



ST. BARTHOLOMEW the APOSTLE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
DECEMBER 13, 2020



3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Parish Priests

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Deacon Robert Gurske
Deacon Donald Hessemer

MASS SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 19 & 20
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday
Confessions 4:00PM - Fr. Santos
Mass 5:00PM - Fr. Paladino

Sunday
7:30AM - Fr. Santos
9:00AM - Fr. Hanly
10:30AM - Fr. Santos
NOON - Fr. Paladino

Our Parish Mission

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.



Our Lord sustains us in Joyful Hope



The past two Sundays, our priests have worn vestments in violet for Advent. Today, we are in rose for **Gaudete** Sunday. **Gaudete** means "rejoice," and rose is a bright and beautiful color of rejoicing for this third Sunday of Advent, since we are more than halfway through our journey to Christmas.

But, did we not get the memo? Because it seems Christmas has already come. Outside of church there is no violet and rose, but red and green. There is Christmas music on the radio and Christmas specials on the screen. Our homes and communities are decorated. Stores have been decked out for Christmas for weeks. The rejoicing has begun. So, why **Gaudete** Sunday now?

First, **Gaudete** Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing. Isaiah, in the first reading, rejoices heartily in the Lord, who is the joy of his soul. In the psalm, we acclaim together with Mary: *My soul rejoices in my God*. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to *rejoice always and do not quench the Spirit*. The rejoicing we are experiencing and sharing with others is a good and holy thing. We can enjoy these times, and give thanks for the gift of family and friends.

Second, **Gaudete** Sunday gives us reasons for rejoicing. Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God's vindication for his people. Mary rejoices in the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Messiah. John the Baptist cries out in the desert because the Lord is on his way. Paul rejoices as God prepares his people for the return of the risen Lord. Through Isaiah, Mary, John, and Paul, God gives hope to his people waiting for redemption. Given this hope, they can wait with rejoicing. We are God's people today, waiting with rejoicing in what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ. The hope God gives prepares our hearts and makes straight the way for Christ.

Finally, **Gaudete** Sunday means that Advent waiting is joyful, hopeful waiting, for Christmas and more. Often, the day after Christmas, the music on the radio stops, the decorations in the streets and stores come down, and the trees get thrown to the curb. Post-holiday clean-up and blues begin. But for the Church, the rejoicing goes on. Our Advent rejoicing becomes Christmas rejoicing up to the celebration of Jesus' baptism, well into January. Rejoicing carries us into a new year, and new celebrations of God's redeeming work.

No matter what the colors of the season - violet, rose, red, or green - every time we gather to hear God's word and celebrate the Eucharist, we do so with rejoicing. Through the grace of Word and sacrament, our Lord sustains us in joyful hope, not only for Advent and Christmas, but for every season of the year as we await the coming of his Kingdom.



Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't.

2020 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses
ALL MASSES ARE FULL
2PM, 4PM, 6PM & 10PM

Christmas Day Masses
7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12PM

ALL Masses will be available **LIVESTREAM**

Registration is required for ALL Masses

Beginning on **Monday, November 30**

you can register through **EVENTBRITE**, the link will be on our website

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ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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ACADEMY IN ACTION

Fall in the First Grade

The first trimester marking period recently ended at the Academy and our first grade students have enjoyed their first steps into the grammar school environment. We have two first grade classes this year led by two dynamic, energetic teachers, and the students have shown an enthusiastic desire to learn.

Neighborhoods and communities are the focus of social studies at this part of the school year and each class has engaged in different lessons. **Miss Alexandria's Brooks'** class talked about the things that make up their neighborhood and community and what they liked best about both. **Mr. Jonathan Brooks'** class recently completed a timeline project. The students created a poster marking the milestones in their life and learned how families, routines, and communities change over time.

In science, the students have been studying animals. Just before Thanksgiving, **Mr. Brooks'** students learned that Native Americans hold certain animals in high regard. The students talked about the animals they consider special to them and crafted a totem pole out of cardboard with their favorite animals depicted. **Miss Brooks'** students studied owls. Using the prompt "Why do owls hoot?" the students studied the snowy owl, its habitat, habits, and how it differs from other owls.

Math and reading are two subjects at the core of the grammar school curriculum. In math, both classes have been learning new strategies for addition and subtraction, including using manipulatives and comparing and contrasting. In reading, the students have been able to read out loud to their respective teacher often. The school moved to remote learning for the week after Thanksgiving, which provided a good opportunity for students to work in small groups online as well as record themselves reading.

In the coming weeks, the students will be focusing on Advent and what it means to get ready for Jesus. **Mr. Brooks'** students will complete a Nativity triptych project featuring the Annunciation, the Nativity, and the Holy Family on each of the three panels. The project will serve as a keepsake the students can use to celebrate Advent each year.

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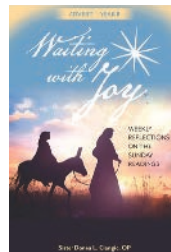
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Our parish has subscribed to **Formed**, an online Catholic media resource featuring hundreds of family-friendly videos, movies, e-books, bible studies, and more, created to support Catholic parishes and families in learning more about their faith through engaging online resources. Visit www.formed.org, click Sign In as a Parishioner, and type in St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish to sign up and take advantage of this amazing free resource!

ADVENT "WAITING WITH JOY"



Lighten your heart with a spirit of joy and peace! Advent continues and you can still join *Waiting with Joy - Weekly Reflections on the Sunday Readings*. These weekly reflections by **Sr. Donna Ciangio, OP**, provide you with the opportunity to contemplate, pray and share your faith. Reflect on your own or join in an online discussion. Booklets are free of charge and can be found in the basket outside of the Rectory, in the Narthex or as an e-book (Amazon, Barnes-N-Nobile, iTunes). If you have questions, contact **Pat Krema** at pkrema@stbartholomewchurch.org; 908.322.5192 x 126.

RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION

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Grades 1-6 At Home Family Faith Formation A central website serves as a hub for all things faith formation! Lessons and videos to supplement the workbooks, along with a pool of resources to support families in living out our faith in everyday life are sent weekly. Passing on the faith to our families and children is not so much about memorizing concepts or passing a test. It's about a way of life! Our program this year supports families not only in learning the faith, but also in living it! If you are fully registered, please watch your email each Sunday for a link to the weekly step-by-step instructions. **Confirmation Level 1 and Level 2** students are continuing their journey with an at-home virtual program led by **Jan Pepino** of *Fiat Ministries*. Prayer & Worship, Adoration, custom made Fiat videos, and Zoom sessions with catechists will all be an exciting part of the Confirmation formation process. Registered families, please watch your email for information including links to the upcoming sessions. Need to register or haven't picked up your workbook for Gr 1-6 yet? Please reach out to: religioused@stbartholomewchurch.org. Thanks to all Families Gr 1-6 who were able to attend our Parent Meeting last Sunday. If you were unable to attend and have any questions, concerns or feedback to offer regarding the At-Home Family Formation, please email: **Briana Quigley** at bquigley@stbartholomewchurch.org or **Connie Boruch** at cboruch@stbartholomewchurch.org.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Help us to Help Others Together We Can

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

To *Evergreen Elementary School* and *Verrex* for their large donations to the pantry. We were able to feed our families and share with **Starfish Pantry** and **Vincent De Paul Pantry**. Together we can feed those that are in need. Thank you to all of our loomers who made beautiful hats for the NICU babies. (Please have all hats in by **Dec. 13**). Thank you to our volunteers who helped with our *Giving Tree/Stocking collections*, who stood out in the cold and those that made cards for the Veterans. You truly live the call to serve our brothers in Christ. Finally, a special thank you to the *anonymous man* who dropped off his Giving Tree gift and then went and bought hot chocolate for our volunteers who were out in the cold. Truly an advent gesture...Thank you!

THE PARISH GIVING TREE IS WRAPPING UP



Please return your gifts today **December 13**. The drop off is located at the convent garage. For gift cards, the drop box is located outside the front entrance of the rectory. For online purchases please send directly to organizations, the information is provided in your confirmation e-mails to arrive before Christmas. This year your participation is critical in helping the many in need who have been affected by the pandemic to not lose hope.

STUFF A STOCKING

Is due **Sunday, December 13** between 8AM and Noon by driving up to the volunteers by the convent. We got such an overwhelming response with approximately 250 stockings to distribute this year! Thank you for your support in sharing the joy to many children!

CHRISTMAS MASS FAMILY BAG

If you registered for a Christmas Bag please be sure to pick up **Sunday, December 13** between 8AM and Noon in front of the rectory. Please note there will be no pick ups after this date.

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MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY

"MOUNT SAINT MARY ACADEMY, a Catholic, all-girls college prep high school in Watchung, is accepting applications for the Class of 2025. Prospective students are encouraged to visit www.mountsaintmary.org to request a Zoom meeting with the *Director of Admissions* to answer your questions or arrange a tour of the campus. Mandatory entrance test administered by appointment. Contact admissions@mountsaintmary.org. The academy is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Mercy, established in 1908."

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YOUTH GROUP

The pie ingredient bags were fun to prepare and were well received by our "Friday Friends". Thank you to the **Guarnuccio** and **Stoecker** Families for their contributions. Youth Group also had many laughs decorating the shaving cream tree before writing out cards to remind some of our neighbors that they are in our prayers this holiday season. The Advent series group discussion continues to be a shared event by many YG members.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17

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KNIGHTS & DAMES 2021 RECIPIENTS

Praise be Jesus Christ. We wish to announce that the following parishioners will be inducted as a *Knight* or *Dame* of *St. Bartholomew Parish* this coming 2021 year. Please join us in congratulating them for their outstanding service.

Sean McKenna
Kevin & Maria Moloney
Len Romano
Ted Schiller
Nicholas & Mary Schoendorf

Due to the unprecedented time we are experiencing, the prayer service honoring the 2021 recipients and cocktail reception will be announced at a later date.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class, held the last Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. Registration in advance is required. Please call 908.322.5192.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is celebrated every Saturday at 4PM.

WEDDINGS

Archdiocesan policy requires that arrangements be made with a parish priest or deacon as soon as the engagement is announced.

A TIME TO HEAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK.

Edilberto Agaton Jr.
Tami Eddy
Palmiro Ferraro
Juliette Lewis
Peter Morgan
Paul Pettit
Kenneth & Maureen Vincent

Elizabeth Barker
Maria Elbert
Emma Lara
Baby Olivia Mary
Paolo Patti
Joseph Tufaro

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

Sunday, December 13

7:30AM William Buob
req. by Gene & Yolanda Schiller
Robert R. Roberts
req. by Mary & Ed Herrmann
9:00AM Emily Capogrosso
req. by the Barker Family
Danny DiCuollo
req. by Maria, Gina & Antonette
10:30AM George Hahn
req. by Donna Iasello
Douglas Trimmer
req. by the Trimmer Family
Noon Frankin Williamson Jr.
req. by the Schweizer Family
Robert Foley
req. by the Sanguiliano Family

Monday, December 14

6:30AM Robert Carvajales
req. by James Meyler
8:30AM Joseph Hogan
req. by Lois Dick

Tuesday, December 15

6:30AM Robert Halleck
req. by the Nobile Family
8:30AM Wanda Damansky
req. by Lois & Ken Dick

Wednesday, December 16

6:30AM Joseph B. Murphy
req. by the Fung-a-fat Family
8:30AM Mauro DiNitto
req. by Rina & Vittorio Passucci

Thursday, December 17

6:30AM Philip Hessemer
req. by the Hessemer Family
8:30AM Rosa & Angelo Sanguiliano
req. by Rina & Vittorio Passucci

Friday, December 18

6:30AM Erlinda Garaygay
req. by Panfilo Silva
8:30AM Michael Behul
req. by the Thomas Family

Saturday, December 19

8:30AM Roy Bertucci
req. by the Haggerty Family
Daniel & Filomena Iasello
req. by Grandchildren
Gregory Croston
req. by Margaret Heisey

Sunday, December 20

7:30AM Filippo DelNegro
req. by Nicola DelNegro & Family
Elisabetta Ialone
req. by Madeline & Carmine Malgieri
9:00AM Anne Neeser
req. by the Tumolo Family
Jeanne Segelken
req. by Deb & Tom Ritter
Nicola Novello
req. by Esther & Emil Mancini
10:30AM Kenneth Hochman
req. by Loving Family
George Hahn
req. by Susan & Michael Buccola
Noon Frank Cerminaro
req. by wife Rose & Family
Deceased Members of the
Macchia Family
req. by Josephine

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If you are an individual, a couple or a family that is experiencing difficulties, there are counseling services available to you. All calls are confidential. Fees can be adjusted to one's financial situation. Please note, that no one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Counselors available to you:

Barbara Stumm-Gray, Ed.S.

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Dina Brue, LCSW

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We're planning now for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and like everything this year, the holidays will be anything but typical. Our ministries need your support today. After the uncertainty, unemployment and isolation caused by COVID-19, families in our community will be turning to St. Bartholomew the Apostle for help in astonishing numbers during the holiday season. Your generous online donations now will help us plan and budget for ministries that will serve those in need over Thanksgiving and Christmas. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NJ844, or text 'Enroll' to 908-324-5627. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



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Saturday & Sunday

9AM to 2PM

Monday & Tuesday

9AM to 7PM

Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday

9AM to 5PM

At this time, with Covid, the rectory is NOT open for any group meetings. Thank you

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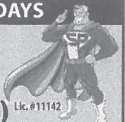
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