



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1948-2023 · *Community & Charity in Christ*

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD,
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

PSALM 23:1

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 30, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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

*The sheep follow Christ because
they recognize his voice.*

This passage has so many powerful images and, if we allow our imagination to explore all that Jesus offers us here, we will encounter much richness. But today, we will focus on this line:

The sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.

We all know we should follow Jesus. We have been told how he longs to lead us to the goodness for which we were created.

But many of us struggle with the next part – actually hearing his voice and following. How do we recognize his voice? How do we quiet all of those voices of “strangers” that Jesus mentions? How do we learn to follow as we ought?

In the Acts of the Apostles, we see a powerful example of this type of hearing. Peter stands up with the Eleven and proclaims Christ, and the people were cut to the heart. Three thousand people accepted his message and followed the voice of Christ, speaking through his Apostles, on that day!

Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. He is present, leading us. That is why we are here, at this Mass. We have been willing to recognize his voice speaking, perhaps clearly in our hearts, but maybe through a family member or simply through the habits we've acquired through a lifetime of practice. Whatever form it took, Christ called us to this place at this moment. And we practiced listening.

And we're still practicing listening. Jesus speaks to us through the Scriptures and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today. Let us pray for all who seek to participate in this call.

How do we learn to recognize his voice and sort out the voices of strangers who would lead us to slaughter and destruction? Just as sheep learn the voice of their shepherd – through time, proximity, and practice. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice every day, time and time again.

We celebrate the Mass. We take time to read and reflect on Scripture. And perhaps we intentionally seek out holy friends, and make the effort to speak about God and faith with them.

Even if, like sheep, we have gone astray, we are here together at this Mass; we have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of [our] souls. May Christ, in the Eucharist, teach us to hear his voice more clearly, draw us closer to him, and protect us from all evil.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



ANNOUNCING THE ORDINATION OF REV. MR. CHRISTOPHER HUGHES

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River
joyfully announces the Ordination of

**Rev. Mr. Christopher Daniel Hughes
to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood**

Through the Imposition of Hands and the
Invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Excellency
The Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Bishop of Fall River

Saturday, June 3, 2023 at 11:00AM
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
in Fall River, Massachusetts

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

As you have shared in his life and preparation
for the priesthood by your prayers, support,
and friendship, Rev. Christopher Daniel Hughes
invites you to attend as he celebrates a Mass of
Thanksgiving on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 11th, 2023 at 12:00PM
at Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Church

First Blessings & Parish Picnic to Follow

Women's Prayer Group **Saturday, May 6th at 7:30-8:30AM** in the SBA Faculty Dining Room

All women of St. Bart's are welcome to
join for faith, fellowship & coffee! The SBA
faculty dining room is on the lower level of
the school - enter on the Rectory side). No
previous experience necessary. Contact
Joanne Guarnuccio with any questions at
jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com.

Men's Prayer Group **Saturday, May 6th at 7:30-8:30AM** in the Cafeteria

Come join us for coffee, donuts, fellowship
and discussion. Contact Joe Florendo with
any questions: joeflo65@comcast.net

Collection for Moms in Need

The Rosary Altar Society will be collecting
NEW baby items for Raphael Life House, a non-
profit organization that helps young mothers
and their children. A Pack and Play, will be set
up in the Narthex by the statue of the Holy
Family to collect items on the weekends of
May 6-7 and May 13-14. Items accepted are
any NEW clothing for newborn-2yo, baby
lotions, shampoo, diaper creams, baby wipes,
wash cloths, towels, diaper bags, diapers and
soft toys, as well as NEW handmade sweaters,
hats, booties and blankets.

Hillside Community Food Bank Service Days

All are welcome to join us as we offer the
gift of our time to support those in need
at the Community Food Bank in Hillside,
NJ. Volunteers 12 years of age or older are
welcome. This is a great service activity for
families!

Saturday, May 6th at 8:45-11:00AM
Saturday, May 20th at 8:45-11:00AM

Please contact Viv Del Prete at 908-322-6912,
or email rvjdel@comcast.net.

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 im-
ages or statues with a procession and crown-
ing 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.

May
Crowning

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

This intergenerational celebration will hon-
or 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, no later than Monday, May 1st.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Noah's Ark Family Ministry Event: Mass & a Meal: Brunch Edition Sunday, May 21st at 10:30AM

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

Noah's Ark Family Ministry is designed to encourage and support families with young children at St. Bartholomew to grow in their faith, connect with the parish, and help parents in their vocation. Young family life comes with many challenges, including keeping the kids occupied throughout the day, so why not pass the time together - we are all in the same boat!

Events are geared toward families with children six and younger, but all families (young and old) are welcome to join! We also support parish wide events with activities for children.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions at noahsarkstbarts@gmail.com.



Space is Limited - Register Today! 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



Bilingual Mass in Spanish and English Sunday, May 7th at the 12PM Noon Mass

St. Bartholomew Church announces and invites you to our first Bilingual Mass in English and Spanish on Sunday, May 7th, at the 12PM Mass.

Our hope is to celebrate a Bilingual Mass on the first Sunday of each month at noon. If you or someone you know is interested in participating in our parish Bilingual Mass, please join us in worship in both languages!



ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

Support the Class of 2024!

Clothing Drive

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 9:00AM-1:00PM
St. Bartholomew Academy
Convent Side Parking Lot

Donations will be shipped to people in need within the U.S. and other countries in need.
Items accepted for donation include:

Clothing | Shoes | Accessories
Belts | Hats | Gloves | Scarves
Soft household items | Towels | Blankets
Bedsheets | Pillows | Curtains | Stuffed animals

Please bring all items in a tied kitchen-sized bag
(No contractor bags please)

For more information, contact Frances Camargo
at jackyzarate@hotmail.com



PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

- 7:30AM **Dennis Surbrug**
req. by Wife & Loving Family
Tessie Matthias
req. by Loving Daughter
- 9:00AM **Dolores Farrell**
req. by Josephine & Michael Walsh
Robert Brennan
req. by Madeline & Tom Rutkowski
- 10:30AM **Fausto Passucci**
req. by Peter & Maria DiNizo
James Rhatican
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
Domenico Romeo
req. by Nancy Romeo

MONDAY, MAY 1

- 6:30AM **Mariano Buenconsejo**
req. by the Shore Family
- 8:30AM **Joseph Caliendo**
req. by Loving Children

TUESDAY, MAY 2

- 6:30AM **Michele Ann Ellis**
req. by the Kumpf Family
- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by Son, Robert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

- 6:30AM **Christina Nguyen (Living)**
req. by Loving Mother
- 8:30AM **Edilberto Agaton, Jr.**
req. by the Agaton Family

THURSDAY, MAY 4

- 6:30AM **Katie Nguyen (Living)**
req. by Loving Mother
- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by Sr. Lucy, Sr. Dolores & the ASCF

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- 6:30AM **Michele Ann Ellis**
req. by the Grimmer Family
- 8:30AM **Ralph Anilo**
req. by Loving Family

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- 8:30AM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by Jack & JoAnn Kovalcik
- 5:00PM **Adelina Pulice**
req. by her Loving Daughters
Frank Pulice
req. by the Del Prete Family

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 7:30AM **Susan Roberts**
req. by Daniel & Cynthia McLeavey
Mary Jane Dugan
req. by Ed & Pam Palmieri
- 9:00AM **Dorothy Larocque**
req. by Margaret K. Dooley
Mary S. Ryan
req. by Daughter, Patti & Michael
- 10:30AM **Jennifer Gonzalez**
req. by Joanne & Pat Kennedy
Gregory L. Richer
req. by the Cockrell Family
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**
req. by Lorraine Coons and
Joanna Coons-Kosloff
Fannie & James Iozzi
req. by son James and 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.

Welcomed Home by God

We offer prayers and condolences to the family of:

Michele Asher

*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 23, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$ 8,452.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 11,259.00
Total	\$ 19,711.00
Easter 2023	\$ 66,599.00
Easter 2022	\$ 64,967.00
Surplus	\$ 1,632.00

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
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