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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bartholomew Parish is an evangelizing Catholic Faith Community committed to building up missionary disciples of the Kingdom by being attentive to the Word, to Sacrament, to Outreach, and to Faith Formation.



EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

PARISH ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT



Our Parish Liturgical Ministries play an important and vital role in all Liturgical celebrations at our parish. From the greeters that welcome you when you walk in the door, to the ushers, altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers both at Mass and to the nursing homes and of course our sacristan. All work together to make our Masses and celebrations a truly special and important part of what we do.

Our Liturgical Ministries are always looking for more volunteers. We are especially in need of Eucharistic Ministers both at Mass and the nursing homes and more altar servers at both the weekend masses and funerals during the week. Please consider giving of your time for these vital and important ministries of our parish.

If you would like more information, on any of the above ministries please contact our parish sacristan Donna Burovac at 440-897-2047, you can call or text, or if you prefer email biology528@yahoo.com. We look forward to having you join us on our Liturgical Ministry Team.



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday | 8:00am
Wednesday | 8:15am
Friday | 8:00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:30am & 11:00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 2:30 - 3:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **St. Bartholomew Holy Name Society** will be sponsoring an **Outdoor Nativity Drive**. More information on page 5.

Join us for **Donut Sunday, April 7th** following the **8:30am and 11:00am Masses** in Saunders Hall.

The parish celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held on **Monday, April 15th** at **7:00pm** in the church. Our cluster partner Holy Family will be joining us. Bishop Malesic will celebrate with our young people.

The **Jesus Day Retreat** for our **Parish Second Graders** making First Communion will be on **April 20th** at **9:30am** in **Saunders Hall and the church**.

Our Parish Celebration of **First Holy Communion** will be on **Sunday, May 5th** at the **11:00am Mass**.

Have something you would like included in the bulletin?
Please send it to
bulletinstbartsmbghs@gmail.com.
Deadline is 9am Tuesday.

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 30-31, 2024

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30pm (Vigil) † John Evans —
Wife Helga
8:30am † Frederick Butonowicz—
Rosemarie, Wife
9:30am † Pro Populo
11:00am † Marcus Hydahl —
Mother

APRIL 1, 2024

Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am † Jim Otto — Beth Gebura

APRIL 3, 2024

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15am † John & Helen Lawler —
Family

APRIL 5, 2024

Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am † Gaetano & Carmela
Cancelliere — Family

APRIL 6-7, 2024

Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00pm (Vigil) † Joanne
Bycoskie — SVDP
8:30am † Attilio Marcuz — Family
11:00am † Pro Populo
3:00pm — Divine Mercy Service



WORD OF GOD

Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-1

Wednesday

cts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Friday

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Next Sunday

Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Jn 5:1-6/
Jn 20:19-31

PASTOR'S CORNER

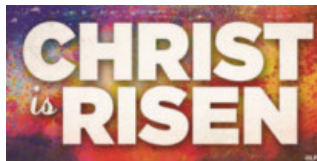
The last stanza of the Easter sequence proclaims: *Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining; have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!* Yes, he who “suffered death” was not conquered by it! Nor are we, thanks to the grace of our baptism in which “we die with Christ so as to share in his resurrection.” This statement of faith welcomes us into Christ at baptism and is our “last gasp” as our coffin is welcomed into the church at our funeral. We renew this resurrection faith every time we enter the church and sign ourselves with holy water. For fifty days we boldly proclaim to one another *Christ is risen. Indeed he is risen!*

Fr. Paschal Petcavage, OSB has been assisting on weekends since October. I have appreciated his help. It was also good to renew our relationship by spending time together. Since I am feeling better and the workload here is manageable, Easter Sunday will be his last scheduled Sunday. He will gladly step in if I get a chance to get away some time. I also hope to have him do an in-service for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion this spring.

This beautiful Easter Day is also an opportunity to thank all who helped us live Lent well and celebrate the resurrection even better. Lenten Dinner crews, especially leaders Kelly and Jaime Siemer, OCIA (formerly RCIA) team, headed up by Bernice Barker and Connie Renker, youth and adult altar servers, Music Ministry directed by John Franks, Sacristans Donna Burovac and Barbara Price, ushers, Parish Catechetical Leader Carol Wallington, Art and Environment Kathy and Frank Filous, Maintenance Stefan Osif, Anthony Rodriguez, and Bill Gordon, and whomever I am forgetting at the moment. And of course all of you who participated in the liturgies and who donated for flowers and regular collections. Thank you one and all!

Again, best wishes for Easter blessings to all of you!

Oremus ad invicem.



PRAYERS FOR...

Those Who are Sick

Heidi Balicki, Cathy Barbato, Richard Barbato, Ginny Best, Andrew Bryda, Michael Burke Jr., Marian Cekanski, Carol Duprow, Ed Fabian, Ken Fadenholz, Sharon Fadenholz, Marianna Grattino, Pat Hanis, Alana Hurley, Megan Keefe, Janet Klenotic, Clara Lucarino, Liliana Mogilnicki, Emerson McClain, Sandy Oravec, Michael Otto, Charles Owens, Shirley Owens, Barb Ozimek, Megan Ryan, Anthony Salvatore, Andrew Smith, Dee Singleton, Christopher Storm, Fred Swingle, Terri Swingle, Jim Tylicki, Michelle Welch, Jason Williams, Andrea Zolac.

Those in the Military

Joseph Adams, Joshua Michael Baranuk, Sgt. Adam Bettel, Alex Danczak, Christian DiVincenzo, Ciera Hertelendy, Ryan Kazimer, George Papadorotheou, Eric Rensel.

If you would like to have someone added or removed from our prayer list, please call the Parish Office at (440) 842-5400.

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Mary Ann Kolenz
Patricia Kasper

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

OCIA CANDIDATES

Lori Dodds-Kaminski

WEDDING BANNS

Il Lucy Pozek & Kacper Kacki



FAITH FORMATION ~ FROM OUR DIRECTOR

I once heard the phrase we cannot have Easter without Lent. Interesting thought isn't it?

But what exactly does that mean? Does it mean I can not celebrate Easter if I didn't do Lent the right way? Does it mean that Easter won't come if I didn't do anything for Lent? The answer is no. Even if you, like a lot of people maybe weren't so faithful to those promises of things you were going to do during Lent, or there were days you simply forgot. You can still appreciate and celebrate Easter properly.

The point I'm trying to make is that all of us, no matter who we are or what we do, we all have our

own personal versions of Lent. No we didn't wander in the desert for 40 days like Jesus did, but I am sure that we all have something in our lives that we have been battling. Maybe the illness of yourself or a loved one, perhaps loneliness, feeling down or depressed., issues within our families. Those things are all a mini Lent we suffer everyday.

It is in the lessons offered in each of those mini Lents, that helps us to realize the importance of Easter. Easter is about a new beginning, a new journey, much like the disciples on the road to Emmaus those first days after Jesus' death.

Even though the world around us

seems incomprehensible and scary, there are still so many good things out there. Friends, family, loved ones, our faith community, and our God.

Turn to those "good things." Embrace them and enjoy them, spend the time with those you love for as Jesus taught us this last week, we do not know the hour. Embracing the joy of the Easter season, will make those days of Lent seem not so bad after all.

May God Bless you all, and bring you great joy this Easter season, because HE IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

~ Carol Wallington, PCL

PARISH OFFERTORY

**March 23-24, 2024
THANK YOU!**

**Due to early submission
guidelines our offertory
numbers will be available
next weekend.**

**Remember the Parish as you
do your estate planning. Your
support of the Parish will
continue into the future.**

SVDP THANK YOU



Many thanks for the very generous donations to the recent SVDP personal products collection. We had a great response and all the items are very much appreciated by those who need them. God bless you!



The Presence Candle is hanging above the tabernacle, signifying that Jesus is present in the Eucharist in the Church. The Presence Candle is burning for the month of March in memory of Avallone & Prusha Families by Vincent & Barbara Avallone. Please call the Parish Office with questions at (440) 842-5400. All 2024 dates are currently full.

APRIL BABY SHOWER



St. Vincent de Paul is having its annual Baby Shower to help the many agencies in the area support pregnant mothers and babies. Please consider monetary donations to the following agencies to purchase large items like car seats and pack & play: make checks payable to Woman Kind, Cleveland Pregnancy Center, Zechariah House, and Providence House. We will make sure they receive the donation. The Wish List of all the agencies includes the following items: diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, blankets, boys clothing size 3T-7, pull ups, Aquaphor Baby Healing Ointment, Hydrocortisone 1% & 2% cream, boys & girls' underwear, toys ages 6-12, and gift cards to local grocery stores and drug stores. Please bring donations April 22/23 and April 29/30. Thank you so much for helping. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Maryann at 440-554-8370.

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NAME SOCIETY

OUTDOOR NATIVITY CAMPAIGN

St. Bartholomew has started an outdoor nativity campaign. Imagine driving past our church during the Advent and Christmas seasons and seeing a beautiful 4-foot nativity scene complete with Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, shepherd, wise men, angel, and animals. You have the unique opportunity to dedicate a figure from the nativity scene to your family or a deceased loved one. The name of a family or deceased loved one will be added to a permanent plaque that will be prominently displayed at the entrance of our church, and a seasonal plaque placed near the nativity. Additionally, a special invocation in the Universal Prayers at Christmas will be said for all participants. Prices for a dedication range from \$250 for the animals to \$1250 for Baby Jesus. Your contribution will help us create this awe-inspiring display.

To participate, contact the rectory during regular business hours at 440-842-5400. Do not miss this opportunity to be a part of something truly special. Figure dedications are on a first come first serve basis.



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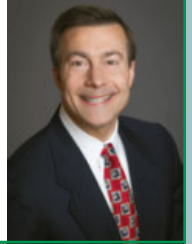


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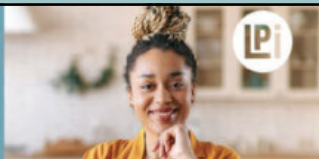


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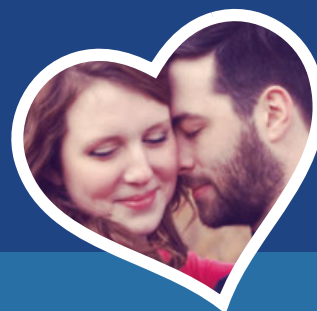
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