



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

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

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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

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the central mystery of our Christian faith. We believe in a Triune God: One God, two natures, three persons; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The doctrine of the Trinity is not only the "central mystery of [our] faith and life" but is "the source of all the other mysteries of faith" (CCC 234). The whole of the Church's life flows from this central belief, and it reveals who God is, and how we are meant to be united to him. "God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange" (CCC 221).

Christians are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. When we make the sign of the cross, we do so using the name of each person of the Trinity. All throughout Mass, the Trinity is invoked: in the Gloria, the collect, at the dismissal, and everywhere in between. Our prayer is addressed to the Father but offered through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit ... God, forever and ever. During the Eucharistic Prayer, we will ask the Father to send the Spirit so that our gifts of bread and wine might become for us the body and blood of Christ, his Son.

When we will profess our creed, which is in its own right a short course on Trinitarian theology: a belief in one God, who is Father, Son, and Spirit – words signifying not human gender, but divine relationship. We will say God is consubstantial [we used to say "one in being"], meaning that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit all share the same divine substance. The Trinity is eternal, meaning God is outside of time: He always was, and is, and is to come.

The relationship of the divine persons is one of perfect unity and communion. Everything that belongs to one belongs to the other, and yet each is not the same as the other. Our Triune God is three divine persons who are consubstantial and eternal, and who are all adored and glorified. It is through the totality of the Triune God that love and grace flow as a complete whole to us, Christ's faithful.

In celebrating the Trinity, the Church is not simply laying out a doctrine of complex theology. It is bringing to the forefront what ought to be the foundational principle of our lives: God is love, he made us for love, and he desires that we live in this love with him forever. As John wrote in the Gospel passage we just heard, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

This love is so real that Christ was willing to die for us. Further, the Spirit is the gift of the Father and Son to us, teaching and reminding us of that love, and strengthening and consoling us in times of challenge and trial, empowering us to be his disciples.

Are we not invigorated by the greatest of loves, to proclaim to the world that we love God and our neighbor, just as he loves us? Today, let us revel in that divine love and let it permeate our lives.





FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. JOHN

As you have heard, Fr. John's term as Pastor will come to an end on June 30th.

With many fond memories and great thanksgiving for the 18 years that he has been our Pastor - we wish to send him off with our love, support and prayers as he continues forward in service to God's people.

Join us on Sunday, June 25th beginning with Mass at 12PM Noon, with a reception to follow in the St. Bartholomew Plaza from 1-3PM.

A PRAYER IN TIME OF TRANSITION:

God of Love, you are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

WELCOME FR. ANDY PRACHAR

A Message from Fr. John: I would like to announce that the Cardinal has appointed Fr. Andy Prachar as the next pastor of St. Bartholomew Church. Let us welcome and support him as he begins to transition into this new role.

Regarding my next assignment, the Cardinal has asked me to assume the role of Director of Clergy (priests and deacons) Formation for the Archdiocese.

As we prepare to welcome Fr. Andy, please read the biography below to learn more about him. Fr. Andy will be at our Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 11th - please come say hello and offer him a warm welcome.

A Message from Fr. Andy: *"I am very excited about being a part of the leadership of this faith community which Fr. John has shepherded so well and with great love. I look forward to getting to know each of you and hearing from you more about the St. Bartholomew Community."*



I was baptized into the faith at Blessed Sacrament Church in Newark. Catholic education has been a part of my life throughout elementary and high school. I was very active in my home parish of Sacred Heart, Vailsburg, Newark. Upon graduating from Seton Hall University I backpacked through Europe for two to three months.

After college, I was a school teacher for seventh and eighth graders in Elizabeth and St. Helen's in Westfield was home to me for a few years as the Director of Youth Ministry. I experienced and discerned God calling me to give myself to others and to God in the priesthood. I was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on November 17, 1990. I was called to be pastor at my home parish in Vailsburg and then for fourteen happy and challenging years at our neighboring parish in Berkeley Heights, Church of the Little Flower. In addition, For the past 25 years, I have been blessed to have served as a chaplain to men and women in the fire service and in law enforcement.

In November, I completed my second sabbatical where I participated in a program for priests at the North American Pontifical College in Vatican City. While there I continue with my Italian lessons! I also "dabble" in the Spanish language, however I've learned how to merengue (dance) better than I can speak Spanish! I love to travel especially in Europe, stay active and I took up baking during Covid. I like to cook and eat! I believe I am a listener, one who accompanies others on our journey to and with God. I am a big-picture guy who needs help with details and I can be serious but love to laugh. If you want to learn more, invite me over for dinner. I look forward to meeting you all!" -Fr. Andy



**Sunday, June 11th at 1-4PM
at St. Bartholomew**

Menu for the event includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, soft drinks and more. The Filipino Apostolate is generously donating a lechon for the festivities!

Fun for All Ages

There will be plenty of fun for the whole family - we'll have yard games, an inflatable obstacle course, dunk tank, trackless train, activities for young children, and more!

Tailgate Style

This is a tailgate-style event! Attendees are encouraged to bring your own chairs. We will have a "Prime Timers" tent for our seniors with tables & chairs set up.

Get Tickets Today!

Tickets for the picnic are available for purchase this weekend at the Church (June 3-4), online at the QR code below, or at the Rectory Office during the week. If you purchase online, you can pick up tickets/wristbands during the week at the Rectory Office during normal office hours.



PRE-SALE DISCOUNT

Purchase before Wed, June 7th
\$10/person and \$25/family

REGULAR SALE & AT-THE-DOOR

\$15/person and \$35/family

Chris Hughes' Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday June 11th at Noon

Rev. Chris Hughes (to be ordained to the priesthood as Father Chris Hughes on Saturday, June 3rd in Fall River, Massachusetts) will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Bartholomew just prior to the Parish Picnic on June 11th at 12PM Noon. First blessings will be offered afterwards!



EMMAUS Family Formation

Seeking a way to grow in faith as a family? Join us at Emmaus!

At Emmaus Family Formation for PreK-6th Grade Families, we seek to foster an encounter with God, learn and grow together in our Catholic faith, connect families, and empower them with skills to strengthen family life and faith.



At each of our monthly sessions, our 1st-6th Graders will participate in age-appropriate small groups while those in Pre-K and Kindergarten will be invited into our craft room. While children are in their classes, we offer a parent session which seeks to provide skills to help support families practically in developing their faith at home and strengthening family life. Each session concludes with a family activity. Grandparents are also welcome. Families will attend one session per month on a Sunday and complete a take-home family activity once a month. The program runs from October-April.

Scan the QR code here to sign up or visit our website for further information including the schedule for the year and the registration form: stbartholomewchurch.org/emmaus



We Need Your Help! Volunteer for Family Faith Formation

Many volunteers are needed to make Emmaus Family Formation a success for our families! **Most volunteers serve one Sunday a month for under an hour!** Opportunities include small group leaders, teacher aides, and hall monitors. You don't need a theology degree or expertise in Catholic Faith, just a willingness to be a witness of God's love and an encouraging presence in the lives of our kids! Please prayerfully consider helping and scan the QR code to learn more.



PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

- 7:30AM **Helen Davis**
req. by Josephine & Michael Walsh
Fr. Stanley Adamczyk
req. by Sue Surbrug
- 9:00AM **Carlo & Cornelia Bravo**
req. by Maria Novello
Maureen Barnett
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
- 10:30AM **Robert Brennan**
req. by Tim & Kathleen Wierzbinski
Bob Brennan
req. by John & Mary Curch
- Noon **Angelina Santora**
req. by Pat & Steve Goldberg
John Mulholland
req. by John & Loretta Screeton

MONDAY, JUNE 5

- 6:30AM **For the People of Ukraine/Sudan**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Phyllis Marcelle**
req. by Catherine & Bill Glastal

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Janek Anthony Skutnik**
req. by Mary Jo Skutnik

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

- 6:30AM **Noel Illigan**
req. by Ramos Family
- 8:30AM **Christian Scannell**
req. by his Loving Parents

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- 6:30AM **Dorothy MacCoy**
req. by Carol Howell
- 8:30AM **Annamma Taylor**
req. by Kelly & Derek Watson

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- 6:30AM **For those who are hungry**
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Antonio Zuber**
req. by the Watson Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- 8:30AM **Ralph Anilo**
req. by wife, Barbara
- 5:00PM **Frances Fumosa**
req. by Barbara Mary
- Robert Di-Mario**
req. by Lora Suriano

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

- 7:30AM **Fr. Thomas Hart**
req. by Sue Surbrug
Christina Laganga
req. by Frank & Pat Ferrara
- 9:00AM **Maureen Barnett**
req. by Betty & Roger Giorgianni
Rosemarie DiSanto
req. by the Guarnuccio Family
- 10:30AM **John & Marie Losavio**
req. by Grandchildren
James Molinar
req. by Charles Heffer
- Noon **Josephine Macchia**
req. by Lorraine Coons & Joanne Coons-Kosloff
Jim Polisin
req. by Pat & Steve Goldberg

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Santino Agosta, 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.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!

Louis Joseph, son of Louis & Nicole Ferragonio
Mia Sofia, daughter of Marvin-Louis & Maria Navata
Joseph Matthew, son of Matthew & Keegan Sofka
Nicholas Santino, son of Matthew & Keegan Sofka
Talia Kyle, daughter of Gabriel & Krystal Vega
Arden Frances, son of Timothy & Sara Loesch
Cassidy Kathleen, daughter of William & Julia Schultz
Rowan Gates, son of Manuel & Jesica Izaguirre
Mary Kathryn, daughter of Brendan & Erin Tyler
Aurora Grace, daughter of Anthony & Allison Sekulo

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!

St. Bartholomew Weddings & Convalidations - Congratulations!

Vincenzo Bianco & Nicole Conti, May 20, 2023
Michael Magnotta & Katie Bradshaw, May 19, 2023

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 Deacon Don Hessemer at deaconhessemer@stbartholomewchurch.org. We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

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Total	\$ 18,195.00

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ONLINE GIVING

Your generosity 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 platform allows you to give online with just the touch of a button on your smartphone or on your computer. Try online giving today! Text **STBARTGIVE** to (833)-921-6421. Thank you for your support!



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:

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