

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time † July 27, 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
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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. 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 season of summer is a time to reconnect with nature and to reflect on the beauty of the natural world. Pope Francis in his encyclical, “Laudato Si” subtitled “on care for our common home”, spoke of the Christian duty to cherish the creation, to be wise stewards of the gifts of the earth. The title of the encyclical is from Saint Francis of Assisi’s poem, “the Canticle of the Sun”, a poem and prayer in which God is praised for the beauty and goodness of all living things. Like Saint Francis we are to give praise for the gift of creation and the wonders of the natural world.

Each morning, I try to spend time in my garden. We have been blessed this year with abundant rainfall and the trees and flowers around the Church are thriving. On my patio I have a pergola with a trumpet vine that is filled with orange flowers. In the early morning hummingbirds come to gather the nectar from the flowers and throughout the day bees are in abundance. In our spiritual lives we need to inculcate a sense of wonder for the natural world, whether one is walking by the ocean or walking beneath the trees... all of nature is a gift from God, our creator.

May the days of summer be filled with many blessings for all the members of our community.

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, 28 July

8:30 a.m.

Jane McCarthy r/o Maureen Ahlers

TUESDAY, 29 July

8:30 a.m.

The Deceased Members of the Formica and Maimone Families
r/o Sandra Romanko

WEDNESDAY, 30 July

8:30 a.m.

Jack and Blanche Lamb r/o Patty and Sherman Whipkey

THURSDAY, 31 July

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish
and
Donald Kilmer r/o Patricia Butt

FRIDAY, 1 August

8:30 a.m.

Frances Thrunk r/o The Family

SATURDAY, 2 August

4:00 p.m.

The Members of the Memorial Mass Society

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time SUNDAY, 3 August

8:00 a.m.

Lillian Gostkowski r/o Deacon Anthony and Elaine Gostkowski
and
Carol Brassil r/o Patricia and Glenn Fuller

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Msgr. J. Morgan Kelly r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

12 noon

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



DIOCESE OF METUCHEN Bishop's Annual Appeal

Dear Father Walsh,

Please extend my sincere thanks to the parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish for their generous response to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. I know that the pastor's endorsement and enthusiastic promotion of the Appeal are key in reaching the parish goal, so thanks to you, too. As of July 1, 2025, your parish achieved 109.48% of its \$177,000 goal with pledges totaling \$193,773.81 and \$181,695.24 in payments to date. I am pleased to enclose a \$2,347.62 rebate check to be used for local needs at your discretion. This check represents 50% of the amount collected over goal to date. A second round of rebate checks will be issued in November 2025 for payments received after July 1st.

I am particularly grateful to you, your parish staff and Appeal coordinator for the outstanding effort. Through your hard work, and that of pastors, parish teams and generous parishioners across the diocese, we have surpassed our \$7.4 million goal with over \$8.0 million in pledges to date making this year's BAA a great success and enabling us to advance our mission.

The wonderful response to the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal is a reflection of our people's commitment as a diocesan family to our Church of Metuchen and its ministries. God bless you and be assured you have my heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

With renewed best wishes, I remain
Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

The Collection for July 13 = \$17,179

The Collection for July 20 = \$17,451

We thank you for your generosity!



MEMORIAL MASS SOCIETY

Deceased Members of the Edward Collins, Sr. Family
r/o Peg Collins

Deceased Members of the Krill & Thomann Families
r/o The Krill Family

Frank Kelly r/o Marion Kelly

Charles & Anita Mackin r/o Fr. Thomas Walsh

Dora & Anthony Angelini r/o The Kristensen Family

Henning Kristensen r/o Barbara

The De Luccio Family r/o Rose Mary De Luccio

Louis Kadubic, Jr. r/o The Kadubic Family

Chester Obryk r/o The Obryk Family

Lois Ann Melczer r/o The Melczer Family

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Joseph Forrar r/o The Forrar Family

Peter Kowal r/o Louise Forrar

Robert Ahlers r/o Maureen Ahlers

Maureen Pecht r/o Art Pecht

Rafaela & Pedro Towns r/o Jacqueline Bilotta

Serafino & Angelina Bilotta
r/o Their Daughter, Marianne McDonald

Anthony Mazzucco r/o Marianne McDonald

Joseph Bilotta r/o Marianne McDonald

Eugene Bottiglieri r/o The Bottiglieri Family

In Memory of the Menno & Sica Families r/o Louis Menno

James Wendell, Sr. and Daniel Wendell
r/o The Wendell Family

Gloria M. Short r/o The Orosz & Rich Families

Hedy & Fred Hubner r/o The Carbley Family

Dr. Johnny Katipunan r/o Mimi Katipunan and
Michelle, Rico, Richelle and Mica Joy David

Barbara Festa r/o The Iacono and Engelhardt Families

Rose Marie Iati r/o Jo Ann and Ryan Kelly

Michael Bell r/o The Iacono Family

George Kelly r/o Jo Ann and Ryan Kelly

Gloria Shenosky r/o The Family

Edward F. Todd, Jr. r/o The Family

Claudette & Andrew Olstead
r/o Colette McLean and Family

Thomas R. Watts r/o The Rebele Family

Sister Susan Joseph, IHM
r/o St. Bartholomew School

John Laino r/o Joann and Family

Karen LeBlon r/o Her Husband, Jim

Paul Chelak r/o The Baber Family

Corrado & Louis Caterina
r/o The D'Amico and Caterina Families

Bernadette Petit r/o Ray Petit

Chad Vitello r/o Louise Forrar

Edith Festa r/o The Iacono & Engelhardt Families

Angela Ferrara r/o Jerry and Alice Iacono

Angela Ferrara r/o John and Suzanne Iacono

Members of the Lamb & Whipkey Families
r/o Patty and Sherman

John & Kathleen Brautigan r/o The Brautigan Family

The Rak Family r/o Dad

Margaret Albert r/o The Brautigan Family

Donald S. Jenis r/o Alice and Jerry Iacono

Members of the Verriest and Spinello Families
r/o Gail and Joseph Spinello

Gus Fronzuti r/o Teresa Fronzuti

Krystof Cioch r/o Ewa Cioch

Janina Moskal r/o Ewa Cioch

Elaine Grygo
r/o Deacon Anthony and Elaine Gostkowski

George Higgins r/o Marilyn and Family

James Philip Eineker r/o His Family

The names of the people above have been enrolled in the Saint Bartholomew Memorial Mass Society by their loved ones.

They will be remembered at Mass on the first Saturday of each month for one year.

If you would like to enroll someone in the Memorial Mass Society, please visit the parish office.

Mass for the members of the Memorial Mass Society will be celebrated at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, August 2, 2025

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 or call 732-562-1543.

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Shrine of St. Joseph Day of Renewal in Stirling, New Jersey

Coordinated by the Altar Rosary Society

Watch the bulletin for details and Registration!

July 27, 2025 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that open doors to new relationships with others and with God.

**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!

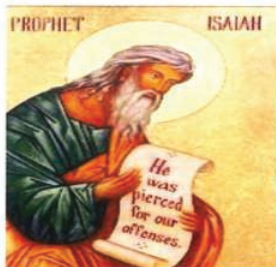
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The Prophets

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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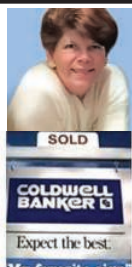
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