



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

*The Catholic Academy that makes a difference in your child's life.*

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## New Principal Named for St. Bartholomew Academy

St. Bartholomew Academy is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kimberly Harrigan to serve as Principal beginning November 2, 2020.

Ms. Harrigan has been the Principal of Visitation Academy in Paramus since 2013. A product of Catholic schools herself, from grammar school to college, Ms. Harrigan brings to St. Bartholomew Academy a love of the Catholic faith and a full understanding of the challenges Catholic schools face today. While Principal of Visitation Academy, Ms. Harrigan upgraded the school's technology, designed and created a Maker Space Room and won the Innovations in Catholic Education award for Maker Space from Catholic Teacher magazine.

Fr. John Paladino, Pastor of St. Bartholomew Church remarked, "Knowing the uncertainty a change like this can have on a school community we have been deliberate and thoughtful in finding a suitable replacement to lead the Academy. We look forward to Ms. Harrigan joining us. She is a strong, disciplined, faith-filled Principal, and I am confident she will successfully steer the Academy through this challenging pandemic and beyond."

Ms. Harrigan is replacing Mr. Joel Castillo who left the Academy in mid-October due to family circumstances. She received her degree in Early Childhood and English from Kean University and her Master's in Education from Seton Hall University.

St. Bartholomew Academy (SBA) is a Catholic elementary school with grades pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade. The school was founded in 1950. In 2000, SBA was accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools and is listed in their Directory of Accredited Schools (DOAS). In 2010 and 2017, the Academy earned re-accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. Today the school has approximately 220 students and is a thriving educational institution dedicated to academic excellence in a value-forming environment.

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