

# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time † July 20, 2025



*St. Mary Magdalene, Feast Day July 22*  
Guido Reni, 1632, oil on canvas

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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  
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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)

Parish Website: [www.stbartseb.org](http://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,

Our Summer lecture series will be held this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening at 7 pm in the Church.

The subject for our series will be the life and teachings of Saint Augustine of Hippo. Our theme, "Augustine and Grace" will focus on Augustine's theology of grace and his understanding of the action of grace in the life of a Christian. I will present an overview of Augustine's life and his writings, especially his autobiography, "The Confessions." Bruce Cargill, our seminarian, will speak on Augustine's Theology of Grace. This lecture series is free and open to all.

With the election of Pope Leo XIV, who is a member of the Order of Saint Augustine, there is a renewed interest in Augustinian Spirituality. Augustine speaks to our present crisis of disunity and polarization, our culture of distraction, by focusing on the person of Jesus Christ. Pope Leo's motto, "in Illo uno unum," which translates to "In the One, we are One." This motto, adopted from Saint Augustine, emphasizes the importance of unity and communion with Christ and it reflects Pope Leo's Augustinian heritage and his commitment to fostering unity within the Church.

Pax Christi,  
Father Thomas



**St. Augustine, Doctor of Grace**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### 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

##### MONDAY, 21 July

8:30 a.m.

Kazimierz Grygorcewicz r/o Alina

##### TUESDAY, 22 July

8:30 a.m.

Lois A. Melczer r/o Zoli Melczer and Family

##### WEDNESDAY, 23 July

8:30 a.m.

Marina and Manuel Limuangco r/o The Dullas Family

##### THURSDAY, 24 July

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

##### FRIDAY, 25 July

8:30 a.m.

William and Rita Ann Kramer r/o The Mezick Family

##### SATURDAY, 26 July

4:00 p.m.

Dr. Johnny C. Katipunan r/o The Katipunan and David Family

##### The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

##### SUNDAY, 27 July

8:00 a.m.

Vita Charles r/o Maureen Ahlers  
and

Diane Piazza r/o Joyce and Jihad Beaino

10:00 a.m.

Wigerto Villajoquin r/o The Domingo and Villajoquin Families

12 noon

Pasquelina Suscetta r/o Antonietta and Giuseppe Briscese

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**

**PLEASE SEE FURTHER INFORMATION  
ON THE NEXT PAGE**

Flower Memorial  
In Loving Memory of  
Lois A. Melczer  
  
Requested by  
Zoli Melczer  
and Family



**The Collection for July 13 will be  
Reported in a future bulletin**



## About the Speaker...

My name is Bruce Cargill. I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Metuchen, and will be entering my third year of theological study at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome this October. This will be my fifth year of seminary, having completed two years of Pre-Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, New Jersey, prior to my enrollment at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. I will be ordained a deacon in Rome in just over one year, and ordained a priest back here in the diocesan cathedral in two years.

While my studies up to this point have been in the field of general theology, I have taken quite a bit of interest in the Church Fathers, and St. Augustine in particular. His widely-known work, the Confessions, was one of the first spiritual classics I read. Ever since then, St. Augustine has had a large influence on my vocation journey, as a Doctor of the Church and saintly friend.

In these upcoming talks, I look forward to giving a taste of why St. Augustine is called “the Doctor of Grace.” His writings have given the Church a deeper understanding into the mystery of God’s grace and how it works in our daily lives. Even though he lived over 1,500 years ago, the witness he bore and the testimony he gave of God’s work in his life remain as an invaluable aid in deepening our relationships with the Lord today.

St. Bartholomew Church is sponsoring 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.

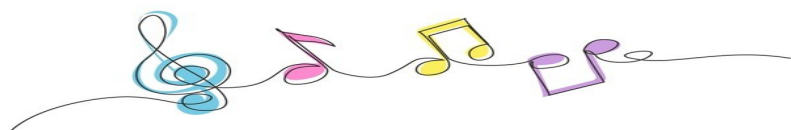
A limited number of seats are still available. If you are planning to go, please reserve your seat now as we are accepting reservations from other parishes.

Dear Friends,

Please join us for the second annual NJ Bishops' Mass for Life on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 9:30 am at Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, 151 N. Warren Street, Trenton.

After Mass, everyone will walk a short way to the NJ Rally and March for Life which is held at the Statehouse Annex at 125 West State St, Trenton. The Rally begins at 11:00 AM.

For anyone interested in a bus trip from the Diocese of Metuchen's Pastoral Center in Piscataway, please visit: <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity> or contact Angela for more information. Please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.



*The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Summer Choir Camp for all rising 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral with one more opportunity to sing for the 12 Noon Mass on the 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto:music@stfranciscathedral.org) or (732) 548 0100 ext 235.



## **BACK PACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION AUGUST 16-17**

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.

Collection bins will be present in the narthex during all Mass times on the weekend of Aug. 16-17. Please consider making a donation! Thank you!



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](mailto: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.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> - all are welcome!), preparing for our Pink Luncheon in honor of breast cancer survivors, (October 20<sup>th</sup> - Save the date!), spearheading Operation Christmas Child (box distribution November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and planning our Christmas Tea, the proceeds of which sponsor a needy family at Christmas (December 7<sup>th</sup>

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**.

## **July 20, 2025 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” COLOSSIANS 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.