall, the day was a great success - thank you to Gail Iozzi for spearheading this project! We look forward to a great year for the Prime Timers Group!



Grandparents and Elders are the
bread that nourishes our lives.

- Pope Francis -





We're starting a new column in the bulletin and newsletter called **Catholic Chat with Fr. Matt**, where Fr. Matt will answer questions from you about things you've always wanted to know about Catholic life and faith! Fr. Matt will select a few questions per month to answer and feature in the bulletin and newsletter. Submit your question on our website or by scanning the QR code below and watch to see if your question is selected!

SUBMIT
YOUR
QUESTION
HERE!



STAY CONNECTED

Check Out Our New App!

Our new app is a one-stop-shop for connecting with parish groups, staying up-to-date on parish events and news, easy online giving, prayer opportunities, and more! Available for Apple or Android - search St. Bartholomew Scotch Plains to find the app.

Sign Up for Our Email Newsletter!



Did you know . . . St. Bartholomew sends out a weekly email newsletter to keep our parishioners up-to-date on parish news and events. To sign up, scan the QR code below, or text **STBARTSNEWS** to 84576.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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:

**Tuesday, October 18th @ 6:00PM
in the St. Bartholomew 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.

2023 PILGRIMAGE WITH ST. BART'S



October 19-27, 2023

In 2023, we're celebrating 75 years of St. Bartholomew Church! To ring in this great milestone in the life of our parish, we want to celebrate in a big way - by journeying to the roots of our faith and the homeland of Christ: The Holy Land!

This pilgrimage will take us throughout Israel from Jesus' hometown in Nazareth, through the region of Galilee where He did His public ministry, and to Jerusalem where Jesus died and rose. We will visit such places as the Mount of Transfiguration, the Dead Sea, the Church of the Nativity, the Mount of Olives, and more.

Think you might be interested?

At this time, we are simply *gauging initial interest in the pilgrimage*, which would take place in Fall 2023 if there are enough potential participants. There is no commitment right now - if you would simply like to learn more about this trip to the Holy Land, let us know by emailing Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 7:30AM **Paul Sanguilano**
req. by Rossi Family
Nicholas Barattucci
req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
- 9:00AM **Carlo Bravo**
req. by Ersilia & Emilio DeFrancesco & Family
Helen B. Davis
req. by the Huether Family
- 10:30AM **Mary Howell**
req. by Bill & JoAnne Mealia
Umberto Peloso
req. by Emil & Ersilia DiFrancesco & Family
- Noon **Antimo Guardascione**
req. by Giuseppia
Bartolomeo Bini
req. by Alice & David Travis

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

- 8:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
Oswaldo Melendez
req. by Jacqueline Melendez

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 6:30AM **Fatima Eloina Rios Frutos**
req. by her sister, Norma
- 8:30AM **Eugene Santos**
req. by David Harris & Margaret Hanlon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 6:30AM **Pasquale Patti**
req. by Tony, Pauline, Guilia, Allessandra
- 8:30AM **Richard Coyne**
req. by Emily & Frank Cannone

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 6:30AM **Those who suffer from addiction**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Alex DiPace**
req. by Patricia Roe

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Yolanda Gregov**
req. by Rosary Altar Society

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 5:00PM **Anthony & Carole Scerbo**
req. by their Loving Daughters
Russel Capaldo
req. by Barbra & Guido Passucci

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 7:30AM **Barbara Jean Faccione**
req. by Eleanor Percival
Mary Jane Colgan
req. by Don & Geri Diegnan
- 9:00AM **Marjorie Cuccaro**
req. by Linda & Jack Donnelly
Helen B. Davis
req. by Women's Cornerstone
- 10:30AM **Dr. Alexander Aplassa**
req. by the Potian Family
Elena DiFiore
req. by Emil & Ersilia DiFrancesco & Family
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**
req. by Joanne Coons-Kosloff & Lorraine Coons
Jeremiah J. Kratz
req. by Florence Mazza
- 4:00PM **Len Zenowicz**
req. by Tom Cusimano
Tom DeCastro
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

ALTAR CANDLES

Kathleen Ann Moran
req. by the Johnson Family

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.

Homebound Communion Visits

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic minister bring Communion at home, please reach out to Paul Milan at the parish office. We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis. Contact Paul Milan at (908) 322-5192 ext.260 or pmilan@stbartholomewchurch.org.

WELCOMED HOME BY GOD

We offer prayers and condolences to the family of:

Carmen Ponzio

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.



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Envelope Collection	\$ 9,310
Push Pay (online giving)	\$ 9,904
Total	\$ 19,214
Archdiocesan Assessment	\$ 2,835

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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 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

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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