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The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023



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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
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Office Hours

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

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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

CONFESIONS

Saturday: 10:00 am
in the Guadalupe Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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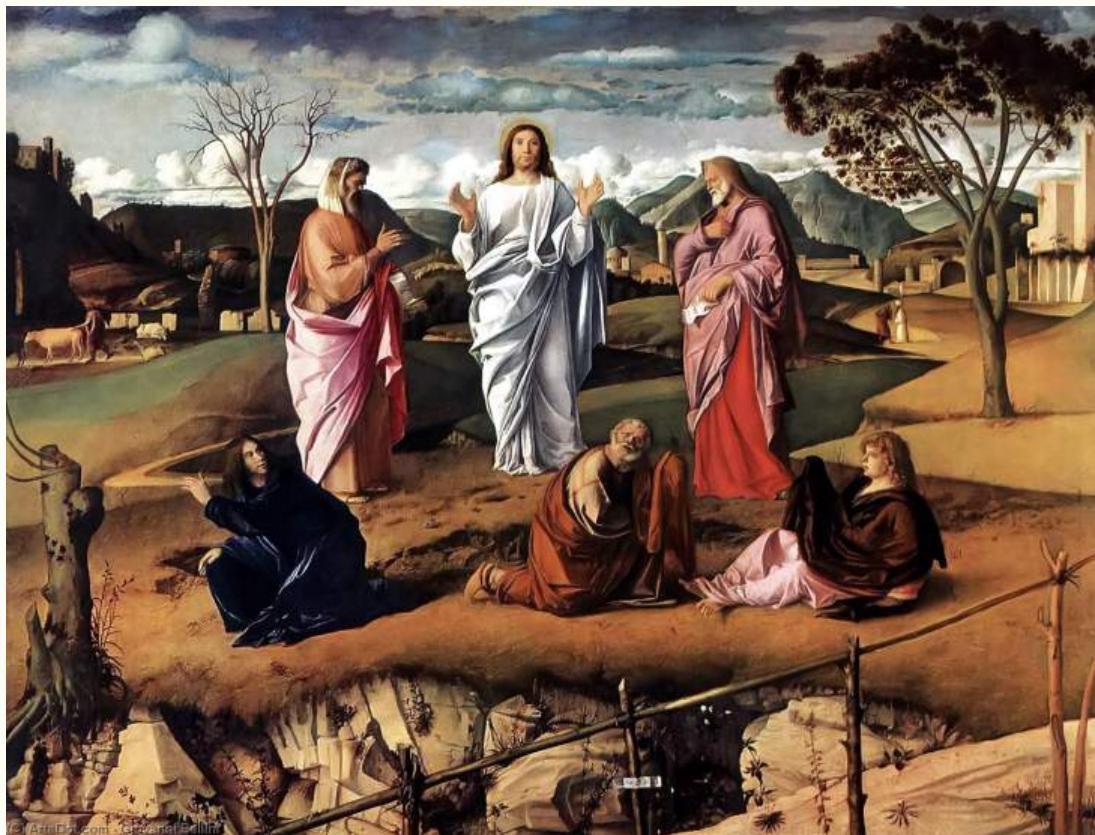
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is celebrated on August 6th by both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. The feast reminds all Christians that Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah. He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. The glory emanating from His Presence on the Holy Mountain revealed to the Apostles that He is the Son of God.

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we, too, are called like the Apostles to contemplate the light shining from the face of Jesus. This light overcomes the darkness of the world and enables us to build His Kingdom by the holiness of our lives.

May the light of Christ shine in our hearts and minds this day.

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



Transfiguration of Christ, 1487 by Giovanni Bellini

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 5 August

4:00 p.m.
The Memorial Mass Society

SUNDAY, 6 August

8:00 a.m.

Nicholas Castrorao r/o Ralph & Gina Castrorao
and
Fred Rosalejos r/o The Barcenas Family

10:00 a.m.

Lillian Gostkowski r/o Deacon Anthony & Elaine Gostkowski

12 noon

The Deceased Members of the Iati Family r/o The Iati Family

MONDAY, 7 August

8:30 a.m.

Charles "Chad" Vitello r/o Marilyn & Sid Schwartz

TUESDAY, 8 August

8:30 a.m.

Walter Semchenko r/o His Wife

WEDNESDAY, 9 August

8:30 a.m.

Anita Carbone r/o The Daddio Family

THURSDAY, 10 August

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, 11 August

8:30 a.m.

John Zadroga r/o Nellie and Marty

SATURDAY, 12 August

4:00 p.m.

Francis McNiff r/o Glenn and Pat Fuller

SUNDAY, 13 August

8:00 a.m.

Vivienne & John Gatarz r/o The Family
and
Elizabeth Coyle r/o The Coyle Family

10:00 a.m.

Margaret Vargo r/o The Giannotto Family

12 noon

Joseph, Michael and Laura Vullo r/o Mary Jo

August 6, 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

“...then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’”

Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they “were very much afraid.” We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God’s voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

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AUGUST 12-13

Purchasing backpacks and school supplies can be very difficult for low income families struggling to make ends meet. We are asking for your support again this year to help give children of our SVDP clients some of the tools they need to be ready for school. Your donations of supplies can make a real difference to them.

In addition to backpacks, some examples of school supplies are: Wide ruled spiral notebooks, marbled composition notebooks, glue sticks, black/blue ballpoint pens, #2 Pencils, 24 Pack crayons, pink erasers, rulers, multi-pocket folders, pencil pouches, highlighters, facial tissues, colored markers, and dry erase markers.

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Greetings, St. Bartholomew Parishioners!

Once again, we find ourselves in the latter weeks of the summer, and before we blink, September will be here. Children will be returning to school, and our active parish choirs will soon be meeting again for regular rehearsals and singing at our Sunday masses. It is indeed an exciting time for our music ministry, as in 2022-2023, we successfully completed our first full and uninterrupted choir schedule since the 2018-2019 years, before the COVID-19 pandemic so suddenly interrupted virtually every aspect of our daily lives.

One of our goals, however, is to eventually return to the same robust level of participation we enjoyed in the 2010s. Put simply, the Music Ministry needs you! 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). Just as plants need water and nutrients to grow, so too does our Music Ministry need to be watered and cultivated with our own God-given gifts and talents. To that end, I humbly but fervently 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 in the shower or with the radio in your car (our church has much better acoustics, trust me!), 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 7th**, 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. **Prior singing experience is not needed, and the 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 needed (And if you don't know your voice part, that's okay too!). However, as seems to be a common issue in many church choirs no matter where one goes, we are especially in great need of males to fill our tenor and bass sections. Additional information can be found here: <https://stbartseb.org/choir>.

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, the 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 as well as our own Catholic faith and how it relates to our Sunday liturgy. Just to clarify, 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 13th**. The Children's Choir handbook can also be found online following the link at <https://stbartseb.org/childrens-choir>, and updated schedules will appear shortly.

Vibrant and active choirs are an integral part of a thriving Catholic parish such as St. Bartholomew's. I hope that you may consider prayerfully giving your time and talents so that our music ministry may continue to contribute meaningfully to our beautifully rich and reverent liturgies. 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). Also, feel free to visit the choir loft after any 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

On the weekend of August 12-13, 2023 our parish will host a speaker for the Alliance for International Monasticism (AIM USA).

Once a year, as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan throughout the United States, each parish in the diocese welcomes a member or an associate of a religious community involved in missionary work.

Sister Philomena Fleck OSB from Saint Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, NJ is this year's representative who will share with you some of the work of AIM USA. AIM USA has formed an alliance between 140 US and Canadian monasteries with over 450 Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Latin America and Eastern Europe. These Benedictine and Cistercian women and men form centers of prayer, education, health and agriculture in some of the poorest regions of the world.

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Middlesex County Right to Life is hosting a Pro-life exhibit at the 2023 Middlesex County Fair as we have done for many years in the past. More volunteers are needed to staff the table for either 2 or 2 ½ hour shifts. New volunteers are paired with experienced volunteers. **A free pass good for all day at the fair is provided to all volunteers.** The fair runs from August 7th through August 13th. Here is a chance to do something truly worthwhile. To volunteer, please call Gerry at 732-251-5879 and leave a message. She will call you back.

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