



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Come Holy Spirit

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Paladino

5:00PM - Fr. Gonzalez

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30AM - Fr. Gonzalez

9:00AM - Fr. Paladino

10:30AM - Fr. Gonzalez

NOON - Fr. Rose

4:00PM - Fr. Paladino

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Saturday-Sunday: 9:00AM-2:00PM

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RELIGIOUS EDU. OFFICE:

(908) 322-2359

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

Christ fulfills God's plan of salvation for us.

On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to celebrate in a more pronounced way the power and meaning of the Resurrection. Luke and Peter, whose words we hear today, were witnesses to the Resurrection and had interactions with the risen Christ. They were among the first to grapple with what it all meant and to share its Good News. We are recipients of that Good News and come together in worship – to be glad and rejoice in it.

Just as we return to their texts today, Luke and Peter turned to the most sacred texts of their time to make meaning of the Resurrection. As we still do, they sang the ancient psalms of David: My heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted ... because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. A thousand years after King David, this verse was sung anew by the disciples who witnessed the Resurrection. After their experience of Jesus and the first Easter, they found new meaning in these ancient lines about salvation.

Prior to Jesus, this psalm was sung in joyful anticipation of a king like David to restore his powerful throne. God's people would triumph, saved from corruption and the netherworld, through this mighty and regal descendent. But when judges, prophets, and kings [like David] failed to turn his people from sin and its destruction, and bring them to repentance, God sent his only Son as priest, prophet, and king. He would reconcile us to the Father, and would save our souls not through silver or gold but by his own precious blood.

It was difficult for the disciples to understand all the events surrounding Jesus. Cleopas and his companion were debating all that had happened as they walked to Emmaus. It was not until a traveling companion interpreted Scripture for them and broke bread with them that they saw Jesus and comprehended how he had fulfilled the Scriptures.

Fulfillment in Christ was known by God before the foundation of the world, Peter tells us. Salvation through Christ's sacrificial love poured forth was always the plan. The world was founded on it, the disciples witnessed it, and we are all redeemed by it. This is what we continue to celebrate this Easter season: God's love and mercy from the foundation of the world through Christ, broken and shared for us. Let us be glad and rejoice!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John J. Paladino".

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Bartholomew 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. Scan the QR code or type this address in your web browser: bit.ly/40XeKDJ



May Crowning

Prime Timers Mass & Lunch Friday, May 5th | 11AM-1:30PM

This intergenerational celebration will honor Our Lady in a very special way. Seniors and grandparents are welcome to join us for Mass beginning at 11:00AM, followed by the May Crowning in front of the Convent and a Luncheon in the Cafeteria with students from St. Bartholomew. **RSVP is required**, please call the Rectory at (908) 322-5192 x100.

Parish-Wide May Crowning Sunday, May 21st at 10:30AM

We welcome all to join us as we honor our Blessed Mother Mary during this month which is dedicated to her. We will celebrate Mass at 10:30AM, followed by a blessing of Marian images or statues with a procession and crowning at the Our Lady of Fatima Statue just outside the Church.

We invite parishioners to bring a Marian image or statue that represents their culture or special devotion to be blessed and to be carried in procession.

Parishioners Share their Stories of Faith

The Gospels throughout the Easter season focus on people encountering the risen Jesus and how they are inspired to share that story with others. We hope to echo this within our parish community by inviting members of St. Bartholomew to share their own stories of encounter with Jesus.

After each of our Masses this weekend and in the coming weeks throughout the Easter season, a parishioner will give a short witness as to how God has moved in their lives. We hope that you are inspired by their stories and encouraged to reflect on how God has been present in your life too, in big and small ways alike!



Space is Limited - Register Soon! June 26th-29th | 9AM-12PM Each Day

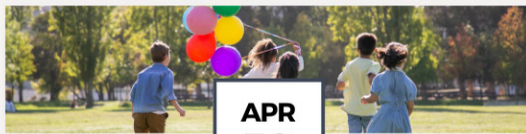
Registration is open to all children entering PreK-4 to Grade 4 in September 2023. The cost is \$40 for the first child or \$80 per family. Enrollment will be capped at 100 participants. Registration will be open until May 15th or until we reach 100 participants. We are grateful for Jen Delos Santos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





UPCOMING EVENTS

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



**APR
30**

FAMILY PRAY & PLAY

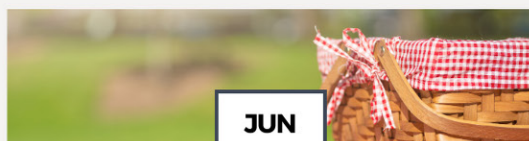
All are welcome to join for the 9:00am Mass prior to Pray and Play in the lower level of the Church at 10:00am.



**MAY
21**

MASS & A MEAL: BRUNCH EDITION

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



**JUN
11**

PARISH PICNIC

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

ACADEMY NEWS



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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



Be an Eagle for a Day!

Rising students in grades 5-8 are invited to spend the day at the Academy, attend classes and meet students and teachers. Parents are invited for a Q&A with the Principal.

Wednesday, April 26th

8AM-3PM for Students

8AM Q&A for Parents

RSVP by emailing admissions@stbacademy.org or call (908) 322-4265. For more information about St. Bartholomew Academy, visit stbacademy.org.

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

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

Scotch Plains Police Department – (908) 322-7100

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24

6:30AM **Marcelino (Living)**
req. by Loving Family
8:30AM **David Wilcox**
req. by the Rohman Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

6:30AM **Marcelino (Living)**
req. by Loving Family
8:30AM **Courtney Nerenberg**
req. by Sandra & Joe Carroll

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

6:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by Lu
8:30AM **Carl Vercelli**
req. by Steve and Marianne Luongo

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

6:30AM **Joseph Fantini**
req. by Lee & Joanna
8:30AM **Henry Durkin**
req. by Loving Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:30AM **Nancy Marra**
req. by Loving Family
8:30AM **Bette Jean Newsome**
req. by Deacon Bob Gurske

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:30AM **William Kovalcik, Sr.**
req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Kovalcik
Anna Bender
req. by JoAnn & Jack Kovalcik
5:00PM **Dolores Lestarchick**
req. by Joyce & Paul Mullen
Robert Brennan
req. by Amy DiFrancesco & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

7:30AM **Dennis Surbrug**
req. by Wife & Loving Family
Tessie Matthias
req. by Loving Daughter
9:00AM **Dolores Parell**
req. by Josephine & Michael Walsh
Robert Brennan
req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
10:30AM **Fausto Passucci**
req. by Peter & Maria DiNizo
James Rhatigan
req. by Michael & Patricia Vignola
Noon **Michael Ruzek**
req. by his Beloved Family
Robert Brennan
req. by the Farrell Family
4:00PM **Grace Mirabella**
req. by Frank & Sue DiNizo & Family
Domeneco Romeo
req. by Nancy Romeo

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.

Welcomed Home by God

We offer prayers and condolences to the family of:

Donald Roe

*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!

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.

Please Help Us Reach Our Annual Appeal 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 or scan the QR code to give. Thank you for helping us reach our goal!



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Supporting Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE APRIL 16, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$ 8,461.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 11,259.00
Total	\$ 19,720.00

Easter 2023	\$ 65,844.00
Easter 2022	\$ 64,967.00
Surplus	\$ 877.00

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**. 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
Laura Otchy, MS, Ed.S. LPC | 973.580.5930