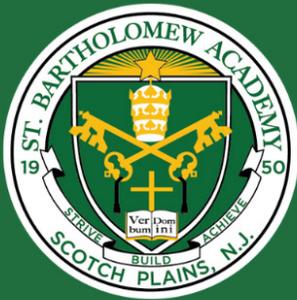




ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Catholic
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 29, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30AM - Fr. Ortiz
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

*Rejoice and be glad,
for your reward will be great in Heaven.*

Once we see something from a different point of view, we cannot un-see it. It changes our perspective, and we never see the same way again. Consider the astronauts who looked back at the earth from the moon; it amazed them how beautiful, yet how delicate, our planet truly is. Pictures of the "blue marble" hanging in outer space make us feel more united and moved to take better care of the earth and each other. Consider how people from a small town find it so much smaller after seeing a big city. Or how insignificant we feel when we look out at the vastness of the ocean or look down from the top of a mountain.

Several times, Jesus brought his disciples to mountaintops to see things differently. He took Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop and allowed them to see his transfiguration, after which he headed resolutely to Jerusalem, fully aware of the danger awaiting him.

In today's Gospel, Jesus leads his disciples to the mountaintop and teaches the beatitudes, an entirely different point of view on suffering and discipleship than the worldly perspective. Blessed are those who are poor, meek, and mournful. Blessed are those who are merciful, clean-hearted, and make peace. Blessed are those who are insulted and persecuted. Suffering will not be the end for them, because they will be comforted, they will see God, they will be rewarded in the kingdom of heaven.

After hearing Jesus' words, the disciples are reassured that following Jesus is worth the cost - that good will have the last word. We, too, can adopt this beatitude point of view and see our suffering and hardship in a different way. Saint Paul tells us that God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and the weak of the world to shame the strong. We do not have to be the wisest person, or the strongest person; we do not have to be "something" in the eyes of the world for we are everything in the eyes of the Lord.

The love and grace we receive in the Eucharist is a foretaste of the fullness of joy in Christ we will one day know. Suffering is real and discipleship is not without risk, but through his word and sacrament, we are within sight of the kingdom. We know the beatitudes, and we see the blessings.

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

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Appeal the 2023

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.



Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or join us for In-Pew Weekend February 4-5th.

Protecting God's Children Training

St. Bartholomew's 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.

An in-person Protecting God's Children session will be offered at St. Bartholomew's on:

Monday, February 6th at 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 908-322-5192 x135

Want to Learn More about the Mass? Join us for a Teaching Mass in February!

In February, we are offering four Teaching Masses where Fr. Matt and Fr. Frank will explain the why behind the words, movements, gestures and prayers that we participate in at various moments throughout the Mass. This will be a wonderful eye-opening experience of re-discovering the meaning and beauty of our celebration of the Mass!

All ages are invited and encouraged to participate in these Masses to help each of us to come to a better understanding of the beauty and the deeper meaning behind our Sunday worship and celebration! Teaching Masses will be offered at the following times:

**Sunday, February 5th and
Sunday, February 26th
9:00AM and 4:00PM Masses**



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

Academy Open House
Sunday, January 29, 2023
11:30AM to 2:00PM

The Academy Open House kicks off Catholic Schools Week and is an excellent opportunity for parish families to tour the school and meet and visit with faculty and other parents. Families may also learn more about the curriculum standards and mission of the Academy and register their child to be an Eagle for the Day to spend a day at the Academy. The Open House will begin in the cafeteria, with current parents and students leading the tours.

**Parishioner-Only
Priority Registration Night**
Thursday, February 2 at 7PM

Demand for spots in PreK-3, PreK-4, and Kindergarten classes is very high, and this registration night will ensure your child has a spot at the Academy.

For more information on enrolling, the upcoming open house, or to be an Eagle for the Day:

Visit admissions@stbacademy.org
Email www.stbacademy.org.

WE'RE HIRING!

Job: Long-term Substitute
Dates: January 23 - April 2023
Days: Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Hours: 7:45AM-3:00PM

Please send your resume to Principal Kimberly Harrigan at sbapincipal@stbacademy.org

This job will require you to obtain NJ-DOE fingerprinting and Protecting God's Children certification.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI RETREAT



**FRIDAY, MARCH 10 AND
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023**

WHAT IS CORNERSTONE?

Cornerstone is an opportunity to renew and strengthen your faith and grow in your experience as a Christian community. It is a retreat led by a team of parishioners from various backgrounds and ages who themselves have experienced an increased presence of Christ in their lives. Cornerstone is open to men of all ages.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

It will begin Friday evening at 6PM and end on Saturday evening after Mass and dinner. There will be talks, followed by small group discussions, time for quiet personal reflection, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. There will also be ample time to interact with others who are looking to grow spiritually.

HOW DO I REGISTER?



You can register online via our website or scan the QR code for direct access to the registration form. If you have any questions please contact:

Chris Reimers | cjreims@hotmail.com
Ed Butler | ejb57@aol.com
Colm Keogh | ckeogh@yahoo.com

More information at
stbartholomewchurch.org

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Knights and Dames CELEBRATION



To kick off our 75th anniversary year, we are honoring our Knights and Dames for 2023. Knights and Dames is a celebration honoring those who have given their time, talent and treasure to our parish community in a significant way. The celebration will begin with a Prayer Service led by Bishop Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.



**Sunday, March 5th at 2:00PM
at St. Bartholomew Church**

Followed by a Cocktail Reception at
Maplewood Country Club at 4PM.
Scan the QR code here to register
online and for more information.



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?



If you would like to learn more about this trip to the Holy Land, let us know by emailing Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org. Scan the QR code here for more details about Holy Land pilgrimages with Verso Ministries.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

- 7:30AM **Mauro "Mo" Rigante**
req. by the LaCosta Family
Carmen Ponzio
req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
- 9:00AM **Lucille Mariano**
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
Carmen Ponzio
req. by Rosemarie & Scott Lamperti
- 10:30AM **Yupin Englert**
req. by Loving Family
Carmen Ponzio
req. by Giovanni & Costanza Passucci
- Noon **Terry Smith**
req. by John & Barbara Smith
Joseph Magrino
req. by daughter Cathy Hirschhorn

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

- 6:30AM **Helen & George Ruggieri**
req. by Jackie & Mark Ruggieri
- 8:30AM **Giovanni Bambaci**
req. by Arthur Bruschetti, Jr.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Annic Reape**
req. by Elsa, Tillie, and Lu
Rosalie Doherty
req. by the Kobliska Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 6:30AM **Beverly Kramer**
req. by Angela Scott
- 8:30AM **Thomas S. Smith**
req. by Loving Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 6:30AM **Robert Brennan**
req. by Albert Blom
- 8:30AM **Terri Saruda**
req. by Nancy Kennedy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:30AM **For the People of Ukraine**

- 8:30AM **Barbara Germinder**
req. by Husband, Bob

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:30AM **Mary Ann Bender**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kovalcik
Joseph Bender
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Kovalcik
- 5:00PM **Edward "Coach" Hayes**
req. by Franca & Danny
Enrico & Antoinette Monziona
req. by Maria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 7:30AM **Fausto Passucci**
req. by Victor & Rina Passucci
Mauro Rigante
req. by Claudia, Jo, Sara & Shannon
- 9:00AM **Brian McGovern**
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
Carmen Ponzio
req. by Sue & Jim Berner
- 10:30AM **Leonard Zanowicz**
req. by Dorothy Robinson
Egbert Fenandoe
req. by the Fenandoe Family
- Noon **Maria Caminiti**
req. by Loretta & John Sreeton
Dominic DiMaggio
req. by John Cioffi
- 4:00PM **Margaret Brennan**
req. by Bill & Maryann Degnan
Kenneth Bello
req. by the Sedell Family & Jennifer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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, Eileen Lynch, Nadine Martinson, Arthur W. Morgan, Peter Morgan, Jennifer Munoz, James Pettit, Richard Quigley, Maureen Vincent, Dolores Waltsak, Melinda Williams, Franca Zingariello, Joe Zingariello

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:

Leonard Brzozowski
Mary Wibbelsman

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 of this First Sacrament. Reach out to us at (908) 322-5192 ext. 100 to register.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confession is offered every Saturday at 4PM or you can call the rectory to schedule an appointment (908-322-5192).

Marriage

The marriage preparation program at St. Bartholomew Church is designed to foster a fruitful and loving marriage rooted in the Catholic tradition. We consider it an honor to walk with you as you prepare not only for your wedding day but most especially for your life-long marriage. Please reach out to us as soon as engagement is announced and we will help make the arrangements to begin your preparation process.

Visit stbartholomewchurch.org/marriage or call us at (908) 322-5192 x100. We look forward to walking with you!

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 (908) 322-5192 ext.260 or email pmilan@stbartholomewchurch.org. We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.



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Envelope Collection	\$ 8826.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 9,977.00
Total	\$ 18,803.00

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 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:

Barbara Stumm-Gray, Ed.S. | 908.232.0893

Joseph Ochs, LPC | 732.221.6673

Dina Brue, LCSW | 646.643.5345

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