

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW CHURCH

Reflection

So many of the great saints sold all their goods to follow the Lord. It is easy to think of this as a hardship they endured for the faith. However, as in today's parables, we see that the old goods were joyfully discarded for a much greater good. St. Alphonsus Liguori, for example, worked tirelessly to bring the word of God to the rural poor. He endured hardships, but enthusiastically pressed on joyfully pursuing the pearl of great price. May we do the same.

+ANNUAL PARISH FEAST & FESTIVAL+

Yes, our annual Feast in honor of St. Bartholomew is just two weeks away and will run from Thursday, August 10 to Sunday, August 13 on our parish grounds. All parishioners can certainly add to the financial success of our Feast by purchasing or even selling the three books of tickets for our raffle. You can also help by purchasing as an individual or family, our \$100.00 Booster Ticket, or even contribute to the "Feast, Food & Flour Fund." Every little bit helps! Thank you!

FEAST FOOD & FLOUR FUND—Again this year we are appealing for **monetary donations**—due to the rising cost of food items—to help keep our Feast food prices as low as possible. Your donation will help to purchase many food items needed for the delicious food prepared each night of our Parish Feast. This additional help will enable us to keep our food prices reasonable. Please put your envelope in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. **Thank you for supporting our Feast & Festival!**

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+PETER'S PENCE+

Next weekend, our second collection will be for Peter's Pence, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

FEAST FOOD TICKETS—A \$10.00 sheet of Food Tickets to be used to purchase delicious food at our Feast & Festival can be purchased at a **special early-bird price of only \$8.00** if purchased at the Rectory Office before **August 7th**. Come to the Feast and enjoy the variety of excellent foods and pastries!

SPECIAL RAFFLE

FEAST BOOSTER DONORS

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW ANNUAL RAFFLE

DRAWING: SUNDAY AUGUST 13th

GRAND PRIZE:

10% of Total Donor Contributions

DONATION: \$100.00

Our thanks to these donors:

Dorothy Bianchi

Frank Ciccone

James DePasquale

Lucille Forte

Ray Funaro

Deacon & Mrs. Robert Gallo

David Igliozzi

Vincent Igliozzi

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Marinucci

Norma Marcantonio

Nancy McAllister

Gloria Saritelli & Family

ATTENTION BAKERS!--FEAST PASTRY

BOOTH!—Donations of delicious homemade pastry goods to be sold in the **Pastry Booth** of our Feast & Festival may be brought to the Rectory Office beginning on **Wednesday, August 9th**. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

MASSES FOR JULY 31—AUGUST 6

(Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead. However, the following are specifically remembered this week.)

Monday, July 31

7:30 am – For A Special Intention
7:00 pm – Mass in Spanish

Tuesday, August 1

7:30 am – Intentions of Priest Celebrant
6:00 pm – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Novena Services & Benediction

Wednesday, August 2

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, August 3

7:30 am – Robert J. Bevilacqua

Friday, August 4

7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Saturday, August 5

8:00 am – In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother by a devotee

WEEKEND MASSES

5:00 pm – Collective Mass

Charles & Teresa Feula
Dino Mastrangelo by mom & siblings
Michael Quinn by wife & daughter

6:30 pm – Mass in Spanish

Sunday, August 6—The Transfiguration of The Lord

8:00 am – Collective Mass

Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters
Deceased of Pio A. Romano, Sr. Family by Raymond & Ronnie
In Honor of St. Maria Goretti by a devotee

9:30 am – Mass in Spanish

11:30 am – Vivian Cerrito by Michael

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF July 31-August 6:

Sanctuary Candle: Mary Gliottone by husband & family

Altar Bread & Wine: Mary Gliottone by husband & family

DIED IN CHRIST: Joseph Menna

FEAST CASH RAFFLE TICKETS—We thank all those who have already made returns on the three raffle books they recently received in the mail. We trust all parishioners will do their “fair share” by purchasing or selling them to family and friends.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 4

3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chapel

Sunday, August 6

Second Collection: Holy Father/Peter’s Pence

+WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT+

What Our Lord Asks is

Not Equal Gifts—But Equal Sacrifice

(logo from Increase Giving Campaign)

Weekend of July 15—16

Envelopes & Loose Collection:	\$3,777.00
Second Collection: Church Roof Fund	2,052.00
Total Income	\$5,829.00

Our sincere thanks to all those making our Increase Giving Campaign possible.

FEAST MASS AND RELIGIOUS PROCESSION—The culmination of our Parish

Festival is the beautiful Feast Mass and Religious Procession to be celebrated on **Sunday, August 13th at 10:30 am.** (combining the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses.) Plan to attend the Mass and worship with us in Honor of our Patron.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN AUGUST

Thank you for your generosity!

- August 6 —Holy Father/Peter’s Pence
- August 13—FEAST OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW
- August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 20—Church Roof Fund
- August 27—Parish Extraordinary Expenses

SPONSORS FOR OUR BULLETIN—Because our weekly parish bulletin can no longer be paid by ads on the back page, we are hoping to help defray this expense by asking parishioners to come forward each week with a donation of \$50.00. Sponsoring the bulletin can be written in three ways: (1) **This week’s bulletin is sponsored by (name of sponsor)** or (2) **This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one)** or (3) **This week’s bulletin is sponsored in memory of (a deceased loved one) by (name of sponsor or sponsors).** Call the rectory if you wish to help