THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR LITURGICAL LIFE

Eucharist:  
Monday—Friday: 8:30 A.M.  
Saturday: 8:00 A.M.  Vigil: 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon

Reconciliation:  
Saturday: 3:30—4:30 P.M.  
(or by appointment by calling the Parish Center)

Morning Prayer:  
Monday to Friday 8:05 a.m.

Adoration:  
Every First Friday Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Parish Center Hours:  
Mon to Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm.  
Friday—Closed
SATURDAY, August 5, 2017: The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, BVM
5:00 P.M. Helen Kelly

SUNDAY, August 6, 2017: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
8:00 A.M. Lillian Gostkowski r/o The Family
10:00 A.M. Vita Barranco r/o John Barranco
12:00 P.M. Mary L. Cahillane r/o Cahillane Family

MONDAY, August 7, 2017: Weekday (Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time) Saint Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs, Saint Cajetan, Priest
8:30 A.M. Henryk Jalowik r/o Fr. David Wejnerowski

TUESDAY, August 8, 2017: Saint Dominic, Priest
8:30 A.M. Renato Soares r/o Soares Family

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2017: Weekday
Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr
8:30 A.M. John Landis r/o Ann Ryan & Peggy Lowery

THURSDAY, August 10, 2017: Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
8:30 A.M. The Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish

FRIDAY, August 11, 2017: Saint Clare, Virgin
8:30 A.M. Kathleen Maffa r/o Colleen & Terrence Cregg

SATURDAY, August 12, 2017: Saint Jane Frances deChantal, Religious
8:00 A.M. Helen Burns r/o The Burns Family
5:00 P.M. Dominick Pulito r/o His Family

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 A.M. Vivienne & John Gatarz r/o Family
10:00 A.M. Lia Cruz r/o Fely Cruz
12:00 P.M. Patrick Kelliher r/o Mary Murphy & Family

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

MASS SCHEDULE
AUGUST 14TH - 7:00 P.M.
AUGUST 15TH  8:30 A.M.
12:00 NOON
7:00 P.M.
INFANT BAPTISMS

The Sacrament is celebrated on Sunday at 1:15 PM. by appointment only. A Pre-Baptism Catechetical Session is required for parents. Godparents (Sponsors) must be practicing Catholics and at least 14 years of age. A practicing non-Catholic Christian may act as a witness along with a Catholic Sponsor.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome all unbaptized individuals, friends, family members and neighbors who are not Roman Catholic Christians or those individuals within the Catholic Tradition who may have never received the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist or Confirmation to participate in our parish program for adult Christian Initiation at this time. This program is also ideal for baptized Christians of other Christian denominations who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. If you know of someone who may wish to experience the richness of our Catholic Faith and who desires to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church, please contact Barbara Bunag at 732-257-7722.

MATRIMONY

The Sacrament of Matrimony requires an extensive period of preparation. Contact must be made with Parish Center one year in advance.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the anointing of the sick is available to our parish sick and shut-ins upon request. Please inform the parish concerning the needs of the sick by calling the Parish Office. If any member of the parish is hospitalized, please notify the Parish Office immediately so that a member of the Pastoral Staff may visit.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The feast of the Transfiguration which we celebrate today shows forth the Glory of Christ as Savior of the World. Appearing on Mount Tabor with Moses and Elijah, Christ is shown as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. May this feast remind us that we belong to Christ and to His Kingdom, the darkness of our present age cannot diminish the Glory of Christ, the Son of God.

Before school begins in September there are a number of projects that need to be completed:

First Project: Church Doors

A French drain will be installed in front of the entrance doors to the Church. During heavy rainstorms the floor of the Narthex has been flooded and the drain will eliminate this problem. Deacon John Broehl will oversee this project.

Second Project: New Gym Floor

The floor in the Kelly Gym will be replaced this August and new baskets have been ordered. The Kelly Gym has provided over 40 years of service to the children and young people of the parish and I am seeking donations to offset the expense of this project. With the help of the Athletic Association and our parish we are hoping to raise $150,00.00 to complete this project. Joe Monteleone will oversee this project.

Third Project: Pre-K Playground

Through the generosity of Bobby and Lisa Hopkins the Ariella Hopkins Pre-K playground will be created in Ariella’s memory. This Playground will be used by all Pre-K and Kindergarten students. We are in the process of finalizing plans and the playground should be completed in September. I thank the Hopkins family for their goodness to our school children.

As always, please allow me to express my gratitude to all who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure to continue the Mission of our wonderful parish of Saint Bartholomew.

In Christ,
Fr. Thomas
KNIGHTS COUNCIL 11873 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
Knights Council meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm. For membership information please contact our Membership Director Brother Joe Baker at 570-580-8145 or jpbaker@aol.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WEB SITE
Brother Knights for Information about the Knights Events and Council activities by the Saint Bartholomew Knights of Columbus please visit our Web Site at www.stbartskfoc.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 11873 & ASSEMBLY 3583 MEETINGS
There will be no Assembly meeting in July. The next Assembly meeting will be on August 9th at 7:30pm. The next Council meeting will be on August 16th at 7:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CORPORATE MASS AND DAY OF ADORATION
There will be no Corporate Mass for July and August. Brother Knights, there will be no Adoration for the months of June, July and August.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA
On August 7th-13th we will once again be at the Middlesex County Fair selling Wreathes for our Veterans which, will be placed on their graves in December. Tony Riccardella-PGK is our chairman for this event. We need Knights to help at the Fair, if you are available contact Brother Tony at annant66@verizon.net.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME
On Saturday August 5th at 7pm the Knights will be having a night out at the Somerset Patriots game in Somerset. Contact Jack Myatt-FN-PGK at jtm21365@hotmail.com or 732-331-4208.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017
Take me out to the Ball game, Saturday August 5th 2017 Yard Sale Saturday September 9th, 2017 Charter Dance Sunday September, 24th 2017

CHARITY—UNITY—FRATERNITY—PATRIOTISM

Welcome to the St. Bartholomew School Family

Families of newly enrolled students are invited to a family picnic on

August 16, 2017
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
St. Bartholomew School Cafeteria

During the course of the evening you will:

Obtain important information for the first day of school
Meet new and current school families
Shop the uniform sale
Make new friends
Participate in fun and games

Please RSVP by August 19, 2017 by calling the school at 732-254-7105
**Female Role Models in Literature**

Liliana Cantillo, a Cadette of Girl Scout Troop 80350, is currently working on her Silver Award on female role models in literature. In a study looking at almost 6,000 books published between 1900 and 2000, it was found that no more than 33% of children's books published in any given year contained adult women or female animal central characters, but adult men and male animals appear in up to 100% of books. Young girls reading these books that are primarily about men have a lack of role models that they can look up to. Girls need these lead female characters showing them that they can do anything that boys can. This is why she is hosting a book drive, and requesting donations of new or gently used books for ages 3-16 with strong female characters. Books and donations will be accepted on August 6th, so please donate! For more information, she will be in the narthex to answer any questions and give book recommendations if necessary.

**ABOUT CHILDREN'S CHOIR:**

**a short information series**

The St. Bartholomew Children's Choir is a Music Ministry ensemble that serves the children and adults of our parish community. They serve primarily at liturgies that focus on children. These include Sunday Children's Liturgies at 10 AM, First Penance Services, and First Holy Communion Masses. (Read more about us next week in the bulletin)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Join the Altar Rosary Society for a One-Day Retreat*

Loyola Jesuit Center Morristown, NJ

~ All Women of the Parish are Invited ~

More details to follow!

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

St. Bartholomew Conference

**Backpack and School Supplies Collection: Aug. 19-20, 2017**

Purchasing backpacks and school supplies can be very difficult for low income families struggling to make ends meet. We are asking for your support again this year to help give children of our SVDP clients some of the tools they need to be ready for school. Your donations of supplies can make a real difference to them.

In addition to backpacks, some examples of school supplies are: Wide ruled spiral notebooks, marbled composition notebooks, glue sticks, Black/blue ballpoint pens, #2 Pencils, 24 Pack crayons, pink erasers, rulers, multi-pocket folders, pencil pouches, highlighters, facial tissue/kleenex, colored markers, and dry erase markers.

Collection bins will be present in the Narthex during all mass times on the weekend of Aug. 19-20, 2017. Please consider making a donation! Thank you!

**Book Discussion Invitation**

Join in a discussion of **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult -- a novel that tackles issues of racism and discrimination. It challenges readers to be introspective with regard to their own beliefs about the issues. This book is widely available in paperback wherever you buy your books. It is not a requirement to read the book in advance.

Two separate discussions will be held:

**Tuesday, September 19, 10 am in the Pastoral Center at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, or Thursday, September 21, 7 pm in the SVDP meeting room at St. Bartholomew Parish Center.**

For further information contact Camy Hrankowski, 732-254-6099.
Msgr. Benwell’s Farewell Mass