

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
14 August, 2022



The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Welcome to New Families!

New families moving into the parish are to register at the parish office in person or by completing the registration form, found on the parish website, and mailing it to the parish office. Certificates of eligibility to sponsor a Baptism or Confirmation can be obtained at the Parish Office.

Parish Office

Ms. Barbara Bunag, Office Manager, 732-257-7722
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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 am to 4 pm
Friday: Closed

Saint Bartholomew School

Mrs. Veronica Tkacenko,
Secretary, 732-254-7105

SUNDAY EUCHARIST

Vigil Mass, Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am 10:00 am
and 12 Noon

DAILY EUCHARIST

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10:00 am
in the Guadalupe Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday: 3:45-6:45 pm
(October-May)

Parish Website: www.stbartseb.org
Flocknote: Text STBARTEB to 84576
Facebook: @saintbartholomewRCchurch

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Infant Baptism: Call the parish office for information, registration, and the scheduling of baptismal class.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process (1) for adults who were never Baptized or Baptized Christian in another church or (2) Catholics who have not celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist to enter into full Communion with the church. For more information, please contact Barbara Bunag in the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus reminds His disciples that facing the coming judgment takes patience. Jesus then goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He announces that He has come to set the earth on fire. Recall, that in Chapter 3 of Luke's Gospel, John the Baptist tells the crowd that he is baptizing with water, but someone mightier is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The fire that Jesus speaks of is the distress caused by the coming judgment. It is also the fire of the Holy Spirit that Luke, in the Acts of the Apostles, will describe descending on the apostles at Pentecost. The fire will strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the good news of Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus will be the first to experience the distress of the coming judgment. His Baptism will be the conflict into which He will be immersed as He approaches Jerusalem and His death on the cross. His followers will not be spared that distress. The coming judgment forces us to look at the implications for our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment to faith requires us to change our attitudes towards material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here He reminds the crowd that those who commit to Him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. A commitment to Jesus Christ forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on our relationships.

It is a difficult time for so many families in our parish. Children who were raised in the Catholic faith, reject the faith when they become adults. The distress of so many parents and grandparents over their children, many of whom have decided not to marry in the Church or raise their children in the faith, is a time of division and distress for so many families. But our commitment to Christ often leads to conflict and division. I always counsel patience, prayer and charity and to lead by example shows the love of Christ.

Pax Christi,

Father Thomas

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 13 August, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Francis J. McNiff r/o Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Fuller

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, 14 August, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Mary & Henry Drew r/o Sis
and

Thomas Daley, Jr. & Kelly Daley r/o Roger Daley & Family

10:00 a.m.

Mary Emily Bohrer r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

12 noon

Tina Messina r/o Rosaria Briscese

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MONDAY, 15 August 2022

8:30 a.m.

Anna Ollivierre r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

7:00 p.m.

Marge Grubiak r/o The Parish of St. Bartholomew

TUESDAY, 16 August, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Sr. Marita Catherine r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

WEDNESDAY, 17 August, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Alliegro r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

THURSDAY, 18 August, 2022

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of Saint Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, 19 August, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Nelly Alabanza r/o The Family

SATURDAY, 20 August, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Anna & Joseph Salapata and Gloria Shenosky r/o John Shenosky

OBSERVE FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, 21 August, 2022

8:00 a.m.

Corrado M. Caterina r/o Nellie Moran
and

Helen Donna McDonald r/o Charlene McDonough

10:00 a.m.

Ana Gallagher r/o Ron & Nelly Sorensen

12 noon

Henning Kristensen r/o Barbara

Please join us next
Sunday, August 21 as we
celebrate the Feast of
St. Bartholomew and welcome

FR. STEFAN YAP

who will celebrate the 12 noon Mass.
Fr. Yap, ordained in 2020 in the
Archdiocese of Washington, DC, is
the son of our
long-time parishioners,
Sergio and Lolita Yap.

You are invited to join us for
a reception with light
refreshments in the parish hall
immediately following Mass.

We welcome the following children who recently received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

George Gutierrez

Henry Gutierrez

Adalynne Gutierrez

Adrianna Balla

Stella Soto

Paulo Mezzo

Ava Cocozzo

Cecilia Kosko

Madeline Pimienta

Angelo Ritchings

Sebastian Batista

Austin Cirincione

Grace Maldonado

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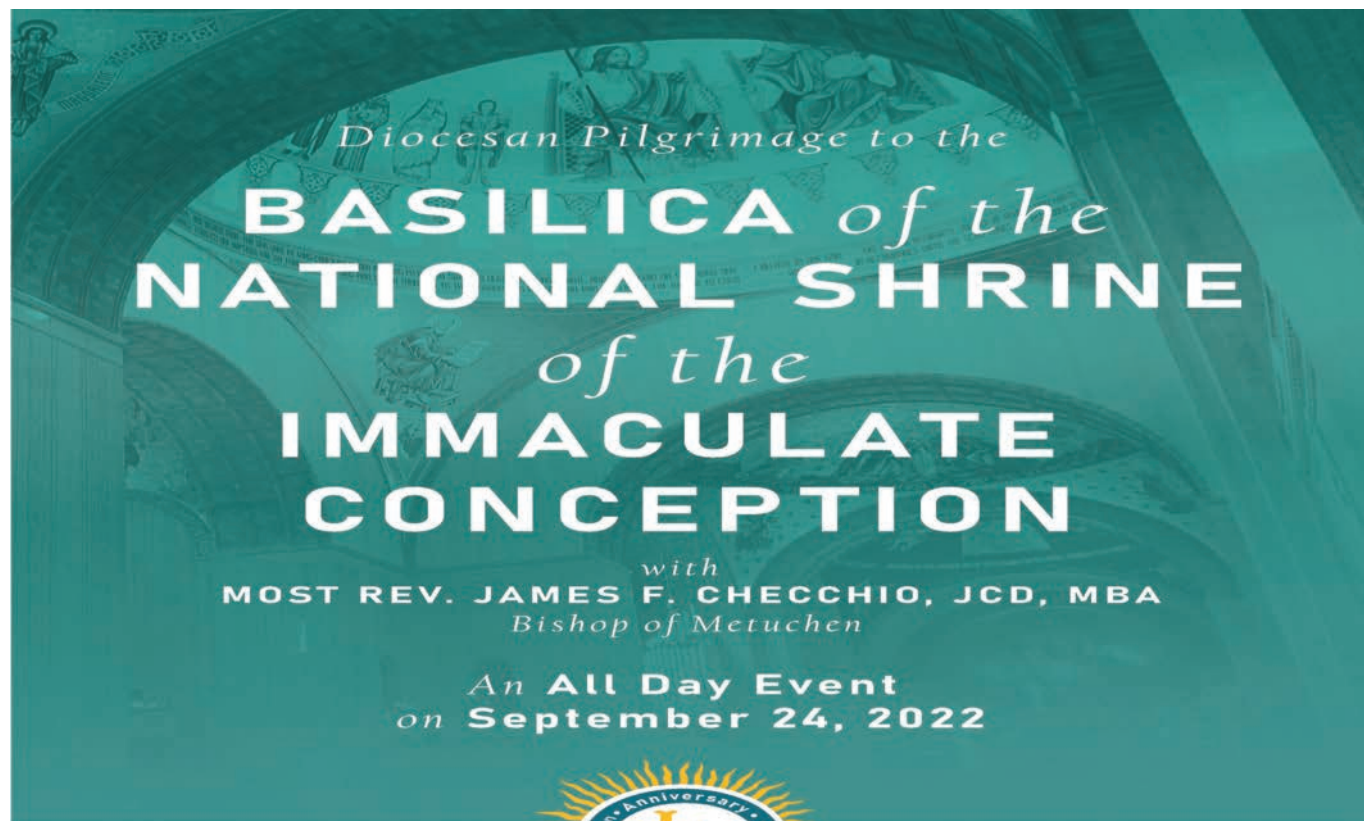
The collection for August 7 will be
reported in a future bulletin

ST. BARTHOLOMEW WILL SPONSOR A BUS TO WASHINGTON, DC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

Cost: \$25 per person. Please call the parish office to reserve a seat (732-257-7722)

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m.	Bus departs St. Bartholomew-arrives in Washington at approximately 10:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon	Angelus, Welcome, Opening Prayer
12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Confessions in Basilica Chapels and free time to visit Basilica
1:45 p.m.	Musical Prelude
2:15 p.m.	Liturgical Procession Pilgrimage Liturgy
4:30 p.m.	Bus Departs-arrives back at St. Bartholomew at approximately 8:30 p.m.



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*More information
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www.diometuchen.org/40*

Greetings, St. Bartholomew Parishioners! I write to you at an exciting time for our parish community. In this year 2022, as we have moved away from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen more and more faces return to our church pews on weekends. Moreover, since the completion of the much-needed renovation of our worship space, there is an even greater sense of renewed excitement as we approach the end of summer and enter the fall months. The sense of renewal and rebirth is palpable and energizing.

However, just as our physical worship space was in dire need of refreshment and renewal, our Sacred Music Ministry is likewise in need of renewal, especially in this post-pandemic time. The Constitution on Sacred Liturgy explicitly states, "The treasury of sacred music is to be preserved and fostered with great care. Choirs must be diligently developed..." (#114). As I am sure you are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic (which led to a two-year long hiatus from being able to gather for rehearsals) has caused a precipitous decline in membership in both our Adult and Children's Choirs. To that end, I humbly implore and invite any of you- If you have ever participated in any part of the music ministry here at St. Bartholomew's or any other parish, if you have ever sung in another community choir or school choir (even if it was a long time ago!), or if you just enjoy singing along to the radio in the car, please consider joining (or re-joining) one of the wonderful choirs here at this parish this coming fall.

Our Adult Choir is open to any member of the parish from high school freshman through adult, and usually sings every Sunday morning at the 12 Noon Mass starting from the first Sunday in October until early-mid June. The Adult Choir also sings at other special celebrations and feasts throughout the church year, including Confirmation, the Christmas Eve Mass at Midnight, and the liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, which include the Great Easter Vigil. The regular rehearsal time for the Adult Choir is from 7:30pm-9pm on Thursday evenings in the choir loft, although during Advent and Lent, rehearsals may go slightly later as we prepare for Christmas and Holy Week. This year, our first rehearsal will take place on Thursday, September 8th, starting with fellowship and light refreshments in the narthex of the church at 7pm. The only requirements for the Adult Choir are an enthusiastic spirit and an ability to be on time. **Ability to read music is NOT required**, but is definitely a plus if you can. There is NO audition requirement. Rehearsals not only focus on the music to be prepared each week, but also on fostering education both musically and liturgically. All voice parts are welcome (And if you don't know your voice part, that's okay too!).

Our Children's Choir is directed by Mrs. Janet DeFreitas (JanetDefreitasSTB@gmail.com) and accompanied by me. It is open to all young members of our congregation in grades 3 through 8. They sing at the 10am Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of the month starting in October and continuing through Pentecost Sunday, and every Sunday in Advent and Lent. They also sing at several special celebrations throughout the year, including the Children's Liturgy on Christmas Eve, First Penance Services (which take place in January), and First Communion Masses in the Spring. Again, ability to read music is a plus but is **NOT required**; all one needs is an enthusiastic spirit and ability to follow directions and be on time. As with the Adult Choir, the rehearsals focus not only on preparing for Sunday mass but also fostering increased knowledge in music and also of our own Catholic faith and how it relates to our Sunday liturgy. Just as a clarification, one need not be a student of St. Bartholomew School to be a member of our parish Children's Choir. The Children's Choir's regular rehearsal time is Wednesday afternoons in the choir loft from 4:30-5:30pm. I would like to invite any children interested in joining (as well as any returning members) to our first rehearsal on September 14th. The Children's Choir handbook can also be found online following the Children's Choir link (under the "Ministries" menu) on the church's website (www.stbartseb.org).

Choirs in many ways are like living beings unto themselves, needing nourishment, attention, and care to that they may thrive and grow. I hope that you may consider prayerfully giving of your time and talents so that our music ministry may thrive and grow. Further announcements will come as September approaches. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me in the parish office (732-257-7722 x38 or ngatto@stbartseb.com). Please also feel free visit the choir loft after Mass if you are interested, consult our parish website, or just show up at our first rehearsal! Thank you very much, God bless, and I hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Mr. Nicholas Gatto, Director of Music/Organist

Annual St. Bartholomew Knights of Columbus Yard Sale

Saturday, September 10

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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St. Bartholomew Parish

470 Ryders Lane

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Bereavement Group

Beginning Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm,

St. Thomas the Apostle will be offering six consecutive group sessions. The Bereavement group is based on Ignatian spirituality and is a grief and faith sharing program that brings those suffering the loss of a spouse together with others in the community who have experienced the same kind of loss. ***This group is for those who have lost a spouse only.*** The six week bereavement program is offered twice a year. Upcoming programs will be advertised on the website and in the bulletin. If you have lost a spouse, and need a place to share your grief and to experience the love of Jesus in your life, the Bereavement group is for you. Please call Deacon Pat at 732-251-4000, ext. 8218 for more information about the program.

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