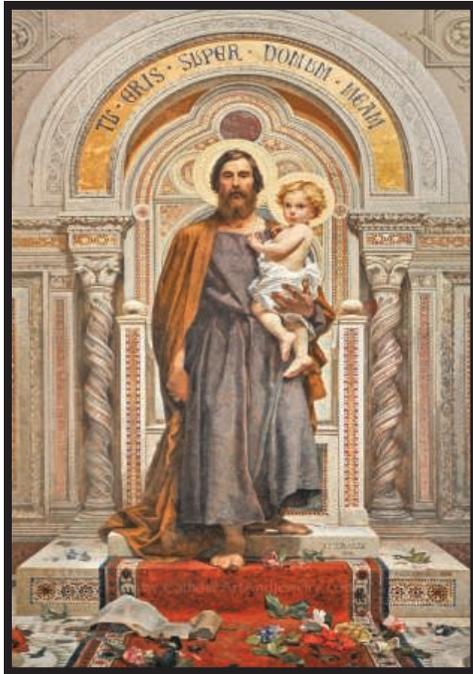


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The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024



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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: 9 am to 12 noon

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST

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

MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am
in the Guadalupe Chapel

DAILY EUCHARIST

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 10:00 am
in the Guadalupe Chapel

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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

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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.

OCIA

Order 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

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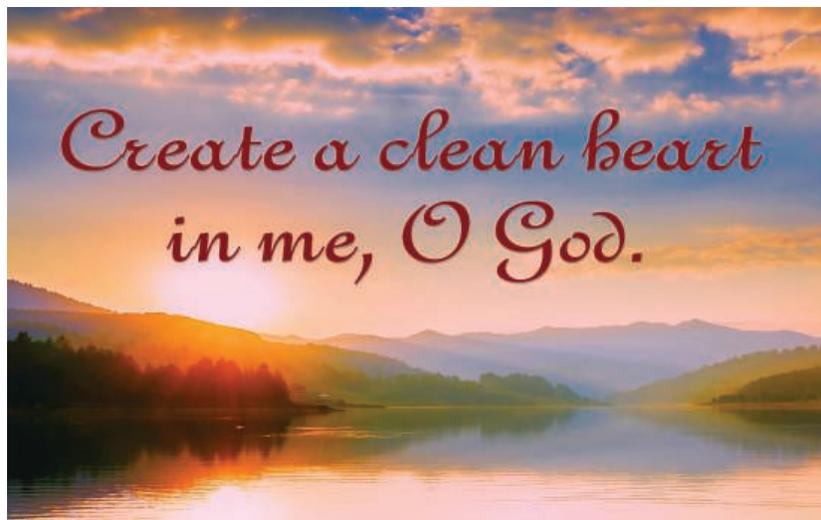
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today's Gospel reading is taken from Chapter 12 of the Gospel of John. This chapter is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead, the penultimate sign that Jesus is the promised Messiah of God. In the 12th Chapter, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death and resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation his death would accomplish.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven is heard, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' Baptism and at his Transfiguration affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of humanity. Thus, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the whole world. (Loyola Press)

The Fifth Sunday of Lent begins Passiontide. The Statues in the Church are veiled in purple as we prepare for Holy Week. Our Parish Penance Service is this Tuesday, March 19th at 7 pm.

Let us continue to pray for one another,
Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 16 March

4:00 p.m.

Roy Larezzo r/o Connie Larezzo and Family

SUNDAY, 17 March

8:00 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Doyle & Corless Family r/o Judy Baldwin
and

Florence Adochio Murphy r/o The Morgans

10:00 a.m.

Martin and Mary Murphy r/o Ann Ryan

12 Noon

Varghese Cherian r/o the Leapo Family

MONDAY, 18 March

8:30 a.m.

John F. Walsh r/o His Son

Ninth Novena Mass

7:00 p.m.

Brothers Louis & Corrado Caterina r/o The D'Amico & Caterina Family

TUESDAY, 19 March

8:30 a.m.

Noreen Ballon r/o Deacon Anthony & Elaine Gostkowski

WEDNESDAY, 20 March

8:30 a.m.

Sarah Gow and Helen Morse r/o The Bastkowski Family

THURSDAY, 21 March

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, 22 March

8:30 a.m.

Jane Hinkley r/o Susan McMaster and Family

7:00 p.m.

The Priests & Deacons of St. Bartholomew Church
r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

SATURDAY, 23 March

4:00 p.m.

Vito Vaccaro r/o Chris and Lucy Perrino

SUNDAY, 24 March

8:00 a.m.

Jane Hinkley r/o Susan McMaster
and

Margaret Crawford r/o Pat Nastri

10:00 a.m.

Col. & Mrs. Benjamin W. Covington, III r/o Ann Mary Mazares

12 Noon

Claire Agosta r/o The Lanza & Agosta Families



STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Bartholomew Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from your pastor, Fr. Thomas Walsh, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

<https://diometuchen.org>.

2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$176,000
Total Pledged & Received:	\$119,256
Over/Under Goal	(\$55,744)
Percent of Goal Pledged:	68.15%
Percent of Goal Received:	54.89%
Average Gift Amount:	\$532.39

The Blessing of Easter Food

In Slavic countries the blessing of Easter Foods was an important tradition. Among the Slovaks a basket containing lamb meat (which signifies Jesus, the Lamb of God), boiled eggs, dyed and plain, and other foods is taken to the church in the afternoon where the priest or deacon blesses it. Among the Polish people, the same custom is practiced, but the main foods blessed are an egg which is broken and shared by all on Easter Sunday morning and a lamb molded of butter or pastry. This butter-lamb and blessed Easter egg have a place of honor on the festive Easter table. Many parishes still participate in this custom of blessing of the Easter food in baskets on Holy Saturday.



The Blessing of Easter Food will take place at Saint Bartholomew on Saturday, March 30 at 12 noon in the Narthex

Regular Collection
March 10 — \$19,866
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Monsignor J. Morgan Kelly Award

Presented to

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Sunday, March 17

10:00 Mass

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Past Honorees

William Logan 2015

Deacon Jack Kenny 2016

Catherine Piznar 2017

Patricia Whipkey 2018

Rev. Thomas J. Walsh 2019

Ann Ryan 2021

Ann Wierzbicki 2022

*You are cordially invited to join us in the parish hall after the
10:00 Mass to enjoy pastries and coffee.*





PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 19
7:00 pm in the Church

**THIS IS THE LAST
OPPORTUNITY FOR
CONFESSION BEFORE
EASTER**

For Your Lenten Journey...

During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life and share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for your parish support.

You can use our parish's online giving platform, Faith Direct, to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month. You will also help our parish by cutting costs for envelopes and paper and allowing our staff to spend less time processing cash and checks and more time on ministries.

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- Visit faith.direct/NJ727
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Thank you and may God bless your generosity.



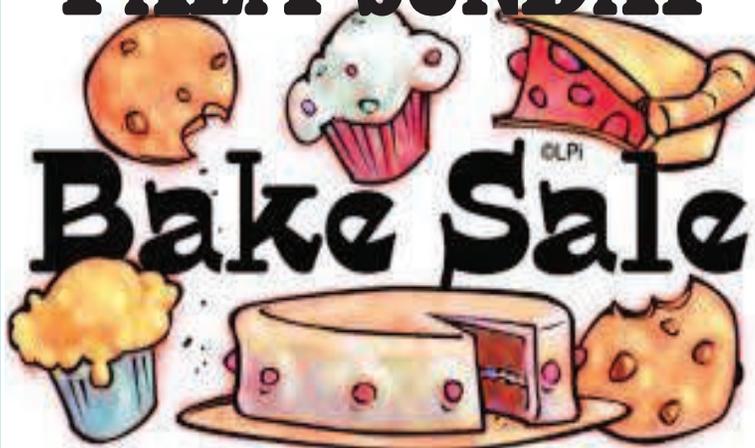
CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. 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. The Bishop will also bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. 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.

All are encouraged to join in-person (or watch via livestream), the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

To watch the Chrism Mass livestream, visit <https://diometuchen.org/chrism-mass>.

PALM SUNDAY



St. Bartholomew
Altar Rosary

BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 23
and
Sunday, March 24
in the Parish Hall

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Palm Cross Sale

After all Masses
March 16 & 17



First Communion Suits and Dresses

As First Communion preparations continue for the children in our community, there are so many boys and girls in need of dresses and suits for First Communion. The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting gently used First Communion suits and dresses for donation to the Perth Amboy Food Pantry before all Masses the week-end of April 13/14. Please help us assist those preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

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SYNOD 2023/2024

Interim Stage
Virtual Listening Session

MARCH 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Register at: www.diometuchen.org/synod2024

The Diocese of Metuchen will host a virtual listening session Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM for all those willing to participate.

All those registered for the listening session will receive a link via email to attend the virtual listening session.

We encourage all those interested to register for the virtual listening session.

Questions?

Please contact Jennifer Ruggiero, Secretary.

Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, at

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