We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, are brought together by Jesus, as we recognize His presence among us in Word, Sacrament and each other. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Mother, we accept Jesus’ invitation to be His disciples by using our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all.
Certainly the United States has tried mightily—if not always perfectly—to embody these values both at home and abroad. But what of God’s justice, which stands behind all our human ideas of justice? Mohandas Gandhi once said, "A nation’s culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people." Where are our hearts; where are our souls?

Our nation has been blessed with freedom, democracy, abundant resources, and generous and religious people. However, our prosperity does not reach far enough. Our culture sometimes does not lift us up but brings us down in moral terms. Our world is wounded by racism, terror, torn apart by conflict, and haunted by hunger.

Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life. People of good will and sound faith can disagree about specific applications of Catholic principles. However, Catholics in public life have a particular responsibility to bring together consistently their faith, moral principles, and public responsibilities.

In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation. All believers are called to faithful citizenship, to become informed, active, and responsible participants in the political process. Pope John Paul II, had encouraged us to embrace our citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity to participate more fully in building the culture of life.

Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power.

As we celebrate our Independence, we need to be reminded that America was founded on moral and spiritual values. A renewed commitment to this vision can begin to heal the wounds of our nation and our world. I think we need to return to basic moral and spiritual principles.

God Bless You and God Bless America.

Don’t ruin a good today by thinking about a bad yesterday.

St. Bartholomew Academy Welcomes a New Principal

The Academy warmly welcomes Mr. Joel Castillo as the new Principal of St. Bartholomew Academy. Mr. Castillo served as Principal of the Academy of Our Lady of Peace in New Providence for the past six years. Under his leadership, the school obtained National Blue Ribbon Status, implemented a STEAM program for all grade levels, and fostered a strong line of communication between himself, the faculty, and families. Prior to this role, he served as Vice-Principal, Technology Coordinator, and World Language Coordinator of All Saints Academy in Parsippany. There, he updated the school’s curriculum, strengthened their technology programs, and helped implement the Academy’s Emergency Operation Plan. As a teacher for over 15 years, Mr. Castillo has taught Technology and Spanish at several schools including Wardlaw-Hartridge in Edison, NJ, The Grove School in Madison, CT, and at All Saints Academy.

A native of the Bronx, NY, Mr. Castillo is the oldest of three siblings and a graduate of Monsignor Scanlan High School. Mr. Castillo served in AmeriCorps as an English instructor after graduating from the University of Rochester, where he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. He holds his Masters in Childhood Education and Instruction from Adelphi University and ED.S in School Leadership from Seton Hall University. Mr. Castillo lives in Warren County with his wife Jana and three children.

Mr. Castillo brings with him an energy and dedication to Catholic Education. He is looking forward to continuing the traditions the Filippini Sisters have established, and advancing the Academy’s STEAM education programs. He will be meeting with the faculty and staff as the Academy prepares to re-open the school in September. We are very excited to welcome Mr. Castillo to the Academy and look forward to a great school year.
WORSHIP & MEDITATION

LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

FIRST READING
See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9b)

PSALM
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145) or Alleluia

SECOND READING
For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

GOSPEL
“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Mt 11:28)


GOSPEL MEDITATION
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced!
YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group has stayed in touch with digital gatherings and group texts. Reminders that they are not alone during this unprecedented time and that they are made in God's image have been continuous. We were glad our graduates were able to socially distance together for a prayer service and our retreat team looks forward to a similar gathering. Stay healthy & God Bless.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

Join the fun as we celebrate that "We Are One Big Happy Family"! This year St. Bartholomew's will be offering an On-Line VBS. Why Do an On-Line VBS?: Bring God's Word to life! As members of God's Family, we are all loved and well cared for. Spread the news! When?: Monday, July 13 through Thursday, July 16. Where?: From the comfort of your own home. Who?: Children entering Grades Pre-K 4 through those entering Gr 4 in September. What?: Children will be able to participate in daily bible story videos, creative art projects, theme based snacks, indoor/outdoor games, sing-along songs and more! How Do I Join the Community of VBS Kids?: Watch your email, or visit our web-site for a link to the sign-up for the VBS Program. Hope to "see" you there!

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Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness.

—POPE FRANCIS

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“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

—Mt 11:28-30

**Sunday, July 5**

7:30AM
Teresa Perrucci
req. by Laura DelNegro
Louis Mancini
req. by Florence Mazza
Dennis Sparano
req. by Bob & Maureen LaCosta

9:00AM
Alfonso & Ginevra Sorge
req. by Roberto & Laura Sorge
Odiglia Varano
req. by the Guarnuccio Family
Anne & Dan Bardolf
req. by Joyce Kuchar

10:30AM
Anne & Daniel Bardolf
req. by David, Matthew & Eileen
Mary E. Donatelli
req. by Tom & Nina Donatelli
Donna Fantini
req. by Laura DelNegro

**NOON**
Nicholas Silano Jr.
req. by mother & sister
Anastasia Sheila Mitten
req. by the Egenton Family
Nicholas Silano Sr.
req. by wife & daughter

**JUNE BAPTISMS**

Congratulations to our newly Baptized
Charles Hampton, son of Charles & Diane Berntson
Derek William, son of William & Erin Plastine
Emily Grace, daughter of Kevin & Noelle Vosseler
Brooke Madison, daughter of Joseph & Jamie Knight
Benjamin David, son of Michael & Caitlin Scarpa

**A TIME TO HEAL**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK.

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Elizabeth Barker
Tami Eddy
Emma Lara
Peter Morgan
Richard Rosko

Victoria Armstrong
Helen Campbell
Palermo Ferraro
Baby Olivia Mary
Paul Pettit
Kenneth & Maureen Vincent

Please Note:
For privacy reasons and HIPAA regulations, names may only be added by members of the immediate family after they have received permission of the one who is ill or injured.

In the event of serious illness or hospitalization, the rectory should be notified. Visits to the sick and shut-ins are made by the priests, deacons and ministers of the Eucharist. It is not necessary for someone to be “gravely ill” to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, July 6**
6:30AM Joseph Nuzzi
req. by Mary Smith
8:30AM Donna Fantini
req. by Roberto & Laura Sorge

**Tuesday, July 7**
6:30AM Dorothy Sabatell
req. by Keith & Joanne Guarnuccio
8:30AM Salvatore Giorgio
req. by Dr. & Mrs. Nicholas Santoriello

**Wednesday, July 8**
6:30AM Phyllis M. Nicastro
req. by Fr. John & Fr. David
8:30AM Thomas Quigley
req. by wife, Kathleen

**Thursday, July 9**
6:30AM Tom Rowan
req. by the DePaola Family
8:30AM Antonio Dyogi “4th Anniversary”
req. by wife & daughters

**Friday, July 10**
6:30AM Tom Faitoute
req. by wife, Diane
8:30AM Theresa Ginesi “7th Anniversary”
req. by grandchildren & great grandchildren

**Saturday, July 11**
8:30AM George Moran
req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Kovalcik
5:00PM Phyllis Sorge
req. by Roberto Sorge & Family
Saverio Stillo
req. by the Stillo Family
Charles Bradford Gates
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller

**Sunday, July 12**
7:30AM MaryAnn Bender
req. by MaryAnn Matteo
Louis Mancini
req. by Helen Mecca
Deborah Kalmbeck
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller
9:00AM Donna Fantini
req. by Anna Appezzato
Brett DeFazio
req. by Paul & Kathy Koblisha
Ann & Dan Bardolf
req. by Joyce Kuchar

10:30AM Douglas MacMillan
req. by the Frasiolas Family
Robert Langon
req. by Deacon Bob & Joanne Gurske
Donald Snair
req. by John & Francine Schmatz

**Noon**
Anna DiFrancesco
req. by her Loving Family
Phyllis Cassetti
req. by daughter & family
Sheila Blom
req. by the Lozowski Family

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