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The Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time † August 24, 2025



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St. Bartholomew (Feast Day August 22)

Augustus Pugin 1812-1852

St. Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy, County Wexford, Ireland

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
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,

This Sunday we celebrate our patron, Saint Bartholomew. Born in Cana in Galilee, Bartholomew encountered Jesus in the first weeks of his public ministry and possibly was in attendance at Our Lord's first miracle at the Wedding at Cana.

Called to be one of the 12 Apostles, Bartholomew is remembered for preaching the Gospel in Armenia. He received the crown of martyrdom and according to tradition was skinned alive by his executioners. His symbols in Art are the fig tree and a knife. The fig tree because in the Gospel of Saint John, Jesus saw him beneath a fig tree. The knife is a symbol of his martyrdom.

Each year the fig tree in my garden is filled with figs for the feast of Saint Bartholomew which is celebrated on August 24th. Through the intercession of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr, may we proclaim the Gospel by the holiness of our lives.

Happy Feast Day!

Pax Christi,
Father Thomas



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, 23 August

4:00 p.m.

Lois A. Melczer r/o Zoli Melczer and Family

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW

SUNDAY, 24 August

8:00 a.m.

Val Whatmore r/o Don Palombi
and

George Elghossain r/o Ed Maroon and Family

10:00 a.m.

Gary Kittrell r/o Anna and John Marciante

12 noon

Henning Kristensen r/o Barbara

MONDAY, 25 August

8:30 a.m.

Joseph Molinare r/o The Family

TUESDAY, 26 August

8:30 a.m.

Annette Zadotti r/o the Symody Family

WEDNESDAY, 27 August

8:30 a.m.

Anne Danna r/o The Teachers at Frost School

THURSDAY, 28 August

8:30 a.m.

The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish
and

Barbara McCabe r/o Patricia Butt

FRIDAY, 29 August

8:30 a.m.

Jun Uligan r/o The Perez Family

SATURDAY, 30 August

4:00 p.m.

Stanley J. Kondas r/o The Kondas Family

The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time SUNDAY, 31 August

8:00 a.m.

Richard Baldwin r/o Judy Baldwin
and

Albert Chaiya r/o Ed Maroon and Family

10:00 a.m.

Richard Gorman r/o The Burns Family

12 noon

Jose Antonio Usandivares r/o The Helmold Family

VOCATIONS TRAVELING CHALICE PROGRAM

This weekend is the information and signup to participate in our Vocations Traveling Chalice Program! Please stop by our table after Mass this weekend to learn more and sign up. We hope you participate! Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and marriage!

Join the St. Bartholomew OCIA Team!

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program at St. Bartholomew is the process by which teens and adults who are not Catholic or Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation can come into full Communion with the Catholic Church. (This was formerly called RCIA.)

We are looking for people who would like to share their faith with the Catechumens and Candidates participating in this program. It's a great way to help people with their faith journey, as well as growing in your own faith.

If you are interested, please contact
Barbara Bunag in the parish office at
732-257-7722

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Mass Intentions for 2026

The calendar for 2026 Mass Intentions will be open starting Tuesday, September 9.

Mass Intention requests should be made in person at the Parish Center and by appointment only.

Please call the Parish Center at 732-257-7722 to schedule your appointment.



Scripture Study



Our Deacon Candidate, Christopher Lobo, will be offering a scripture study this Fall as part of his formation for ordination to the Diaconate. The first presentation will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 9:00 am. Chris will be offering these presentations on the theme of Forgiveness. "The Parable of the Prodigal Son" will be the first topic of discussion.

Please contact Barbara Bunag at the Parish Office (732-257-7722) to register for the study.

Give Blood and Save a Life !

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Blood Drive

Sunday, Sept 7th

8 AM – 1 PM in Parish Hall

**Scan Here
to Register**



Religious Education Registration

The form and instructions for registration can be found on the parish website, www.stbartseb.org. Simply scroll down to Religious Education. The Faith Direct link is enabled for Registration Fees.

Registration closes on September 1

Why Support Spiritual Development in Children?

- Develop a strong sense of self and confidence.
- Build resilience, notably reducing anxiety and depression.
- Cultivate empathy, compassion, and a sense of justice.
- Appreciate life's interconnectedness.

Why is faith important for children?

- Faith provides a sense of purpose.

In the long term, faith can help children to develop a strong sense of self-worth and identity. It can also help them develop resilience in the face of adversity and a sense of empathy and compassion for others.

A Holy Mass to celebrate the *Youth!*

Please join us on [September 7th](#) at St. Augustine of Canterbury Church in Kendall Park, for the **12:00pm Noon Mass**.

Bishop James Checchio and many from the Diocese of Metuchen will gather to honor and celebrate the **Canonization** of two young saints, with a special emphasis on the **Youth!**

Bl. Carlo Acutis
Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

You are invited to the St. Bartholomew Columbiettes



Annual Pink Luncheon



Sunday - October 12, 2025

1:30 pm

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Top 10 Reasons why YOU should join the St. Bartholomew Adult Choir!

10. Learn about the rich history of Catholic sacred music and its role in the liturgy.
9. You can fake clairvoyance with advance knowledge of the weekend's hymns!
8. Science has proven that singing in a choir lowers blood pressure. (It's really true!)
7. Learn various exercises and tips on how to breathe, which is important because breathing is a necessary activity to prolong life.
6. Learn some Latin, the gateway to other world languages.
5. Guaranteed premium seating for Christmas and Holy Week, on comfortable chairs with a fantastic view!
4. Did you spill coffee on your shirt on a Sunday morning? Not to worry! We wear choir robes!
3. If you thought you sounded good singing in your shower, try singing in St. Bartholomew's reverberant "Cathedral-like" acoustics!
2. Singing is praying twice, and all that extra praying will earn you bonus points when you are eventually waiting on line for St. Peter to let you through the Gates of Heaven.
1. **Gathering with other wonderful people of the Parish to make music for the glorification of God!**

Join us at our first rehearsal on September 4th, with light refreshments in the narthex starting at 7pm! (More info at www.stbarts.org/choir.)

Join us for "A Day of Renewal"

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Tuesday, October 7, 2025

9:30pm - 3:00pm

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Includes:

- * Transportation
- * Light breakfast
- * Lunch
- * Speaker
- * Opportunity for Reconciliation
- * Mass
- * Free time

Cost: \$66

**This event is coordinated and partially funded
by the Altar Rosary Society**

**Checks payable to:
St. Bartholomew
Altar Rosary Society**

**You may drop off your payment to the Parish Office
or**

**Mail to: Nellie Moran
193 Scarborough Way, Marlboro, NJ 07746**

Payment due by Friday, October 3

Please feel free to message me with any questions: 732.207.9786

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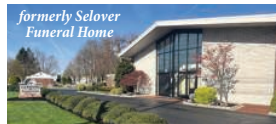


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