



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*The seed that
lands on good
ground will
yield a fruitful
harvest.*

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 16, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, JULY 22

4:00PM Confessions - Fr. Prachar
5:00PM - Fr. Gonzalez

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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

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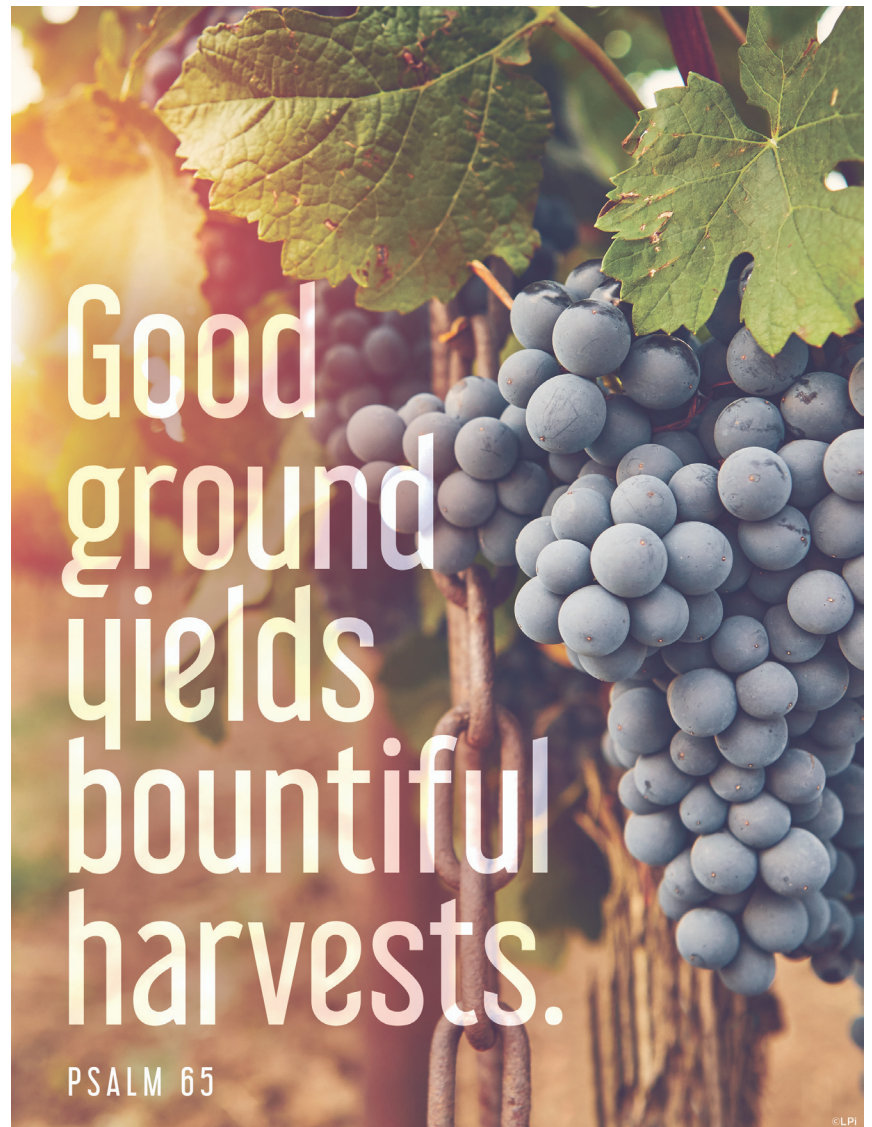
We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, are brought together by Jesus, as we recognize His presence among us in Word, Sacrament and each other. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we accept Jesus' invitation to be His disciples by using our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all.



FR. ANDY'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Last weekend we had a missionary here and one of the things I remember him saying is that ***we are all missionaries!*** I've been thinking about small ways that we can be that way for other people. Undoubtedly, we run into people every day who are going through struggles, crosses, family issues, whatever it might happen to be. Maybe one thing you could do is say to someone in the moment, "Would you mind if I said a Hail Mary for you right now?" Right then and there, just say a Hail Mary. Maybe they'll join in, maybe not. If they say no, that's okay too. But it might change them. It might give them some hope. Give it a shot!

I'll see you around!
- Fr. Andy



SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord..."My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 65

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

SECOND READING Romans 8:18-23

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us...

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-23

"But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Full Mass readings can be accessed at usccb.org

family Ministry ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Sunday, July 16th after 10:30AM Mass

We hope that your summer has started off on a good note! Before we get consumed with summer activities, the Noah's Ark Family Ministry Team invites you to join us for an Ice Cream Social here at the Church.

We will have crafts and side walk chalk for kids and information for parents about the Family Ministry events that we are planning for the next school year. We look forward to seeing you on July 16th! Please RSVP at the QR code here!



Reach out to NoahsArkStBarts@Gmail.com with any questions.

Do you have a child in 1st through 6th Grade? Want to grow together in faith as a family? Emmaus Family Faith Formation is for you!

At Emmaus Family Formation, we seek to foster an encounter with God, learn and grow together in our Catholic faith, and connect and support families. Each session is designed with engaging classes for children, parent sessions which provide skills to help support and strengthen family life and faith, as well as family activities to conclude each gathering.

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 through April.

First Reconciliation and First Communion are also covered at Emmaus Family Faith Formation!

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. Contact Steven at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org or Maureen at mdoherty@stbartholomewchurch.org with any questions or for help with registration.



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!*** Please reach out to Steven Serafin at sserafin@stbartholomewchurch.org or (908) 322-5192 x112 if you are able to help. Thank you!



HOW TO PRAY THE LITANY OF

trust

What is a litany?

A litany is a form of prayer containing a series of petitions to which people make fixed responses (such as, commonly, "pray for us" or "hear our prayer," for example). They originated in the 4th century and are still used today at Church, especially at special Masses and sacraments. By praying litanies, we hope to strengthen our faith and obtain the favors for which we're praying.

What is the Litany of Trust?

This litany was written by Sr. Faustina Maria Pia of the Sisters of Life. The litany first helps put into words the fears, worries, and refusals we struggle with that hold us back from placing our complete trust in Jesus and His love for us. Then, in the second part of the litany, we state our trust in Jesus, relying on the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to do so. The purpose of this litany is to help us to surrender some of life's worries and difficulties to Jesus, so as to trust in Him more and find solace in the struggles that life throws at us!

1. After each of these lines, the response is: "Deliver me, Jesus."

From the belief that I have to earn Your love...
From the fear that I am unlovable...
From the false security that I have what it takes...
From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute...
From all suspicion of Your words and promises...
From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You...
From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will...
From anxiety about the future...
From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past...
From restless self-seeking in the present moment...
From disbelief in Your love and presence...
From the fear of being asked to give more than I have...
From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth...
From the fear of what love demands...
From discouragement...

2. After each of these lines, the response is: "Jesus, I trust in you."

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me...
That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me...
That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You...
That You are with me in my suffering...
That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next...
That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church...
That Your plan is better than anything else...
That You always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me...
That You give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others...
That You give me all the strength I need for what is asked...
That my life is a gift...
That You will teach me to trust You...

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PRAYER INTENTIONS & SACRAMENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 7:30AM **Daniel F. Lynch, Jr.**
req. by Anne & Frank Rossi
Josephine Perrucci
req. by cousins, Laura & Rose
- 9:00AM **Mary & Thomas McCarthy**
req. by Jean & Tom McCarthy
Theresa Molen
req. by Charles & Jennifer Moloney
- 10:30AM **John & Marie Losavio**
req. by Grandchildren
Elsa Lamastra
req. by Sr. Jeanette DeSena
- Noon **Anna DiFrancesco**
req. by Loving Family
Patricia Thomas
req. by Loving Family

MONDAY, JULY 17

- 6:30AM **David Colgate**
req. by Mary Smith & Family
- 8:30AM **James O'Gara**
req. by Preeti Lobo
Judy DiFiore
req. by Husband & Family

TUESDAY, JULY 18

- 6:30AM **Austin O'Farrell**
req. by Sandra & Joe
- 8:30AM **Joan Haggerty**
req. by the Haggerty Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

- 6:30AM **Fr. John J. Paladino (Living)**
req. by Mary Ellen Lieder
- 8:30AM **Marianne O'Neill**
req. by Paul Sincavage, Jr.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

- 6:30AM **Raymond D'Souza**
req. by the Fenandoe Family
- 8:30AM **Fr. John J. Paladino (Living)**
r/b The Rosary Group

FRIDAY, JULY 21

- 6:30AM **Josephine Macchia**
req. by Lorraine Coons &
Joanne Coons-Kosloff
- 8:30AM **Fr. John Paladino (Living)**
req. by Virginia Leone

SATURDAY, JULY 22

- 8:30AM **Patrick Smith**
req. by the Driscoll Family
- 5:00PM **Elsa Lamastra**
req. by Ibana Garrastazn
Carol Ann Bednar
req. by the Erbafina Family

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 7:30AM **John Dowling**
req. by Loving Family
Mary Ann Halko
req. by Arthur Bruschetti Jr.
- 9:00AM **Peter Pantina**
req. by Tom & Judy Spera
Richard Miciek
req. by Mary Whitehouse
- 10:30AM **Josephine & Michael Andreoli**
req. by Joyce Andreoli
Dorothy Marvin
req. by Joyce Andreoli
- Noon **Kenneth Thomas**
req. by Loving Family
Nicholas Silano, Jr.
req. by Mother & Sister

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Altar Candles & Bread & Wine
Josephine Perrucci
req. by cousins Laura & Rose

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, Betty Mariani, Nadine Martinson, Arthur W. Morgan, Peter Morgan, Jennifer Munoz, James Pettit, Richard Quigley, Maureen Vincent, Dolores Waltsak, Melinda Williams, Donald Wulverton, Judy Wussler, 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 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. We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

Learn About Becoming Catholic or Receiving the Sacraments!

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). Learn more on our website:

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Envelope Collection	\$ 10,011.00
Pushpay Online Collection	\$ 11,848.00
Total	\$ 21,859.00

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

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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