



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1948-2023 · *Community & Charity in Christ*

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AND HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT,
BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS
BEEN POURED INTO OUR HEARTS.

ROMANS 5:5

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Dcn. Robert Gurske
Dcn. Donald Hessemer
Transitional Dcn. Chris Hughes

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

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

Our greatest longing is for union with God.

In both the first reading and the Gospel, we hear about people who are thirsty. The people in the desert cry out to Moses for water. Jesus asks the woman at the well for a drink. While thirst is a natural part of our daily lives, in the Scriptures it is sometimes used to speak to the longing in our spirits for union with God. Our bodies naturally hunger and thirst, but so do our souls.

It makes perfect sense if we really think about it. The Church teaches that the very reason we were created is to know, love, and serve God. If we are not striving to fulfill that purpose, then there will be a lack, or emptiness, in our hearts. Throughout history, as we have considered the human experience, we have learned that full bellies and mugs full of drink are not enough to make a person truly happy. While we have physical needs that occupy much of our attention, we also seem to have a common longing for something beyond our appetites that can only be satisfied with something larger than ourselves. As followers of Jesus, we understand that union with God – in fellowship and communion with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the only way for us to be who we were created to be.

Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well to reveal to her that he is the only one who can satisfy the thirst that drives her. However she ended up in this place, she has clearly not found peace and fulfillment in her life. Jesus draws upon the image of thirsting to share with her that he is the Messiah; if she becomes his disciple, she will never thirst again. All her life she had been longing for someone who would bring actual love and joy to her. Jesus reveals to her, and to us, that he is the only one who can quench that consuming thirst deep within our spirit.

Our Gospel today calls us to drink from the well of Jesus' love. It is only in his love that we can quench our thirst and find our lives fulfilled.

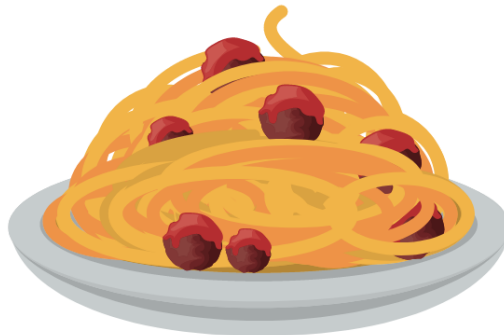


Monday HOLY HOUR

Monday, March 13th
7:30-8:30PM

Come and take some time for prayer and peace in God's presence in the Eucharist! Stay for a few minutes or the whole hour. We will have live worship music to guide our prayer as well as time for silent prayer.

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NOAH'S ARK FAMILY MINISTRY



MASS AND A MEAL

All families with kids 6 and
under are invited to join us
for Pasta Night



Saturday, March 25, 2023

5pm Mass

Dinner to follow in the SBA Cafeteria



*Please RSVP by March 17th using the QR code.
Questions? Reach out to noahsarkstbarts@gmail.com*

EVENTS & UPDATES

Mass of Healing Saturday, March 18th at 12:00PM

Mass will be offered with an opportunity to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Baptized Catholics who are gravely or chronically ill, elderly, or facing a major operation (even children) may receive this Sacrament. Those who wish to attend the Mass in prayer and support of those who are receiving the Sacrament are welcome to do so.

Celebrate St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Sunday, March 19th | 8AM-12PM

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day in the St. Bart's Cafeteria (lower level of the school). We will have coffee and refreshments including Irish Soda Bread in honor of St. Patrick and traditional breads/pastries in honor of St. Joseph. Stop by for food and fellowship!

St. Bartholomew Charity Golf Classic May 8th at Maplewood Country Club

Join us for the 2023 Charity Golf Classic in honor of Carl V. Sicola. Carl was a 1962 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, a Scotch Plains police officer for 27 years, a devout parishioner of St. Bartholomew Church and a fierce supporter of St. Bartholomew Academy. Through this outing, we hope to honor Carl's memory and dedication to his faith. We hope you will join us in doing so! Register at the QR code here or visit this webpage: www.bit.ly/3ZoLRiB



Save the Date and Register Today! Vacation Bible School June 26th-29th | 9AM-12PM Each Day

Registration for this summer's VBS is now open to all children entering PreK-4 to Grade 4 in September 2023. The cost is \$40 for the first child or \$80 per family. Enrollment will be capped at 100 participants. Registration will be open until May 15th or until we reach 100 participants. We are grateful for Jen Delos Santos and Amy Beversluis for Directing our VBS again this year. If you have any questions, please contact: vbs.stbartholomew@gmail.com



Annual Appeal ^{the 2023} Progress Meter

56%

Your support of the Annual Appeal allows the mission of the Church to continue in our community. Visit rcan.org/sharing or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!



WE HAVE MERCH!

To commemorate the 75th Anniversary Year, we have logo mugs, sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks and more! Visit the table in the Narthex to see samples and to pick up an order form. Return a completed form to the Rectory Office or to the merchandise table at Church beginning the weekend of March 25th/26th with your payment ready same-day (cash or check preferred, card payment also available).



STATIONS OF THE CROSS | Wednesdays after the 8:30AM Mass and Fridays at 7:30PM
MONDAY ADORATION HOLY HOURS | 7:00PM, with Worship Music & Silent Time for Prayer

Visit www.stbartholomewchurch.org/lent for all Lent offerings

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:30AM **Joseph Fantini**
req. by Nick and Angela DelNegro
Beatrice Klaus
req. by Elaine Evangelista
- 9:00AM **Giuseppe Novello**
req. by Antonio & Giselda Appezzato
Fausto Passucci
req. by Lena Novello
- 10:30AM **Jennifer Gonzalez**
req. by Joanne & Pat Kennedy
Antonella Del Roio
req. by Emil & Ersilia DiFrancesco & Family
- Noon **Antonio Mastroianni**
req. by Loving Family
Joseph & Georgette Magrino
req. by Daughter, Cathy Hirschorn
- 4:00PM **Loretta Jurasinski**
req. by Cornerstone Sisters
Rose Cerminaro (Living)
"Happy Birthday"
req. by Loving Family

MONDAY, MARCH 13

- 6:30AM **Gisel Aparicio**
req. by Jennifer Garcia
- 8:30AM **People of Turkey & Syria**
req. by a Friend

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 6:30AM **Andrew Kornas**
req. by Anita Bullen
- 8:30AM **William Kennedy**
req. by Wife & Family
Rose Riccardo
req. by Andrea Baglien

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **James Riccardo**
req. by Andrea Baglien

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- 6:30AM **The People of Ukraine**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Angelina Santoro**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Kaminski

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- 6:30AM **Patrick Henry**
req. by the Guarnuccio Family
- 8:30AM **For the people of Palestine, Ohio**
req. by a Friend

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:30AM **Gabriella Pericone**
req. by the Leone Family
- 5:00PM **Jessica Heydon**
req. by the Rohman Family
Robert "Bobby" Farina
req. by his Loving Wife, Mary

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:30AM **Kathryn Quinn**
req. by Frank & Anne Rossi
Robert Brennan
req. by the Kuchar Family
- 9:00AM **Rinaldo Novello**
req. by Antonio & Giselda Appezzato
Dolores Lestarchick
req. by the Guardascione Family
- 10:30AM **Leonard Zanicowicz**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ken Blasco
Rev. James Tuohy
req. by the Egenton Family
- Noon **Len Zanicowicz**
req. by Tom Cusimano
Nicholas Silano, Sr.
req. by Wife & Daughter

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, 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 family of:

John L. Stasi

Christine Laganga

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon her.*

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

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!

Your Grief Matters: Bereavement Support Group

Your Grief Matters: Real talk about loss and grief in a world that doesn't get it. St. Bartholomew will be offering a grief support group on Wednesdays from 7-8:30PM in the school cafeteria starting April 19th and continuing April 26th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. **Please RSVP** to Jo-Anne at 908-889-7790 or Bernadette at 908-510-0995 on or before April 12. All conversations are held in confidence.

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Supporting Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE MARCH 5, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$ 11,979.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 10,716.00
Total	\$ 22,695.00

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
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