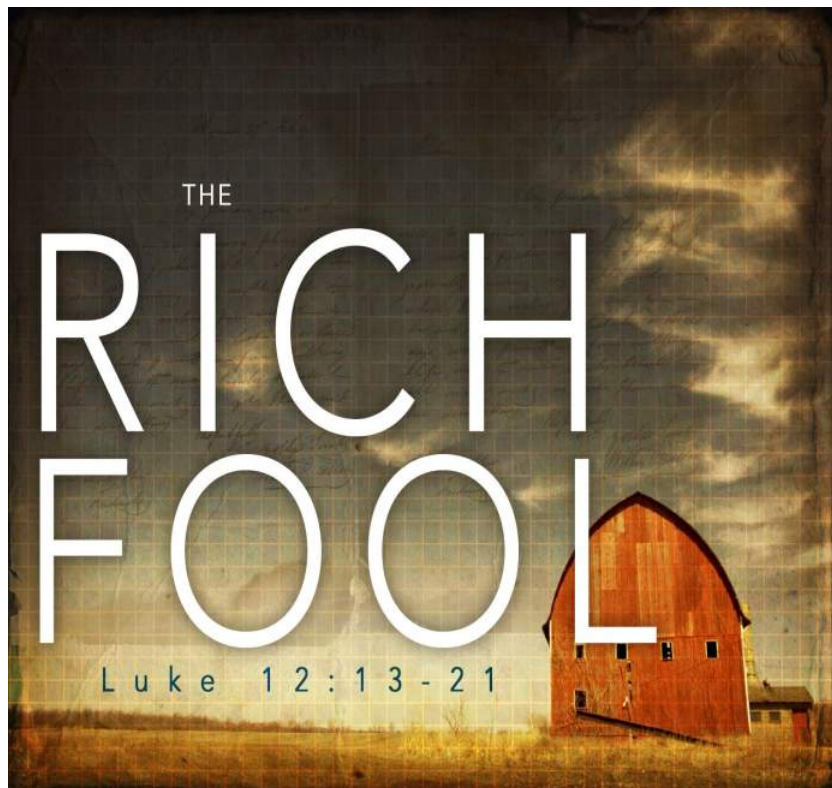


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The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time † August 3, 2025



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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  
bbunag@stbartseb.com

### 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)  
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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 month of August is named for the Emperor Caesar Augustus, first emperor of the Roman Empire, who reigned from 27 BC until his death in the year 14 Anno Domini. The reign of Augustus initiated an imperial cult and an era of peace, called the Pax Romana. During his reign, Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea, (3 BC/1 AD). He is mentioned in the Gospel of Saint Luke, "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered." His reign is significant because it provides a historical context for the birth of Jesus.

Our summer lecture series was focused on the life and teaching of Saint Augustine of Hippo, (354-430 AD). Raised in North Africa, he was a citizen of the Roman Empire along with his parents, Patricius and Monica. Augustine was named for the great emperor but through the grace of God would come to serve the Kingdom of Christ as a Priest and Bishop of the Catholic Church. His books, "The Confessions" and "The City of God" would have a profound impact on Christians throughout the centuries.

This weekend we bid "arrivederci" to Bruce Cargill, our seminarian who will return to Rome to pursue his studies for the priesthood. Bruce is a third year theology student at the North American College in Rome. I am very grateful for his assistance with our liturgies and his presentation on Saint Augustine's Theology of Grace. Please keep Bruce and all our seminarians in your prayers.

Here are two prayers from Saint Augustine:

**YOU ARE GREAT, LORD, AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; GREAT IS YOUR POWER, AND TO YOUR WISDOM THERE IS NO END. AND MAN, BEING PART OF YOUR CREATION, DESIRES TO PRAISE YOU – MAN, WHO CARRIES WITH HIM HIS MORTALITY, THE WITNESS of his sin and the witness that you resist the proud. Yet man, this part of your creation, desires to praise you. You move us to delight in praising you, for you have formed us for yourself; and our hearts are restless until they find rest in you.**

**LATE HAVE I LOVED YOU**, fairness so ancient and so new; late have I loved you! For behold you were within me and I was without, and there did I seek you. In my unfair state I rushed heedlessly among the beautiful things of your creation. You were with me, but I was not with you. Those things kept me far from you, though they had no true existence except in you. You called and cried aloud, and forced open my deafness. You sent forth your beams and shone, and chased away my blindness. You breathed fragrance, and I drew in my breath and now do sigh after you. I tasted, and now do hunger and thirst after you. You touched me, and I burn for your peace.

Pax Christi,  
Father Thomas



## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, 4 August

8:30 a.m.

Thomas Daley, Sr. and Thomas Daley, Jr. r/o Roger Daley and Family

### TUESDAY, 5 August

8:30 a.m.

Fred Rosalejos r/o The Barcenas Family

### WEDNESDAY, 6 August

8:30 a.m.

Stanley J. Kondas r/o The Kondas Family

### THURSDAY, 7 August

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish  
and

Charles Stout r/o Patricia Butt

### FRIDAY, 8 August

8:30 a.m.

Annette Zadotti r/o Barbara Bunag

### SATURDAY, 9 August

4:00 p.m.

Vincent and Rose Perrino r/o Chris and Lucy Perrino

### The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time SUNDAY, 10 August

8:00 a.m.

Vivienne and John Gatarz r/o The Family  
and

John Doktorski r/o The Altar Rosary Society

10:00 a.m.

Francis McNiff r/o Glen and Pat Fuller

12 noon

Halina Lukaszek r/o Ed and Grace Maroon



## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11873 RECEIVES TOP AWARD

The Saint Bartholomew's Knights of Columbus Council 11873 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

Council 11873's accomplishments during the 2024-2025 Columbian Year include the Rose Lapel Drive to support the Right to Life, two clothing drives to assist the less fortunate in the community, Tootsie Roll fundraiser to help the developmentally disabled at Gigi's Playhouse and Camp Daisy, hosting Breakfast with Santa for the children of the parish and the Baby Bottle and Diaper Drives to support the Inspire Women's Center.

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***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!***



**Decree on Designating Sacred Places for the Jubilee Indulgence  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**To All the Faithful in Christ,**

The Apostolic Penitentiary, by decree dated May 13, 2024, has graciously granted the faithful the opportunity to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence through pilgrimage and prayer. In response to this, and in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, I, James Francis Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, hereby designate the following sacred places within the Diocese of Metuchen as places where the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence:

- **Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, NJ**
- **Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan, NJ**
- **National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ**
- **National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick, NJ**

These sacred spaces have been carefully chosen to reflect the spiritual significance of pilgrimage and to foster deeper conversion and reconciliation among the people of God. The visit is not merely an outward action but a reflection of the soul's pilgrimage toward God, with conversion, reconciliation, and renewal at its heart. Thus, the faithful may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the following conditions:

- Reception of Holy Communion
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father
- A sincere intention to detach from all sin, even venial sin, and, if necessary, going to confession
- Participating in liturgical celebrations or other designated religious activities connected to the Jubilee Year.  
*in some cases, those unable to travel may fulfill the requirements through other means, such as prayers at home.*

The period for obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence will coincide with the Jubilee Year, as outlined by the Holy See beginning the 8th of December 2024 and will end on the 8th of December 2025.

I encourage all of the faithful, during this time of grace, to take the opportunity for sacramental confession, so that the Jubilee Indulgence may be received in the spirit of true reconciliation with God and the Church.

Given this decree at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway, New Jersey, on this 8th of December, Year of Our Lord, 2024.

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

## Attention!

Have you ever sung in a church choir before?

Have you ever sung in any school or community chorus?

Do you just like to sing in the shower or in your car with the radio?

## The Saint Bartholomew Music Ministry needs YOU!

The Saint Bartholomew Choirs are seeking both new and returning members as we announce the start of rehearsals for the 2025-2026 year!

**Adult Choir:** Rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm, sings at the 12 Noon Mass, open to anyone from high school freshman through adult. **First rehearsal:** September 4 with refreshments at 7pm

**Children's Choir:** Rehearses on Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30pm, sings at the 2nd and 4th 10am Masses of every month, open to any child in grades 3-8. **First Rehearsal:** September 10

Ability to read music is NOT REQUIRED!

More information, plus a letter from the Music Director, can be found at <https://stbartseb.org/choir> and <https://stbartseb.org/childrens-choir>

**Questions?** Contact Nicholas Gatto, Director of Music ([ngatto@stbartseb.com](mailto:ngatto@stbartseb.com) or 732-257-7722 x438)

## 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 recently hosted a baby shower for a Veteran who lost everything in a fire. Current projects include preparing for our Pink Luncheon in honor of breast cancer survivors, (October 12th - 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> - 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.

St. Bartholomew Columbiettes are hosting a

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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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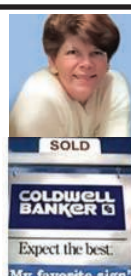
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