Thank you! For A Wonderful Festival!

Our thanks to everyone who attended our Summer Festival, to all who purchased Calendar Raffle and Booster Tickets, and to those who donated so generously toward the various expenses of our Festival. Once all bills are paid, the results of the Festival will be given.

Our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our dedicated volunteers! It was indeed a successful parish celebration and most enlightening to see parishioners and friends come together during these difficult times.

Through the intercession of St. Bartholomew, may the good Lord continue to shower His blessings upon all our parishioners, friends and benefactors!

Mass in Honor of Saint Bartholomew

The culmination of our Parish Festival is the beautiful Feast Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, August 23rd 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!

Congratulations!

To the lucky winners of the first weekly drawing of the St. Bart's Summer Festival Calendar Raffle!

August 1 - $100 - #388 - Ann Volatile
August 2 - $100 - #73 - Noris Castillo
August 3 - gift cards - #384 - Walter Hidalgo
August 4 - $50 - #200 - Janet Goglia
August 5 - gift cards - #15 - Bob DiMaio
August 6 - $75 - #187 - Edward DiMartino, Jr.
August 7 - gift cards - #318 - Mary Sperduti
August 8 - $100 - #275 - Valerie Voccio
August 9 - Smart TV - #87 - Peter Marinucci

Thank you to all who purchased tickets & to those who worked so diligently to acquire donations for the wonderful prizes! Good Luck!

Reflection on Saint Bartholomew

What a promise! To see heaven and earth connected; to see the great divide between God and creation crossed is the promise given to Nathanael, also known as Bartholomew. This promise is also given to us. Our life in Christ is the fulfillment of that promise. At every Eucharist we participate in the Father's heavenly banquet; in every loving act of service we are one with Christ Jesus; and in every moment we spend in prayer the Holy Spirit is at work within us. How joyous to share in the promises made to the apostles!

Booster Share Donor Program

**103 Tickets Sold Thus Far!**

Our thanks to these donors:
Edward J. DiMartino, Jr.
Marline DiMartino
Woodlawn Funeral Home
Salvatore J. Sepe
Ugo Piccirillo
Elizabeth Pilloni
I.M.O. Elena Pilloni
I.M.O. Pedro Arias
Leonora Almonte
Amy Ricci
Amy Ricci #2
Ralph's Catering
I.M.O. Victor Diaz
Altagracia Martinez
The Matias Family
Joanne Quinn

$100 per ticket.
Winner receives 20% of income received from booster ticket sales.
Tickets on sale until August 23rd at the Parish Office, after all Masses.

**Drawing on Sunday, August 23rd, 2020**
**Masses for August 17 - 23, 2020**

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

**Monday, August 17**
7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Tuesday, August 18**
7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, August 19**
7:30 am - Intentions of Priest Celebrant
6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration - Spanish
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Thursday, August 20**
7:30 am - For A Special Intention

**Friday, August 21**
7:30 am - Intentions of Parishioners
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Saturday, August 22**
The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am - In Honor of St. Bartholomew
I.M.O. Angelina & Amadio Bianco by Virginia

**Sanctuary Candle & Altar Bread & Wine:**
Anthony C. Ginolfi by family

**Baptized in Christ**
Creed Age-Rey McFarlane

**Lord's Day Masses**

**Saturday, August 22**
5:00 pm
Ann Marie & Domenic Cavalloro by children
Anthony C. Ginolfi - Birthday Remembrance by family

6:00 pm - Mass in Spanish

**Sunday, August 23**
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

10:30 am
IN HONOR OF OUR PATRON, SAINT BARTHOLOMEW
(there will be no 9:30 am or 11:30 am Mass today)

**Gospel Reflection**

Today’s Gospel offers a verbal duel between Jesus and a woman. She approaches Jesus asking Him to pity her sick child. At first, Jesus ignores her plea, implying that His mission here does not extend to a Gentile. She in turn ignores His rejection and keeps pleading. The result is one of the greatest lines in scripture:

“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish!”

Is it not possible that Jesus truly grew in understanding of His mission? That He learned especially that He was sent for all people? How wonderful that this woman’s faith...always a gift from God...helped educate Him! When has someone else’s faith brought you to a deeper awareness of God’s plan for you?

**Missionaries of St. Charles Spiritual Mass Enrollments**

Given when a loved one passes away, is a beautiful way of expressing sympathy to the family. Perpetual spirituals are available at the Parish Office for an offering of $15.00.