

A wooden boardwalk path made of weathered planks winds through a field of tall grass and yellow daisies. The path starts in the foreground and leads towards the background. The daisies are bright yellow with dark centers. The grass is green and somewhat overgrown. The overall scene is bright and natural.

So  
they  
went  
off and  
preached  
repentance.

Mark 6:12

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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## Mission Statement

We are a dynamic community of the People of God who are joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ. Our spiritual life is centered on the celebration of the sacraments and the Eucharist in the Sunday Liturgy. We are committed to being an active community of faith that worships together, and reaches out and ministers to the needs of others. Our vision is that St. Bartholomew Parish will be the center and source for the faith development of its people based on the active participation of all its members, women and men, young and old.

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

## Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.  
Please call one month ahead  
to make an appointment.

## Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made  
at least 6 months prior to the wedding.  
Please consult the Pastor.

## Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Cluster  
gathers every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 pm  
in St. Joseph's Lower Church.

## Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following  
9:00 am weekday Mass  
(except when we have a 10 am Funeral Mass)

## Prayer Line

This is a phone network of people,  
who pray for special intentions.  
Call 781-444-5973 and leave a message for  
whom or what you would like prayers said.



### Our Thanks:

We are blessed to have those who t work behind the scenes to make sure that the altar linens are always clean and that the altar always looks nice and the necessary preparations are made for each Mass thank you.

### St. Vincent DePaul Collection Box:

There is a St. Vincent DePaul collection box over near the far entrance to the parking lot. If you have any clothing you would like to donate to St. Vincent DePaul, please put it in this box. Thank you.

**Rides for Fr. John Kuria:** From time to time this summer, Fr. John may need a ride to go to different places or to respond to emergencies. If anyone is willing to drive Fr. John Please call the rectory and let us know. This would be similar to the arrangement last summer for Fr. Francois. Thank you.

### Help Needed:

With people going away for the summer, we are in more need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are willing and able, please call the rectory and let us know. Thank you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next weekend:** There will be a second collection next weekend to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Proceeds from this collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media.

## Please Volunteer to Help for the Parish Mission

We have much preparation work we would like to start this summer. Your help is really needed. The mission will be from October 19<sup>th</sup> to October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful and significant spiritual event in the life of our parish. The fall will be here before we know it. If you would like to help, please speak to Fr. Phil or Sr. Julie as soon as possible.

**15 Sunday in Ordinary Time:** I hope that each of us is enjoying some leisure time this summer which is rapidly moving. This weekend each of us is reminded that we are called to be missionaries at home for the kingdom of God. We do this to the extent that we share with others the life and mission of Jesus Christ. Who are the people of faith that strengthen our faith and how do we help others strengthen their faith commitment to God and the Good News?

**St. James Society Speaker:** On the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Fr. Kevin Hayes of the St. James Society will be with us to speak on the great work of the St. James Society in the missions. More details in coming weeks.

### Fr. Francois Update:

To date we have received approximately \$4,115 towards the purchase of the Jeep for Fr. Francois. He is the Vice-Provincial for the SMA Fathers in Africa who assisted us last summer. He needs a Jeep for his travels throughout Togo, North Togo, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana, North Benin & Congo. Tax deductible checks can be made payable to: SMA Fathers/Jeep and sent to: St. Bartholomew Rectory, 1180 Greendale Ave, Needham, MA 02492. This is our chance to help Fr. Francois reach many more people. For more information call Ted 781-449-4876.

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*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	July 15	4:00 pm	James Shaughnessy-USMC Active Duty in Iraq
Sunday	July 16	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Alicia Madden Ralph Treggiari Mary DeGeorge
Monday	July 17	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	July 18	9:00 am	
Wednesday	July 19	9:00 am	
Thursday	July 20	9:00 am	
Friday	July 21	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 22	9:00 am 4:00 pm	George McCourt
Sunday	July 23	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Edward P. McGaugh—15th Anniversary Jeanne Dawson



 *Collections*

**Weekend of July 8-9**

Amount collected	\$4,483.06
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,516.94)

**Black & Indian Mission Collection**

Amount collected	\$1,479.80
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**Thank you for your support.**

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of July 16, 2006**

<b>16SUN</b>	Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/ Mk 6:7-13
<b>17 Mon</b>	Is 1:10-17/ Mt 10:34—11:1
<b>18 Tue</b>	Is 7:1-9/ Mt 11:20-24
<b>19 Wed</b>	Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/ Mt 11:25-27
<b>20 Thu</b>	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/ Mt 11:28-30
<b>21 Fri</b>	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/ Mt 12:1-8
<b>22 Sat</b>	Mi 2:1-5 (394)/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
<b>23 SUN</b>	Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

**STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**  
**Sharing: Time - Talent - Treasure**

**INDEPENDENCE:** Webster has a lot to say about being independent: "not subject to control by others; not requiring or relying on something else; not looking to others for one's opinions or for guidance in conduct; etc." In this summer month that our country celebrates our Independence, what does this really mean in our lives?

In today's Gospel "Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.." The Twelve carried the Spirit, but had need for little else.

Summer is the time of year that we wear lighter clothes, eat lighter meals, move about more, enjoy a lighter feeling in the longer, lighter days. But how "light" do we really live? Most Americans are so blessed in their abundance that they don't travel "light". We have accumulated so much that we sometimes become prisoners to our things. We have double locks on our doors. We install security systems. We insure everything. We can't go away without taking a car full of things "that we have to have." Sometimes, we even get house sitters in order to leave for a vacation or extended period. And now we have added the cell phone to our car keys and wallet when we leave the house to do a quick errand.

Independence is an extraordinary blessing in this country—coveted by millions who don't have it. The opportunities for most anything are there for the taking with hard work. We can rely on ourselves rather "than being controlled by others; we can act on our own opinions (within reason), without explanation to others," etc. Our government provides the agreed upon guidelines necessary for millions of people to live together successfully. But we have the right to disagree, if the "rules" aren't to our liking. We can participate or not. Where in all this luggage we possess and freedom of opportunity is our spirit? Is God our luggage or our freedom?

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Perhaps some time this summer, we should look around at all our accumulations and think about Jesus summoning us to go forth. How much would we have to take with us? Could we have enough faith to believe that He is all we need on our life journey? Where in our personal list of things that we cannot live without is our relationship with God? Make a list. And have your children make a list. What can't you live without?

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### Stewardship Reflection

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts." (Mark 6:8)*

How different we are today from the Apostles who could venture out to do God's will, taking nothing with them. In contrast, we have become a society of "hoarders." We forget that when we die we must leave behind all that we have and take with us only what we are. What are you? Are you a follower of Christ, a steward of all that He has given?

**Bethany House Donations:** The Bethany House Hope Chest, located at 1134 Main St. in Millis is looking for donations of good used or new items. The Hope Chest offers an eclectic ensemble of treasures such as jewelry, antiques, books, furniture, china, kitchenware, toys, household items, tools, collectables, and bric-a-brac. All proceeds from the Hope Chest help to support Bethany House Ministries, a non-profit charitable organization. If you can help, please contact either Sr. Kathleen or Ruth at 508-376-9923, or Gary or Steve at 508-376-0824.

## The Church's Mission by Dr. Scott Hahn

In commissioning the apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus - delivering peoples from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the apostles are not "professionals," who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called, not necessarily to be successful, but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to it by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world - to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission - to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

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## "Walking with the Word"

### Prayer for Success of Our Mission

Dear God, My Creator and Savior,  
bless my parish as I open my heart  
and mind to hear Your word.

With Your love and guidance,  
help me to spiritually enrich  
my life with increased faith.

May Your grace help me  
to share Your word with all  
those I meet along the way.

Give courage and incentive  
to those who have never  
attended a mission to come.

Inspire our spiritual leaders with  
the words, the strength and the  
confidence to bring each of us to  
that road on which You walk.

Amen.

## Adopt Troops and Families:

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