



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

1948-2023 · *Community & Charity in Christ*

I AM THE LIVING BREAD THAT CAME  
DOWN FROM HEAVEN. WHOEVER EATS  
THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER.

JOHN 6:51

**Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ | June 11, 2023**

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OUR PARISH IS SERVED BY:

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### In Residence

Very Rev. Frank Rose

### Weekend Assistant

Rev. Roberto Ortiz

### Deacons

Dcn. Robert Gurske  
Dcn. Donald Hessemer

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 17**

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

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

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

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM-2:00PM  
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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

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him.*

Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. These words of Moses to the people in today's first reading are both a bit of a reproach, and a compassionate gesture. We encounter Moses after he has just finished giving some specific instructions and prophecies to the people (Deuteronomy 7:1-26). Now he is instructing them to be faithful, and recounting how God has always cared for them, guided them, and provided for them.

Notice, though, that Moses also says that God let them be afflicted with hunger. God was testing them with physical hunger so they might recognize their dependence upon him. Not only does he feed them, he feeds them with manna, a food unknown to [them] and [their] fathers. In other words, he offered them something new - something that gave them life and kept them alive.

It was also something that represented, in physical form, the words of promise he had spoken to them: You have seen how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, if you obey me completely and keep my covenant, you will be my treasured possession among all peoples, though all the earth is mine. You will be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation (Exodus 19:4-6a). We are shown that true life comes from listening to every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

The greatest word that ever came forth from the mouth of the Lord was the Word that became flesh: Jesus Christ. Listening to him and following his commands is the way to eternal life. He is the greatest gift ever given to us, and he says to us every day what is written in today's Gospel: I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

This is what the Church celebrates today in its Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: "Corpus Christi." It is a celebration of God's saving grace given to us in his word, promise, and hope for eternal life - all in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus, who gives us his body and blood in the Eucharist, is the perfect satisfaction of all desires and all hunger. He is the satisfaction of hunger for one's life to have meaning, to have forgiveness, and to have acceptance. These are some of our deepest spiritual hungers. They ultimately point to our hunger for God. These hungers can only be satisfied by spiritual "food" - the food that is ultimately an encounter with God through Christ Jesus. Or as Jesus says in the Gospel, Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.

What a blessing that the Church provides us with many opportunities to be fed by Jesus. We are fed through the love we share with one another, through our shared acts of service and justice, through our shared prayer, and especially in our sharing of the Eucharist. Let us give thanks for these gifts.



## FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION FOR FR. JOHN

As you have heard, Fr. John's term as Pastor will conclude on June 30th. **The Cardinal has asked Fr. John to direct a Program for the Ongoing Formation of Clergy (Priests and Deacons).** 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 Fr. John's Farewell Mass at 12PM Noon, with a reception to follow in the St. Bartholomew Plaza from 1-3PM.**

## WELCOME FR. ANDY PRACHAR

We hope you have the opportunity to say hello to our new Pastor, Fr. Andy Prachar - he is here this weekend (June 11) at the Parish Picnic to greet parishioners! Read more about Fr. Andy here:

*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 am proud to be a "Newark boy!" I was born to Joan and Andy Prachar (both now with God on a full-time basis) on January 25, 1957. Dad was a fourth generation Newark firefighter and Mom was putting out fires at home with my two brothers and sisters and myself in our five-room apartment. I was baptized into the faith a few weeks later 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. Most of the priests, nuns and brothers were very good and faith-filled people who helped me in the darkest times of my early life. 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 27 when I entered the seminary. Priesthood came late: I worked with a therapist and chose to delay my ordination, with the Archbishop's okay, by two years. During those two years I ministered at St. Catharine, Glen Rock. I learned a lot especially about myself and creating a ministry with and for married couples. I was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on November 17, 1990. I've been assigned in Bayonne, in Kearny as Director of Youth Retreats, and Livingston. 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. I have worked with other chaplains and the Port Authority police at Ground Zero and have ridden twice in the Police Unity Tour. I have served on the Council of Priests representing the priests of the Archdiocese. I was elected twice as the Chairman of the Council.*

*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!*







# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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

## Congratulations to the Class of 2023!

The faculty, staff, and students of St. Bartholomew Academy bid a fond farewell to our graduating class of 2023.

The students were accepted to the following schools: Delbarton School, Mother Seton Regional High School, Mount Saint Mary Academy, Saint Joseph High School, Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Seton Hall Preparatory School, Oratory School of Summit, Union Catholic High School, Union Country Vocational-Technical High School,

Thank you to all of the clergy and parishioners at for your continued support. We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing, and blessed summer!

## Stay in Touch Over the Summer!

St. Bart's uses Flocknote as our communication management tool to reach all of our parishioners through emails and text messages (whichever you prefer!). Sign up to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings, news and events at St. Bart's.

## Find a Mass Anywhere!

It's that time of year - Summer vacations are upon us! As we make time to rest and relax, let's remember to continue to make time for God! It can be difficult to coordinate when and where to go to Sunday Mass while you're out of town and travelling, but MassTimes makes it easy! Simply visit **WWW.MASSTIMES.ORG**, type in the zip code of the area that you are searching, and MassTimes will give you the locations of all Catholic Churches nearby and when Mass is celebrated.

## Easy Online Giving

Signing up for online giving is an easy way to continue contributions over the summer, even if you're on vacation! Your generosity helps us to continue the mission here at St. Bartholomew. 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!



The RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) might be right for you!

### WHAT IS RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition, as well as prepares adults for receiving the Sacraments. The RCIA process is one of study, exploration, faith sharing and faith formation. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, baptized Christians desiring to convert from other denominations, and baptized Catholics desiring to receive any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

### WHEN DOES RCIA BEGIN?

You can reach out to us at any time - the process begins as soon as you sign up! There are options for meeting individually or in small group sessions. Sacraments of Initiation are bestowed during the Easter season.

### WHO CAN I CONTACT TO LEARN MORE?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about becoming Catholic or receiving the sacraments, please contact:

**Jim & Susan Choma**  
**RCIA Formation Coordinators**  
Susan: [delaneysusan@outlook.com](mailto:delaneysusan@outlook.com)  
(908) 447-8989  
Jim: [chomajim@outlook.com](mailto:chomajim@outlook.com)  
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**For any college students** who might be interested in exploring the Catholic faith and preparing for sacraments, we are happy to work with you remotely! Please contact Steven Serafin at [sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org).

# PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

## 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

## MONDAY, JUNE 12

- 6:30AM **For the People of Ukraine/Sudan**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Mary Nguyen & Family (Living)**  
req. by the Leone Family

## TUESDAY, JUNE 13

- 6:30AM **All who have no one to pray for them**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Charles Gulotta**  
req. by the Leone Family

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

- 6:30AM **For those who are hungry**  
req. by a Friend
- 8:30AM **Joseph DePaul**  
req. by Jennifer Mongold & John Capeci

## THURSDAY, JUNE 15

- 6:30AM **Rolando Licardo**  
req. by Zaida Patrone
- 8:30AM **Dr. Sergio Tan**  
req. by Monk & Mari McDevitt

## FRIDAY, JUNE 16

- 6:30AM **Frederic Lim**  
req. by Venus
- 8:30AM **Lisa Lucchesi**  
req. by the Leone Family

## SATURDAY, JUNE 17

- 8:30AM **Dr. John L. Stasi**  
req. by Dave & Jamie Clark
- 5:00PM **Father's Day Novena**

## SUNDAY, JUNE 18

- 7:30AM **Father's Day Novena**
- 9:00AM **Father's Day Novena**
- 10:30AM **Father's Day Novena**
- Noon **Father's Day Novena**

## 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.

## 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 Deacon Don Hessemer at [deaconhessemer@stbartholomewchurch.org](mailto:deaconhessemer@stbartholomewchurch.org). We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

THE BODY  
AND BLOOD  
*of Christ*



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## Supporting Our Parish

### STEWARDSHIP of TREASURE JUNE 4, 2023

Envelope Collection	\$ 9,326.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 11,848.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,174.00</b>

*Thank you for your support!*

### 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](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**  
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