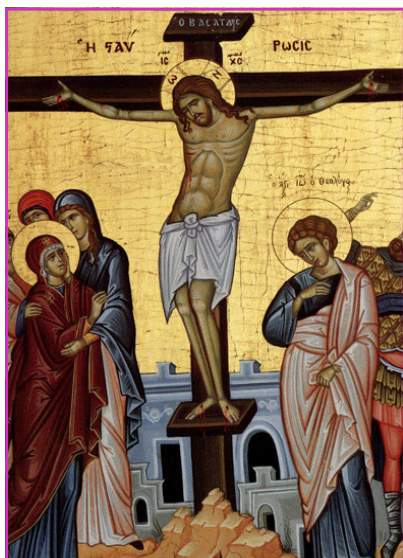




Saint Bartholomew Church

A faith community in the Roman Catholic Tradition Since 1959



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Catholic Community of Saint Bartholomew is to build our lives in the image of Christ through love, worship and service.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
& 12:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m., Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every First Friday, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., (October—May)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday or by appointment, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

The sacrament is celebrated on Sundays at 1:15 p.m. with the exception in Lent. Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is a major step in anyone's life. If you are planning your marriage, please contact the parish office one year in advance.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish Office
732-257-7722

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Friday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

WEBSITE: www.stbartseb.org FLOCKNOTE: Text STBARTEB to 84576

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 8, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 7, 2020: Lenten Weekday; Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

5:00 P.M. Lois Melczer r/o Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sweeney

SUNDAY, March 8, 2020: Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. Vivienne & John Gatarz r/o The Family

Rusc Family r/o Dora & Sister

10:00 A.M. Rafaela "Mimi" Towns r/o Jacqueline Bilotta

12:00 P.M. Grace A. DeCarolus 1yr. Anniv. Of her death
r/o Your Loving Children Yvonne, Susan, Lou & Gary

MONDAY, March 9, 2020: Lenten Weekday; Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

8:30 A.M. Michael Cilento r/o The Jones Family

7:00 P.M. John O'Kane r/o Mary Gatto

TUESDAY, March 10, 2020: Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. Maryann Ficara Veres r/o Linda

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2020: Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. Judy Piznar r/o Her Parents

Othello Caro r/o The Family

THURSDAY, March 12, 2020: Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. The Intentions of the Parishioners of
St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, March 13, 2020: Lenten Weekday

8:30 A.M. Bernard M. Ogin r/o The Family

7:00 P.M. Carol Maher r/o Her Children

SATURDAY, March 14, 2020: Lenten Weekday;

8:00 A.M. Deacon John McShane r/o Nellie Moran

5:00 P.M. Robert (Bobby) Schaefer r/o Carmen & Tony
DiRenzo

SUNDAY, March 15, 2020: Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 A.M. Michael & Rose Hopkins r/o Rose B. Hopkins

Pauline & Andrew Volk r/o The Friker Family

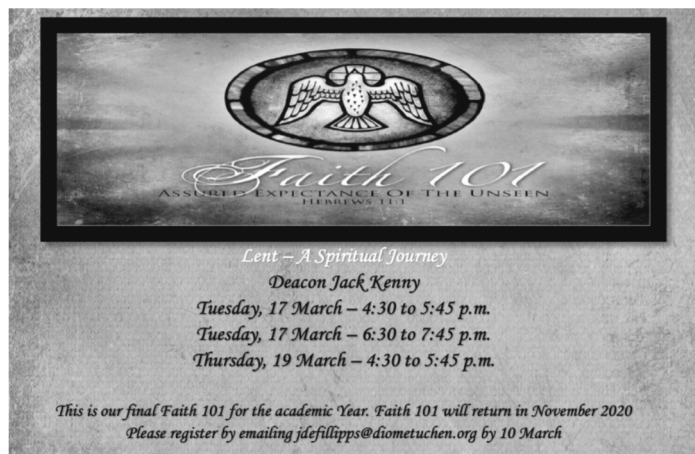
10:00 A.M. Ronald Colatrella r/o Camille & Ray Bevere

12:00 P.M. Ralph Jaquinto r/o Ed Maroon & Family

Calendar of Events

March 2020

- 9 Novena Mass 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.
- 15 Food Collection After All the
Masses
- 16 Comm. Mini Retreat 7:00 p.m.
Church
- Novena Mass 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Faith 101 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Faith 101 4:30 p.m.
- 20 Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat
HUNGER BANQUET
- 21 KoC Corp. Comm 5:00 p.m. Mass
- 23 Comm. Mini Retreat 7:00 p.m.
Mass
- Novena Mass 7:00 P.m.
- 25 **Healing Mass 7:00 p.m.**
- 27 Mass 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m.
- 30 Novena Mass 7:00 p.m.
Confessions 7:30 p.m.



ATTENTION!

The Lenten Healing Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m. only.**

As mentioned at Mass last weekend, for your safety the distribution of the Precious Blood has been suspended indefinitely because of the fear of catching the flu. The Sign of Peace (shaking of hands) is up to you. Saying "Peace be with you" or smiling works, too!

You will also notice the Holy Water fonts have been drained. This is for your safety too, but also is a Lenten practice.

March 8: Second Sunday of Lent

#1030

First: Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Timothy 1: 8b-10

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9



INFANT BAPTISMS

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sunday at 1:15 PM. by appointment only. A Pre-Baptism Catechetical Session is required for parents. Godparents (Sponsors) must be practicing Catholics and at least 14 years of age. A practicing non-Catholic Christian may act as a witness along with a Catholic Sponsor.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



We welcome all unbaptized individuals, friends, family members and neighbors who are not Roman Catholic Christians or those individuals within the Catholic Tradition who may have never received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist or Confirmation to participate in our parish program for adult Christian Initiation at this time. This program is also ideal for baptized Christians of other Christian denominations who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. If you know of someone who may wish to experience the richness of our Catholic Faith and who desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, please contact Barbara Bunag at 732-257-7722.

MATRIMONY



The Sacrament of Matrimony requires an extensive period of preparation. Contact must be made with Parish Center one year in advance.



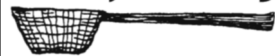
MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the anointing of the sick is available to our parish sick and shut-ins upon request. Please inform the parish concerning the needs of the sick by calling the Parish Office. If any member of the parish is hospitalized, please notify the Parish Office immediately so that a member of the Pastoral Staff may visit.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS
OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE
SICK AS WELL AS THOSE
MEMBERS WHO ARE SERVING IN
THE ARMED FORCES**



Weekly Offering



February 29th & March 1, 2020: \$18,829.60
Ash Wednesday: \$ 5,023.87



**From the
Pastor**

Dear Friends,

The Transfiguration, which we hear in this weekend's Gospel, is chock-full of theological goodies! The one that I would like to focus on is God's declaration of Jesus Christ's identity. We hear, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." With this declaration, God the Father does three things: 1. Identifies Jesus Christ as His Son, 2. Informs Peter, James, and John that He is "well pleased" with Him and 3. That we should "listen to Him."

Unpacking this declaration through a Judaic lens is important. In the Old Testament God breaks through time and space on several occasions, but not so much in the New Testament. In the Gospel of Matthew, which we are reading from this year, God only breaks through time and space on two occasions: Jesus' baptism and the Transfiguration. The Old Testament repeatedly calls for a Messiah (savior or liberator). This claim finds its fulfillment with the birth of Jesus Christ and now it is time to inform or persuade the people of First Century Palestine and indeed in our time, that Jesus Christ is the Messiah— "Repent & Believe in the Gospel." One must remember, that Peter, James & John were practicing Jews, hence why Elijah and Moses appeared at the Transfiguration event, thus sealing the deal. God declaring; the two Old Testament prophets (Elijah and Moses) present; and the Transfiguration event proves, if you will, that Jesus Christ is the One! Jesus being transfigured is a subtle nuance of the whole event. The importance of this event is God declaring who Jesus Christ is—thus ushering in a new period.

The Season of Lent should usher in a new period for all of us. A time to allow the "Light" to shine upon the hidden recesses of our heart. This "Light" should move us to reflect on the past, realize the present, and plan for the future while remaining at the base of the Cross gazing upwards, upwards towards real Godly change.

Keep going!

Fr. James



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March 7, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Parishioners,

We continued with our Project-based Learning Professional Development with a specific focus on Active Learning on Friday.

On the website there is a letter from Dr. Lockwood, Superintendent of Schools, with information from the CDC about the Coronavirus. Recommendations from the NJ Department of Health include the following:

- Wash hands often for at least 20 seconds, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or into your sleeve, not your hands.
- Stay home from school if student is sick.
- Get a flu shot.

Our school is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected daily and our school nurses monitor the health of our students throughout the school day.

On Wednesday, March 11, students in Grades 5-8 will present their Science Fair projects beginning at 7:00 pm. This is a mandatory event for students in these grades. We look forward to their wonderful projects. Thank you, Mrs. Laudicina, Miss Maligranda, and Mrs. Frady, for preparing our students.

On Thursday, March 12, our fourth grade students will attend an assembly on Endangered Animals in NJ as part of a project they are engaged in. Students may dress out of uniform for a \$1.00 donation to support Drama Club.

Students in grades 6-8 will attend Stations of the Cross, led by our eighth grade students, on March 13 at 12:55 pm. Please join us if you are able.

We look forward to our annual visit on March 16 from John O'Keefe, who plays the bagpipes for our students in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Please see the Communication Envelope and newsletter for more information about all the wonderful events and news happening at our school.

O Jesus, my heart is little, fearful, and very timid. It will always be so. But you say, "Come to my heart. My heart is gentle and humble and very broken like yours. Do not be afraid. Come and let your heart find rest in mine and trust that all will be well." I want to come, Jesus, and be with you. Here I am, Lord, take my heart and let it become a heart filled with your love. ---Henri J. M. Nouwen

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
Principal



KNIGHTS KORNER



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11873
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Knights Council meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month starting at 7:30pm. For membership information please contact our Membership Director Brother Joe Baker at 570-580-8145 or Visit, KofC.org/JoinUs.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL AND
ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 7:30pm. The next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE
MASS

The next K of C Corporate Mass will be on Saturday March 21, at 5pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 4th DEGREE EX-
EMPLIFICATION

On Saturday April 18, 2020 at the Estate at Monroe there will be the 4th Degree Exemplification. Any Third Degree Knight that wishes to be part of the Assembly please contact Faithful Navigator Frank Gaudio at frankenza1969@aol.com. All Brothers are welcomed to join our Assembly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING
EVENTS FOR 2020

Fourth Degree Exemplification, April 18
Disability Drive, April
Pride in Priest Dinner, May 12,
Comedy Night, June 6
Day at the Races, June 27

CHARITY—UNITY—FRATERNITY—PATRIOTISM



Lenten Parish Mission

Saint Bartholomew Church



*“Discovering Divine Treasures in Dark Times:
St. Thérèse’s Spiritual Focus amidst Trials.”*

Presented by:

Dr. Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.

1 April @ 7:00 p.m. within Mass

2 April @ 7:00 p.m. within Evening Prayer

3 April @ 7:00 p.m. within Mass

Dr. Traflet is the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Administration and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology; she earned a J.D. from Seton Hall University School of Law, an M.A. in Catholic Theology and Pastoral Ministry from The Institute of Advanced Studies of Catholic Doctrine, St. John's University, and an S.T.L. and an S.T.D. from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum), Rome. Dr. Traflet is the director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and is a key leader in the Center for Diaconal Formation.



St. Bartholomew Columbiettes

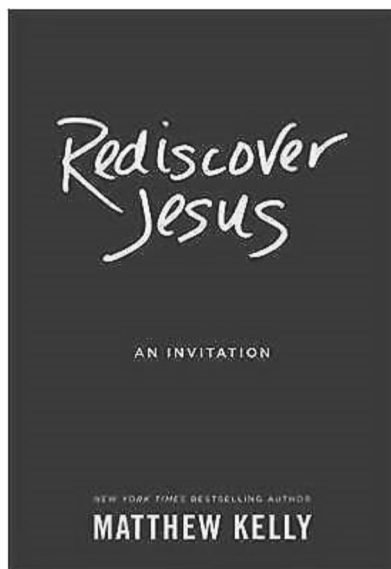
The St. Bartholomew Columbiettes are preparing for an installation of new members on Sunday, March 29th at 1:00. If you are a Catholic Woman age 17 or above and would like to get more involved in our church and our community, please consider joining us. For further information, contact Barbara at 732 254-5440.

We will visit the Ozanam Family Shelter with dinner on either March 16 or 30th. We will be looking for members to volunteer to help prepare the meal. The meal is prepared at our homes and then dropped off at St. Barts. Several members will then deliver and serve the meal. Contact Carol at 732 254-5069 if you would like to help us out.

Save the date for our annual wine tasting Saturday, April 25th. This event is open to all. For ticket information, contact Noreen at 732 238-5743.

We will host the April Chapter Meeting which will be our ANNUAL BABY SHOWER for Life Choices in Metuchen. We will be collecting new and gently used baby clothes and supplies. For further information, contact Diane at 732 605-9817.

Fr. Thomas and Fr. James invites each parish family to take a "Rediscover Jesus" book by Matthew Kelly to assist you on your Lenten journey. They are in the Narthex of the Church.



St. Vincent DePaul Society St. Bartholomew Conference

The monthly St. Vincent dePaul Society food drive will be held next weekend, March 14 & 15. The pantry is in need of the following items:

Coffee, tea, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, shampoo, deodorant, vegetable oil, pudding, applesauce snack packs, jelly/jam, cookies/snacks cake icing, pancake syrup, sugar, soap, juice packs, plastic wrap, Ziploc bags, aluminum foil, toothpaste/brushes.

Please check the expiration date of your donations as we cannot use expired food.

We appreciate any support in terms of food or monetary donations that you can give us. Please refrain from leaving food donations in the Narthax or the school cafeteria at other times of the month. If you have a donation that cannot wait until our regular monthly collection, please call the SVDP hotline at 732-597-1507 or contact Debbie Wagner at deb-biew0307@yahoo.com. As always, we are truly grateful for the parish's support of our work with the poor. Thank you for your generosity.

ALTAR ROSARY UPCOMING EVENTS

March 30 Executive Bd. Meeting, Msgr. Alliegro Rm.

April 5 Corporate Communion, 8:00am Mass
4-5 **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**
6 Monthly Meeting, 2:00pm

27 Executive Bd. Meeting, Msgr. Alliegro Rm.

May 3 Corporate Communion – 8:00am Mass
4 Monthly Meeting – 2:00pm,
Msgr. Alliegro Rm.
18 Executive Bd. Meeting, Msgr. Alliegro Room

June 7 Corporate Communion, 8:00am Mass
3 **Luncheon – B2 Bistro + Bar**
No Monthly Meeting

*All women of the Parish 18 + are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings held on the first Monday of the month. **Being a Rosarian honors Mary in whose care Jesus has placed us.***

Please consider joining the Altar Rosary
Call: Nellie Moran – 732.207.9786.

**PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY WITH
FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
GOD BLESS, PROTECT, AND PRESERVE
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Chrism Mass

Monday, April 6, 2019

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen - 4:00 PM

On Monday, April 6, 2020, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

Interfaith Network of Care
Annual Memorial Service

You are invited to an Interfaith Memorial Service to honor the memories of volunteer caregivers, staff, board members, care receivers and friends of INC and all those grieving the loss of their loved ones. Sunday, March 15th, 2020, at 3 pm at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 90 Leonardine Ave, South River, NJ 08882. Refreshments & fellowship following the service.

Please RSVP to 732-247-1655 by March 10th.



2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Upon request, a statement of your 2019 Contributions will be mailed to you. Please fill out and return this form either by mail or by way of the collection basket.

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Day Phone: _____ Envelope # _____

**Discover the Joy of being a
Hospice Volunteer**

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion, you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey.

There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers though home visitation, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or phone calls from one of our offices.

Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive : Mondays, March 23rd , 30th ,and April 6th from 10 am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. **Advanced registration is required, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933**

For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

COVER SHEET

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Please call Linda @ 732-257-7722 ext.31

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