



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CHRIST IS RISEN

The Resurrection of Christ by Nicolas Bertin

Easter Sunday | April 9, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

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

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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

*Blessed are those who have
not seen and have believed.*

Jesus blesses those who believe even when they can't see what lies hidden beyond the veil of mystery. The Easter story is about people daring to believe in Jesus' resurrection precisely because of what they could not see or find – his body in the tomb.

Mary Magdalene was making her way to the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea in the pre-dawn darkness. She wasn't going there expecting to find an empty tomb. She was going to wash and anoint Jesus' body for burial, according to Jewish custom. Mary found nothing but the stone rolled away and the grave emptied of its precious contents. When she ran to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple, she was thinking his body had been stolen as one final, cruel act of mockery.

The disciple whom Jesus loved saw and believed. Who did he see? No one. What did he see? Nothing, just the shroud. He believed even if he did not yet understand.

No one saw the moment when the Lord God raised Jesus from the dead, but the Apostles would soon see Jesus, touch him, and eat with him by the shores of Galilee. They would be strengthened by him and given the Holy Spirit to guide them in the important work that lay ahead of them – that of building the Church. There would be no looking back from that day forward.

The same can happen for us. If we let him, the risen Christ can change our hearts so that we, too, will never be the same again. The risen Lord wishes to draw our eyes and our attention to heaven, that we might seek and think of what is above. Just as God rolled the stone away from the tomb and called his Son to new life, the risen Lord Jesus is seeking to roll the stone away from our tombs as well, calling us forth to live our faith more deeply.

Some people look at a cross and see an interesting geometric shape, a piece of art, or a Roman symbol of torture. For the believer, when we look upon a cross we see love and victory. Worldly people look at an empty tomb and they feel just like it – empty. Witnesses to the Resurrection look at the empty tomb with hearts full of faith, and we believe precisely because of what we can't see inside of it – the body of Jesus.

As we begin our 50-day celebration of Jesus' resurrection, may we be blessed for all that we do not see and still believe.

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

EASTER WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Monday, April 10th: Closed
Tuesday, April 11th-14th: 8:30AM-1:00PM

EASTER WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 11th-Friday, April 14th:
8:30AM Mass only (no 6:30AM Mass)

Welcome Home!



There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, and maybe you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Church. Maybe you are seeking purpose, meaning, or direction in life and hope to find answers through a life of faith. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. Welcome home!

Questions about Catholic Faith, Sacraments, or Becoming a Member of the Catholic Church?

We welcome you! If you are interested in learning more about Catholic life and faith, becoming Catholic, or receiving any sacraments for the first time as an adult (Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist), please reach out to Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org. No commitment is assumed - we welcome your questions and would be happy to walk with you no matter where you are at on your journey of faith!

RESURRECTION

SUNDAY

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CONNECT WITH US

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 here, or text **STBARTSNEWS** to 84576.

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Your support helps us to continue the mission here at St. Bartholomew and to provide opportunities to pray, learn, serve and grow as a community of faith.



Our online giving platform, Pushpay, provides an easy and convenient way to give through your mobile device or online.

Text **STBARTGIVE** to **(833) 921-6421** or scan the QR code here. Thank you for your support of our faith community!

Catholic Chat WITH FR. MATT

Ask Fr. Matt anything you've always wanted to know about Catholic life and faith! Submit a question online (can be anonymous if you wish!) and 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 here and watch to see if your question is featured!



FAMILIES & CHILDREN

Emmaus Family Faith Formation for Pre-K through 6th Families



Our Emmaus Family Faith Formation program, serving families with children in grades PreK-6, is wrapping up for the year this month. Over 400 families participated and we received lots of positive feedback. Families were invited to join us for a gathering once a month for six total sessions, beginning with Mass and followed

by classes, fellowship, family activities and an opportunity for parents to gather, learn and share on the joys and challenges of faith, family life, and parenting. Our goal is to empower families with skills to strengthen family life and faith. Registration for next year will open soon - please watch our website and social media for updates.

Contact Pastoral Associate Steven Serafin with any questions: sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org.

Noah's Ark Family Ministry "Mass and a Meal" Brunch Edition!

The mission of the Noah's Ark ministry is to encourage and support St. Bartholomew families with young children to grow in their faith, connect with the parish, and help parents in their vocation. Events are geared toward families with children six and younger, but all families (young and old) are welcome to join!

Join us at our next "Mass and a Meal" event, beginning with 10:30AM Mass and followed by brunch and outdoor playtime.

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. 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 VBS again this year. Scan the QR code for more info.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS



St. Bartholomew Youth Group is open to all 9th-12th graders in the Scotch Plains area. We meet weekly on **Sundays from 6-8PM** at St. Bartholomew Church to share fellowship, serve our community, grow in our faith, and have fun! If you have any questions, please reach out to our Youth Minister, Ms. Alex Cernick at acernick@stbartholomewchurch.org.

Our Youth Group is going to the Steubenville Youth Conference this July. This conference is a great way for teens to be energized in their faith, learn more about God, and experience the sacraments together with their peers from all over the country. Visit stbartholomewchurch.org/youth for more information.

ADULT FORMATION

We have many opportunities throughout the year for adults in our community to gather for faith and fellowship, such as:

- **Small Groups**
- **Cornerstone Retreats**
- **Men's and Women's Saturday Prayer Groups**
- **Young Adult Events**
- **Prime Timer's (Seniors) Mass & Luncheons**
- **Mom's Group**

Read more on our website

Visit the adult formation page on our website to stay up-to-date on all upcoming opportunities at St. Bart's!



stbartholomewchurch.org/adults

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 7:30AM **Louis Merola**
req. by Larry & Linda Juelis
Susan Roberts
req. by Daniel & Cynthia McLeavey
- 9:00AM **Jennifer Gonzalez**
req. by Joanne & Pat Kennedy
Rosalie Doherty
req. by Deacon Bob & Joanne Gurske
Mary Dennigan (Living) "Happy 90th"
req. by Jim & Kathleen Farrell
- 10:30AM **Leonard Zanicowicz**
req. by Loving Wife & Children
Yupin Englert
req. by Loving Family
- Noon **Robert (Bobby) Farina**
req. by Loving Wife, Mary
Pat Del Prete
req. by Loving Family

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- 8:30AM **Kenny Fay**
req. by Nancy Kennedy

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

- 8:30AM **Betty, Frank, Michael**
req. by the Shore Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:30AM **Rosemarie Ciccone**
req. by the Meylor Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by daughter, Mary Ellen

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by ASLF Sisters

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

- 8:30AM **Florence Maclearie**
req. by Tiny Tim Fund Board of Trustees
- 5:00PM **Ann L. Loyd**
req. by Cindea Family
Dolores Lestarchick
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 16

- 7:30AM **Thomas Grande**
req. by the Provini Family
John Mulholland
req. by Sue Surbrug
- 9:00AM **Helen Cino**
req. by the Lawrence Family
Fausto Passucci
req. by Nicola & Angela Del Negro
- 10:30AM **Thomas Francis Conniff (1st Anniv.)**
req. by Fr. John Paladino
Departed Members of the de Souza Family
req. by the Fenandoe Family
- Noon **Elizabeth Wharton**
req. by Sue Surbrug
Nicholas Silano, Sr.
req. by Wife & Daughter
- 4:00PM **Carol Ann Backus**
req. by Katherine Haldeman
Salvatore Saladino
req. by Joyce Andreoli

SPECIAL INTENTIONS:
Bread and Wine Memorial
Donato DiQuollo Family
req. by the Cerminaro Family

***No 6:30AM Masses Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 14

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.

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 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!

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.

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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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

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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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