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 A.M. 10:00 A.M. & 12:00 Noon

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

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

Parish Center Hours:  
Mon to Thurs. 9:00 a.m.—4:00 pm  
Friday 9-12 Noon

First Holy Communion
**Calendar of Events**

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**PLEASE NOTE**

THE GIFT SHOP WILL BE CLOSING  
MAY 18TH & Reopen in September

**2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  
Help Build a Civilization of Love

To date, 453 parishioners have pledged $140,558 and paid $129,942. Thanks to your generosity, these pledges put us at 81% of our parish goal of $173,000.

Our other goal is for every family to participate. If you have not contributed yet this year, we ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the Bishop's Appeal funding over 25 diocesan and parish ministries that reach a half million people. The Diocese of Metuchen's home page, diometuchen.org, describes other ways to contribute including online and employer matching gifts.

*Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.*
**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.

**From the Pastor**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In Pope Francis’s recent book, “Ave Maria on the mystery of a most beloved prayer,” our Holy Father reflects on the beauty of the Hail Mary and its place in the spiritual lives of Catholics. He writes, “Mother of God is Our Lady’s most important title. But a question might arise: why do we say Mother of God and not Mother of Jesus? Some in the past wanted to stop there, but the Church has affirmed: Mary is Mother of God. We should be grateful, because these words contain a splendid truth about God and about us. Namely that ever since the Lord became incarnate in Mary, since then and forever He bears our humanity as an integral part of Himself. No longer is God without man: the flesh that Jesus took from His Mother is even now, and will be so forever. Saying Mother of God reminds us of this: God is close to humanity like a baby to the mother who carries him in her womb.”

On this Mother’s Day we give thanks to God for the gift of our Blessed Mother and seek her intercession for our community. May the prayers of Mary, Mother of God, strengthen our families and bring peace to our world.

In Christ,
Fr. Thomas

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**ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**MAY 29TH VIGIL MASS 7:00 P.M.**

**ASCENSION THURSDAY MAY 30TH 8:30 a.m. 12 Noon & 5:00 p.m.**

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**Weekly Offering**

May 4th & 5th, 2019

| $16,231.25 | $ 2,324.00 |
May 11, 2019

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Parishioners,

We are looking forward to a wonderful week as our Drama Club presents *Once Upon a Mattress* on Friday morning for our students and Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. Our Drama Club students will host Drama Fun Night on Monday, May 13, for new students, interested students, and current students in Grades Pre-K through Grade 3. Join us for an evening of fun beginning at 6:00 pm. Drama Club Paint Night was a success and our students learned so much in the class conducted by the Master Teacher. Thank you, Mrs. McAndrew, and all volunteers for all you do to celebrate the arts at our school. Our students enjoyed beautiful weather during the Race for Education. Thank you, Mrs. Fernandez, and all our volunteers, for helping make this event a success.

Our eighth grade and second grade students hosted the May Crowning, a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother.

Our students learned so much as they were entertained by a company called the *Illusion Maker* during the Recycling Assembly, sponsored by The County of Middlesex, Division of Solid Waste Management. Our Pre-K students did a beautiful job hosting The Mothers’ Day Tea for their mothers. Thank you, Mrs. Perdoni and Mrs. Porcelli, for all you do for our youngest learners.

Our Band and Chorus members attended a wonderful performance by the NY Philharmonic at Lincoln Center. Thank you, Mrs. Kinnucane, for all you do for our students. The joy of music was so evident in the performance by our students at the Spring Concert.

Our students in Grades 5-8 will enjoy an experiential learning experience when the Rutgers Science Bus travels to St. Bartholomew School. Thank you, Mrs. Laudicina, for organizing this STEM learning experience for our students.

Our fourth grade will travel to the Red Mill Museum on Monday and our third grade will travel to enjoy the Safari at Great Adventure.

Please see the newsletter and Communication Envelope with information about all the events and learning that occur at our school. Please note the information in the Handbook about technology and be mindful of the importance of monitoring your child’s activities on the Internet at home.

I wish all our mothers and grandmothers a beautiful Mothers’ Day and know that I appreciate all you do to help us live our mission: *To love, educate, and inspire our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

**A Prayer for Mothers**

Where would we be without our mother’s love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight.

Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have allowed them the honor of raising. Amen.

God bless you,
Mrs. Ann Wierzbicki, R.N., M.A.E./Ed.S.
Principal
# 2019 ALTAR ROSARY UPCOMING EVENTS

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All women of the Parish are always welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings held on the first Monday of the month. Being a Rosarian honors Mary in whose care Jesus has placed us.

Consider joining the Altar Rosary of St. Bartholomew, please call Ann Marie Broehl - 732.236.1466 or Nellie Moran – 732.207.9786.

PLEASE PRAY THE ROSARY WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE GOD BLESS, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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## St. Vincent DePaul Society

The monthly St. Vincent dePaul Society food drive will be held next weekend, May 18 & 19, **Please check the expiration date of your donations as we cannot use expired food.** The pantry is in need of the following items:

- Apple juice, coffee, oatmeal (Reg. Only), jelly/jam, peanut butter, tuna, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dish detergent, laundry detergent, mayonnaise, cookies, canned pineapple, ketchup, rice mixes, rice (white), mustard, pasta sauce, canned pasta and Macaroni & Cheese

This collection is held on the third weekend of every month. We appreciate any support in terms of food or monetary donations that you can give us. Please refrain from leaving food donations in the Narthex or the school cafeteria at other times of the month. If you have a donation that cannot wait until our regular monthly collection, please call the SVDP hotline at 732-597-1507 or contact Debbie Wagner - debbiew0307@yahoo.com. As always, we are truly grateful for the parish’s support of our work with the poor. Thank you for your generosity.

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## Breakfast Fundraiser

Come and Support Troop 109 Breakfast Fundraiser at

**Applebee’s**

324 Ryders Lane, Milltown, NJ 08850

**May 19, 2019**

8am – 10am

Cost: $10 per Breakfast

Meal includes Pancakes, sausage, scramble eggs and a beverage (coffee, orange juice, soda or tea)

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## Fathers Day Cheesecake Sale

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Fathers Day Cheesecake Sale in the Narthex After Masses on weekends of May 18-19 and May 25-26. We will be offering the following flavors at $25.00 each: Plain Vanilla, Almond Amaretto, Mango, Washington Cherry, Pineapple, White Chocolate Peanut Butter, Southern Pecan, Pumpkin, Egg Nog, and 2 new flavors: Strawberry and Chocolate

Also at $28.00 each: No Sugar Added and the Sampler (2 slices of each flavor except Egg Nog, Chocolate, Strawberry and No Sugar Added)
Altar Rosary Society

Invites

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH

To their
June Luncheon

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Lago
230 Washington Place
North Brunswick, NJ
12:30 –4:30 pm.

Menu includes choice of entrée:
Chicken Francaise, London Broil, Salmon
Vegetarian Meal Available
$22.00
New Members installed at Luncheon

Reservation to:
Lucy Perrino, 8 Henry St. Milltown, NJ 08850
Make check payable to St. Bartholomew Altar Rosary Society

NAME:____________________________________ Phone__________________
ADDRESS___________________________________________________________________
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK $_______________Entree___________________

Please Seat me with _______________________________________________

Deadline for dinner June 1st.
25th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration in Honor of Reverend Thomas Joseph Walsh on his Ordination to the Holy Priesthood Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Seven O’Clock in the Evening Cocktail Reception followed by Dinner and Dancing to Craig Satchell’s Jazz Swing Band The Estate at Farrington Lake 16 Patrick Street • East Brunswick, New Jersey

Dinner Reservations

_____ Dinner Ticket(s) at $85 = $ ________

Guest Names


Dinner RSVP by May 13, 2019

Payment Information

Name ________________________________

Company ____________________________

Address ______________________________

City ___________ State ______ Zip ________

Email ______________________ Phone ______

Dinner Ticket Total $ ____________

Please make check payable to: St. Bartholomew Church

Mail to: 25th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration St. Bartholomew Church 470 Ryders Lane East Brunswick, NJ 08816

For information please call: 732-257-7722