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The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time † July 13, 2025



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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 or bringing 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

Ms. Zofia Ebert
Office Manager, 732-254-7105
zebert@stbartseb.com

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)

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.

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. Click on **Becoming Catholic** on the home page of the parish website for the program application form. For more information, please contact Barbara Bunag in the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Summertime is always an excellent time for catching up on my reading list. Presently, I am reading "America, America: a new history of the new world" by Greg Gandin. It is an excellent overview of the Colonization of the Americas by the British and Spanish Empires beginning with the expedition of Christopher Columbus in 1492 and following the conquest of the native peoples. It is a story of the clash of civilizations as well as a testament to the men and women who imagined a new society based on human rights and dignity.

One of the heroes of the story is the Dominican priest, Bartolome' De Las Casas. Las Casas was born in Seville in 1484 and was present when Columbus brought back the gold and silver of the new world and enslaved people to the court of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. At the age of 18 he left Spain and journeyed to Cuba. He was an eyewitness to the full scale massacre of the native "Indian" community. He was profoundly changed by this experience and decided to become a priest and a member of the Dominican Order. For the rest of his life he dedicated himself to the protection and defense of the Indians of the new world. Las Casas appealed to their Royal Majesties and to the Pope for the protection of the Church against the rapacious deeds of the Spanish conquistadors. He wrote a book entitled, "A Short Account of the Destruction of the Indies" in 1542, intending to inform the Spanish Crown of what was happening in the Americas. This astonishing account is a fierce, informed and deeply moving account of the genocide committed against the native peoples of the Americas.

Bartolome' De Las Casas has always been one of my heroes for his prophetic defense of the native people and his witness to the dignity and sacredness of all members of the human family. His life and work became a foundation for ending human trafficking and bondage and for the "Theology of Liberation" which continues to inform the human struggle against authoritarianism and tyranny.

May his legacy be a blessing to all the peoples of the Americas.

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



The New Ambry, which contains the Holy Oils, has been placed near the Baptismal Font in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 12 July

4:00 p.m.

George Kelly r/o JoAnn Kelly

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, 13 July

8:00 a.m.

Barbara Pfeifer r/o the St. Bartholomew Altar Rosary Society
and

Beverly and Richard Reisinger r/o James York

10:00 a.m.

Florencio Villajoaquin r/o The Domingo and Villajoaquin Families

12 noon

Antonio Rodriguez r/o The Family

MONDAY, 14 July

8:30 a.m.

Walter Diaz r/o Mike Kolakowski

TUESDAY, 15 July

8:30 a.m.

Carmela Palombi r/o Doris and Mike Palombi

WEDNESDAY, 16 July

8:30 a.m.

In Thanksgiving r/o Hubert and Leonida Ruiz

THURSDAY, 17 July

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, 18 July

8:30 a.m.

Maria Landi r/o Joseph and Danielle Kowal

SATURDAY, 19 July

4:00 p.m.

Frank Freeman r/o Deacon Anthony and Elaine Gostkowski

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, 20 July

8:00 a.m.

Vivienne and John Gatarz r/o The Family
and

Hedy Hubner r/o The Carbley Family

10:00 a.m.

Virgil Lokatys r/o The Family

12 noon

Noah Joseph Goldsmith r/o Ed and Kathy Marko

Please join us for a presentation by
Rev. Thomas J. Walsh and Bruce Cargill, Seminarian

“St. Augustine and the Theology of Grace”

Tuesday, July 20

Overview Of His Life

Wednesday, July 21

Theology of Grace and Augustine

Thursday, July 22

Grace and Augustine

All presentations are at 7:00 PM in the Church

July 13, 2025-15th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”
LUKE 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

The Collection for June 29 = \$15,982

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Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the

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with Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
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September 20, 2025



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for more information.



For parish bus trips,
please email Angela Marshall at
amarshall@diometuchen.org
or call 732-562-1543.

St. Bartholomew Church will sponsor a bus to the Pilgrimage on Saturday, September 20. The bus will depart from St. Bartholomew at 6:30 AM and will return to St. Bartholomew at approximately 9:30 PM. Ticket price is \$50 per person. Please call the parish office (732-257-7722) to reserve your seat.

WE WANT YOU!!!

The **Columbiettes** are a group of Catholic Women who are dedicated to making a difference in our community. In addition to supporting our Brother Knights, we use our talents to support a variety of projects including adopting a classroom for Christmas, providing Easter baskets for children in local shelters, distributing mugs filled with goodies to a local soup kitchen, awarding a Scholarship to a St. Bart's School student and hosting a pizza party for a local homeless shelter. We also work on some larger charitable events. We are currently hosting a baby shower for a Veteran who lost everything in a fire (July 12th - all are welcome!), preparing for our Pink Luncheon in honor of breast cancer survivors, (October 20th - Save the date!), spearheading Operation Christmas Child (box distribution November 2nd and 3rd), and planning our Christmas Tea, the proceeds of which sponsor a needy family at Christmas (December 7th - Save the Date!).

We also find time for fellowship and fun, including a Christmas dinner and going out for breakfast after our corporate Masses. If you'd like to become more involved in your Parish, make a difference, and develop some wonderful friendships, consider joining us. If you have any questions, please call **Jeannette at 908-420-6008**.



Seminarians with Bishop Checchio

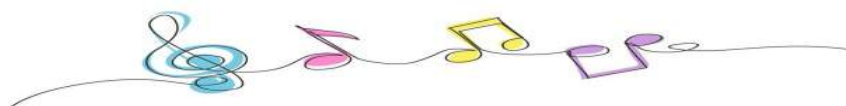


Bruce Cargill, Seminarian
with his parents



Members of the Vocations Committee

**MASS FOR
SEMINARIANS
JULY 1**



The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen is hosting their 3rd annual Summer Choir Camp for all rising 3rd to 8th grade students. Students will get to spend a week practicing their singing in a choir, learn from amazing music teachers, outdoor activities, play games, and other exciting opportunities (even play the Cathedral's Pipe Organ!). The camp will take place from August 11th to 15th at the Cathedral with one more opportunity to sing for the 12 Noon Mass on the 17th. For those interested in registering, please see the flyer/registration form.

For additional information, please contact Christopher M.C. Deibert, Director of the Cathedral's Sacred Music Ministry at music@stfranciscathedral.org.

For access to the downloadable PDF, please visit the following link: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/upcoming-cathedral-diocesan-events>

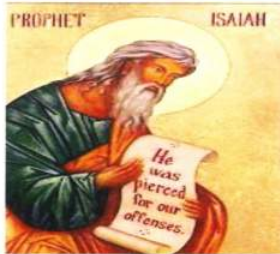
If you have any questions, please contact Chris Deibert at music@stfranciscathedral.org or (732) 548 0100 ext 235.

The Prophets

Part 1



This Adult Enrichment Course will introduce attendees to the prophetic books of the Old Testament by reading, examining and contemplating the words and deeds of the prophets of Israel. The goal is to familiarize attendees with the prophetic corpus of the Bible using the historico-critical method of exegesis. This presupposes that the interpretation of Scripture will be, at times, literal, allegorical or anagogical.



This course will be taught by

**Fr. Glenn J.
Comandini, S.T.D.**

***Coordinator of On-Going
Faith Formation***

Sept 4	Introduction
Sept 11	Amos
Sept 18	Hosea
Sept 25	Micah
Oct 2	Isaiah 1-39
Oct 9	Zephaniah
Oct 16	Nahum
Oct 23	Jeremiah
Oct 30	Jeremiah
Nov 6	Habakkuk
Nov 13	Ezekiel
Nov 20	Ezekiel
Dec 4	Isaiah 40-55
Dec 11	Haggai

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For questions
email amarshall@diometuchen.org or
call (732) 562-1543

REQUIRED TEXT:

Any Bible which contains the works of the Former (Historical) and Latter (Book) Prophets such as the ***New American Bible*** or the ***Revised Standard Version***.

If needed the New American Bible may be purchased for \$10 during online registration.



You are cordially invited to celebrate your **25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary** with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, **October 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM**. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

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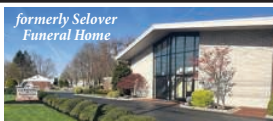


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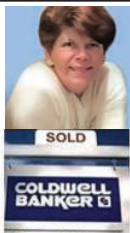
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