

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

AUGUST 16, 2026



TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **St. Bartholomew's Day BBQ**
 - ◇ Come and help us celebrate! **Sunday, August 23** 2:00pm to 5:00pm following Mass.
 - ◇ *Please bring a dessert or side dish to share!*
 - ◇ See flyer at the back of the church
- **Position Open:** We have a position for a part-time commercial cleaner. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time job, please see the job description and application on the table in the back.
- Join us for a celebration of St. Bartholomew's Feast Day next Sunday following Mass!
- We have the opportunity to participate in a 33-day Marian Consecration based off Fr. Michael Gaitley's *33 Days to Morning Glory* group retreat and study guide which can be purchased for \$20 on Amazon. This will begin **September 4** and conclude **October 7** on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Reach out to Fr. Joe or the parish office for more information.
- On **Sunday, September 20** Bishop Vetter will be at **Holy Cross in Townsend** to officially install Father Joe as the priest for our 3 parishes. You are welcome and encouraged to join at 9am in Townsend!

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 8/16/26	20th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 12:30pm Confession: 12-12:45pm Mass: 1:00pm **Please note time changes**
Mon. 8/17/26	
Tues. 8/18/26	Daily Mass: 11am Adoration and Confessions: 11:45am-12:45p **Please note time and date changes**
Wed. 8/19/26	
Thurs. 8/20/26	
Fri. 8/21/26	
Sat. 8/22/26	
Sun. 8/23/26	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 12:30pm Confession: 12-12:45pm Mass: 1:00pm St. Bartholomew Day BBQ to follow Mass



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although most of you have likely already heard the announcement at Mass, I wanted to write and provide some more context and detail regarding the upcoming schedule changes for the three parishes I am responsible for. First off, here is the new schedule, which will go into effect on Sunday, August 16.

Sunday Mass Schedule

9am — Holy Cross (confessions from 8-845am)

1pm — St. Bartholomew (confessions from 12-1245pm)

5pm (4:30pm in winter months) — St. Joseph (confessions from 4-445pm)

Weekdays

Monday-Harlowton (Mass-12pm, Adoration-1245-330pm; confessions-1245-145pm)

Tuesday-White Sulphur Springs (Mass-11am; Adoration & confessions-1145-1245pm)

Wednesday/Thursday-Townsend (Mass-12pm; Adoration & confessions Wed-1245-145pm)

The main thrust behind these changes is minimizing driving time and thereby maximizing the amount of time and energy I have to spend with you while reducing stress and wear and tear on me personally. Currently the schedule is quite hectic and I'm often scrambling from one place to another, from one thing to another and this just isn't desirable or sustainable. The lynchpin in all of this is, of course, Sunday since I'm driving the full distance of my territory twice and then doing it again during the week with the current schedule. Therefore, it makes most sense to start on Sunday in Townsend and finish in Harlowton, stay overnight there and then work my way back to Townsend during the week. Another key factor is building in more leeway between the Sunday Masses, which allows more time upfront for travel and for confessions, and on the back end allows me to spend more time at the various locations after Mass vs. rushing off.

You will also notice a concerted effort to make sure each location has confessions and Adoration during the week, giving each more opportunities to encounter our Lord! Saturday will remain unchanged for now, continuing to function as a flex day for me to catch up on items that get deferred as I'm bouncing around from location to location, to attend to various ministerial needs (i.e. weddings, funerals, home-bound visits) and to attend to personal needs such as shopping and exercise that also get deferred.

I realize that some of the adjustments being made are not ideal. But at the same time, some of the current scheduled items are less than ideal as well. Given our geographical layout, we just have a number of limitations that make things difficult and require tradeoffs. And you probably know that better than me, the newcomer! So I do thank you for being open to yet another set of changes and ask for your patience as this all plays out. We will reassess things over time and make adjustments as needed. But for now, let's remain open to the graces and blessings that the Lord wants to lavish upon us as we move forward together. This is a golden opportunity to strengthen our communities and grow together in Him, relying more on Him and less on ourselves. Let us then walk with Him and love each other all the more in this time of transition!

Thanks again and God bless!
Fr. Joe

PARISH INFORMATION

Pastor: Fr. Joe Paddock

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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Funerals: Contact Parish Office

Scripture Readings

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

Reading 1: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Resp: Ps. 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Reading 2: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

To keep up with the rising costs of living and running a parish our annual budget has increased slightly from previous recent years. The annual goal for offerings is \$54,000 with a weekly average need of \$1039 and monthly average of \$4156.

Weekly Collection Totals:

7/12/2026	\$ 1,903.00
	\$
7/19/2026	769.00
	\$
7/26/2026	952.00
8/2/2026	\$ 2,063.00
8/9/2026	\$ 1,001.00
Monthly Total: \$ 3,064.00	
% of Monthly Goal Met	
	74%
Annual Total: \$ 7,782.00	
% of Annual Goal Met	
	14%

Thank you for your generous

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