



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**1948-2023** • *Community & Charity in Christ*

**HIS MERCY ENDURES FOREVER.**

**Second Sunday of Easter | April 16, 2023**

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 22

4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Gonzalez  
7:30PM Easter Vigil - Fr. Paladino

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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

*At every Mass, we share in the same joy of the first disciples who received the Resurrected Christ.*

As we continue to bask in the joy of Easter, we recognize that the joy we experience is the same joy of the first disciples, who received the Lord in his risen body. Through receiving Jesus in word and sacrament in the celebration of the Mass, we are experiencing the resurrected presence of Christ in a very real way.

Today's Gospel passage says that the proof of Jesus' resurrection was written down so that we might come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that through this belief we may have life in his name. The Scriptures we proclaim are not merely words on a page, but the living and active word of God, able to penetrate our minds and hearts with the truth about the resurrection of Christ and the promise of eternal life.

When Jesus appeared to the first disciples, he breathed on them and spoke to them in order to communicate the gift of the Holy Spirit. When we hear the Scriptures proclaimed, Jesus is also speaking to us with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was not content to merely have a written record of his life that we could appreciate in a historical sense. Jesus wants to speak to us personally and powerfully through the Scriptures. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can know his voice – as Thomas and the other disciples came to know his voice.

Let us also consider the resurrected presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Though we do not yet see Jesus in his human form, we truly see and receive his sacramental body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. Through the celebration of holy Communion, Jesus Christ gives his whole self to us in a way that unites us to the experience of the first disciples. Once again, Jesus was not content to merely show his resurrected body to the first disciples and have us wait for his second coming. Jesus wants to give his resurrected body to every disciple in the Eucharist.

Because we receive Jesus' body into our bodies, the celebration of the Eucharist creates a deeper union with him than even what Thomas experienced. Instead of seeing the marks of the nails in his hands, we receive him into our hands. Instead of putting our hand into his pierced side, we receive him into our hearts.

Let us rejoice, then, with the same joy of the first disciples! Jesus will come again today to give us his body. May the Holy Spirit deepen our faith in the word of God and the body of Christ as the presence of Jesus among us. We can come to every Mass expecting to encounter the risen Lord. As we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we can proclaim with Thomas the Apostle: *My Lord and my God!*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PRIME TIMERS SENIORS GROUP

*May  
Crowning*

**FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 2023**

This intergenerational celebration will honor Our Lady in a very special way. Mass begins at 11:00AM, followed by the May Crowning in front of the Convent and a Luncheon Luncheon in the Cafeteria with students from St. Bartholomew Academy.

#### **RSVP IS REQUIRED**

Please call the Rectory at (908) 322-5192 x100  
or register online at [bit.ly/3KRHUG](https://bit.ly/3KRHUG)

### "Bullies to Buddies" Workshop

The "Bullies to Buddies" workshop provides skills to help parents teach their children to respond to bullying. The seminar will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Center, 512 Westfield Avenue, Westfield. The session will be presented by Connie Palmer, LCSW, a Certified Bullies to Buddies Trainer, Social Worker, Teacher, Therapist & School Counselor with almost 40 years of experience working with children.

**The seminar will be held on April 20, 2023, from 7:00-8:00PM at Holy Trinity Parish Center, 512 Westfield Avenue, Westfield.**

Register at [htccc.org/parishnurse](https://htccc.org/parishnurse). For further information, call Holy Trinity Parish Nurse Lori Arena at 908-232-8137 ext. 1006.

## CHARITY GOLF *Classic*

**In Memory of Carl V. Sicola  
Monday, May 8th, 2023**

The funds from this year's golf outing will be used to continue to make capital improvements to St. Bartholomew Academy.

**There are still spots open for Hole Sponsorship and Dinner Guests.**

Visit our online registration page for more information and to register as a hole sponsor or dinner guest.

#### **Schedule of Events**

9:30-11:00AM - Registration & Brunch

11:00AM - Shotgun Start

4:00PM - Cocktail Hour

5:00PM - Buffet Dinner & Open Bar

**Scan the QR code or type this  
address in your web browser:  
[bit.ly/40XeKDJ](https://bit.ly/40XeKDJ)**



### **Pray for our Confirmation Candidates!**

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare for their final days before their ceremonies this Saturday, April 22nd. Come Holy Spirit!







## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Events are geared toward families with children six and younger, but all families (young and old) are welcome to join!*



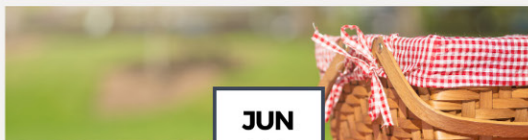
### FAMILY PRAY & PLAY

All are welcome to join for the 9:00am Mass prior to Pray and Play in the lower level of the Church at 10:00am.



### MASS & A MEAL: BRUNCH EDITION

Join us at the 10:30am Mass followed by brunch and outdoor playtime!



### PARISH PICNIC

We will have a table with crafts and activities at the picnic after the 12:00pm Mass.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Hillside Community Food Bank Service Days - Volunteers Needed!

**Saturday, April 29th**  
**Saturday, April 6th**  
**Saturday, April 20th**  
**All 8:45-11:00AM**

All are welcome to join us as we offer the gift of our time at the Community Food Bank in Hillside, NJ. The Community Outreach Ministry is looking for volunteers 12 years of age or older. The gift of your time to help those in dire need of food will make a difference in their lives. It is a very rewarding and inspirational experience!

If you'd like to participate, please contact Viv Del Prete at 908-322-6912, or email [rvjdel@comcast.net](mailto:rvjdel@comcast.net).

### St. Bartholomew Food Pantry Needs Your Assistance!

The food pantry is low on certain items as we continue to serve many in our community that are in need of help. Please help us stock the shelves with such items as jarred or canned ready-to-use tomato sauce, coffee, shampoo & conditioner, canned tuna/chicken/salmon, snacks (cookies/crackers), juice, paper products such as individually wrapped toilet paper, individually wrapped paper towels, napkins and tissue. Just buy a few extra things when shopping and drop off in the basket in front of the rectory any time. ***Thank you for your kindness and generosity!***

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Please be assured that here at St. Bartholomew the Apostle, we are committed to ensuring a safe environment for all the children of our school and Parish. We view your children's safety as our greatest responsibility and take that responsibility very seriously. Sandra Carroll, our Safe Environment Director, maintains and ensures that all St. Bartholomew Parish and Academy staff, teachers and volunteers are fully compliant with all Archdiocesan and state requirements. We encourage anyone with knowledge of ANY misconduct to report the abuse immediately.

### To report any sexual misconduct please contact:

Fr. John Paladino, Pastor, at (908) 322-5192 x114

Sandra Carroll, Safe Environment Director at  
(908) 322-5192x135 | [pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:pgc@stbartholomewchurch.org)

NJ Division of Child Protection & Permanency  
1(877)652-2873 - 1(877) NJ ABUSE

Scotch Plains Police Department - (908) 322-7100

# PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

## 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

## MONDAY, APRIL 17

- 6:30AM **Anne Henry**  
The Guarnuccio Family
- 8:30AM **William Kennedy**  
req. by Wife & Family

## TUESDAY, APRIL 18

- 6:30AM **Elmer Schmieder**  
req. by Jack & Emmie McWade
- 8:30AM **Miriam Cobb**  
req. by Sandra & Joe Carroll

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

- 6:30AM **Bernadette Zimmerman**  
req. by Meggie Smith
- 8:30AM **Lamberto Sese**  
req. by Preeti & Hilda

## THURSDAY, APRIL 20

- 6:30AM **Sylvia Pierro (Living-Healing)**  
req. by Nancy Kennedy
- 8:30AM **George Rachko**  
req. by daughter, Ginger

## FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**  
req. by Joan Newmark-Glover

## SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 8:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**  
req. by a Friend
- 5:00PM **Catherine & Richard Santoriello**  
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello  
**Annette Strunk**  
req. by Maria

## SUNDAY, APRIL 23

- 7:30AM **Robert Kruthers**  
req. by Loving Wife, Grace  
**Michael Ruzek**  
req. by his Beloved Family
- 9:00AM **Angela Blanda**  
req. by Loving Family  
**Fausto Passucci**  
req. by Nicola & Angela Del Negro
- 10:30AM **John & Beatrice Mealia**  
req. by Bill & Joanne Mealia  
**Mary Caliendo**  
req. by Loving Children
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**  
req. by Lorraine Coons  
& Joanne Koons-Cosloff  
**Antonio & Anna DiFrancesco**  
req. by Loving Family

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 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](http://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](mailto:pmilan@stbartholomewchurch.org). We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2023</sup>

## Please Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Your support of the Annual Appeal allows the mission of the Church to continue in our Archdiocese and in our local community. Visit [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing) or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!



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### ACADEMY OFFICE:

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## Supporting Our Parish

### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE APRIL 2, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$ 11,498.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 11,259.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,503.00</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**. 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:

**Barbara Stumm-Gray, Ed.S. | 908.232.0893**  
**Joseph Ochs, LPC | 732.221.6673**  
**Dina Brue, LCSW | 646.643.5345**  
**Laura Otchy, MS, Ed.S. LPC | 973.580.5930**