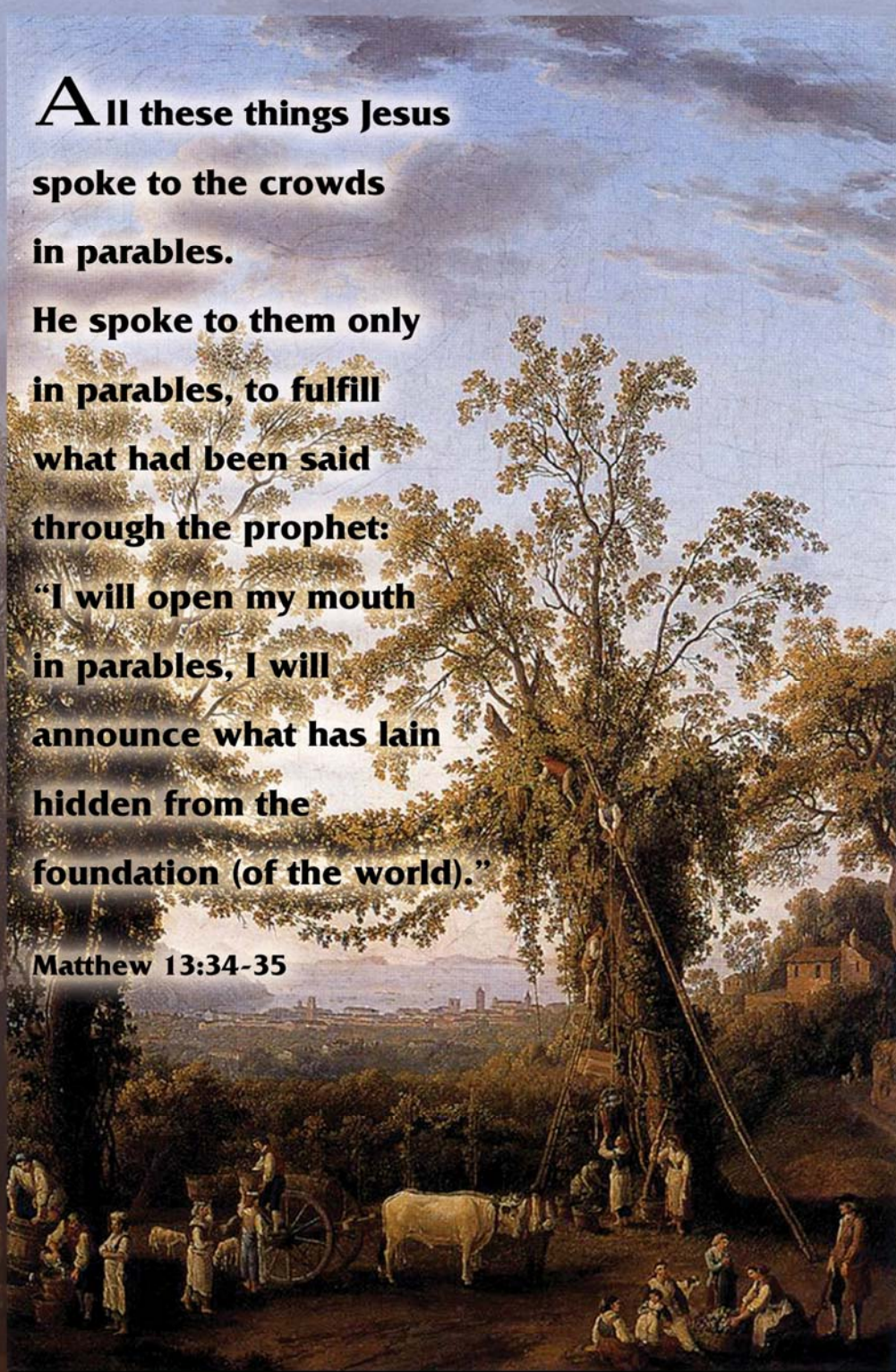


**All these things Jesus
spoke to the crowds
in parables.**

**He spoke to them only
in parables, to fulfill
what had been said
through the prophet:
“I will open my mouth
in parables, I will
announce what has lain
hidden from the
foundation (of the world).”**

Matthew 13:34-35



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, especially 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.

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

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.



Reflection on 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the first reading today we see that although God is all powerful, the Lord judges with mercy and governs with care. God teaches people kindness, hope, and repentance. In the second reading St. Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit helps God's people in their weakness to pray and intercedes for them. In the Gospel parables notice that Jesus encourages His disciples and us - assuring us that we will shine in the next world. The parables of Jesus always include something unexpected to make us stop, think and try to understand. Each time we read or hear the parables hopefully the message goes deeper into our hearts. What Jesus is doing is freeing us from the power of sin and giving us the knowledge to know that evil will not win. Goodness, kindness, love and life are always our purpose, hope and goal. There are going to be times and moments when this will be difficult to understand. There are good and bad people among us. How do we live these readings and show people goodness, kindness, love and life?

Second Collection Next Weekend: There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Churches in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection assists the Church in 28 countries. Through this collection we have a chance to share in the universal mission of the church to spread the light of the gospel message and offer hope to those in need.

Recommended Reading for the Holy Year in honor of St. Paul:

Paul His Letters and His Theology An Introduction to Paul's Epistles by Stanley B. Marrow Paulist Press New York 1986

Reading the Letters of St. Paul by Carolyn Thomas ,S.C.N. Paulist Press, New York 2002

Reading Paul by Michael J. Gorman , Cascade Books, Eugene Oregon, 2008

Mass Times in the U.S.A.

When traveling and looking for Mass times in the U.S.A., check www.MassTimes.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"I DON'T KNOW"

There is probably no answer more frustrating, especially to a parent, than when someone is asked a question, seemingly not difficult, and the response is "I don't know". "How did you do on the test today?" "I don't know." "Why did you do that?" "I don't know." The answer often times is not an issue of not knowing, but rather a casual, thoughtless response expressing a lack of desire to really think about the answer and to speak thoughtfully and to be fully engaged with the questioner.

It is very easy to be annoyed with our younger folk, but let's look at those of us who are a bit older. Let's turn the question/answer around to God asking us the questions. We walk into church and pass right by the holy water. "Why didn't you bless yourself in My name?" "I don't know." Maybe you genuflect, or not. Maybe you went down on the correct knee (right), maybe not. God: "What were you thinking about, when you genuflected?" "I don't know." "Just before the priest reads to you My Words in the Gospel, the Words that teach you about My Father, My life and why I died for you, he makes the sign of the Cross with his thumb on his forehead, his lips, his heart; what were you doing? Were you saying anything while doing this, if you did it at all? Was that really the sign of the Cross you made?" "I don't know." (The words are "I believe" (head), "I speak" (lips), "I love the Word of the Lord" (heart) while making the thumb sign of the Cross)

We have been taught that our God is a very patient God. But He too might be a little frustrated with our lack of true engagement with Him as we go through with our thoughtless motions. It is very easy to be critical of others when their responses to us are less than satisfactory. But how frequently do we really listen to ourselves? How often do we let exhaustion, distraction, or whatever makes us less than really focused on the moment? Do we consider others' unsatisfactory responses annoying, insulting, etc.? How much greater is this type of response an insult to our God? "What are you really thinking about as you approach My table to which I have invited you? Do you think about the reality of My Body and Blood? Do you remember My death? My Resurrection? My invitation to share eternity? Do you remember that you carry Me with you when you leave this building? Always?" "I don't know."

Let's pay attention this summer as we prepare to enter the House of the Lord; as we participate in our worship service; as we leave with the blessing for peace in our lives and with each other. Let's be clear in our thinking. Let's be enthusiastic in our responses. Let us show our love for the Lord by being truly engaged and thankful for His patience.

Please... THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN CONTENT IS NOON ON MONDAY ...Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 19	4:00 pm	Barry McCarthy—1st Anniversary
Sunday	July 20	8:00 am	The Gilchrist Family
		9:45 am	Catherine Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Sr., Thomas Fitzpatrick, Jr. and Alice Jones
		11:30 am	John & Theresa Martin
Monday	July 21	9:00 am	Paul Frawley
Tuesday	July 22	9:00 am	
Wednesday	July 23	9:00 am	Mark Hansen
Thursday	July 24	9:00 am	Marian Whalen
Friday	July 25	9:00 am	Thomas Connolly
Saturday	July 26	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 26	4:00 pm	Ruth & Charles Brady and John Mahoney
Sunday	July 27	8:00 am	Patrick & Margaret Sullivan
		9:45 am	Paul Connolly
		11:30 am	Francis Creedon

Scripture Readings

20	Sun	Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
21	Mon	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
22	Tue	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 /Jn 20:1-2, 11-18*
23	Wed	Jer 1:1, 4-10/Mt 13:1-9
24	Thu	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
25	Fri	2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
26	Sat	Jer 7:1-11/Mt 13:24-30
27	Sun	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/



A basic component of this exciting new program are small groups who gather to pray & reflect on provided texts.

Are you being called to host a group or to facilitate the discussion?

Training, ongoing support and all materials are provided.

Curious? Speak to any of our Arise Team members: Allan & Patty Doyle, Carolyn Maynard, Peggy Powers, Dorothea O'Connell, Doug Motchok, David Tremblay, George Thissell or a parish staff member.

Collections

Weekend of July 12-13

Amount collected	\$4,376.31
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,623.69)

Black & Native American Missions

Amount collected	\$1,525.00
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Thank you for your stewardship.

A PERSON'S TRUE WEALTH IS IN THE GOOD HE OR SHE DOES IN THE WORLD.

-MOHAMMED

Stewardship Prayer

We thank You, Father, for the gift of time we have on this earth to come to know Jesus, your Son— as Brother, Redeemer, Savior and Lord. Give us daily grace and help us put our time to good use in Your name.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- Classes will begin again on Monday, Sept. 22nd
- Catechists are needed for September – roles/grades are flexible; we need people willing to teach (training and materials provided), classroom aides, small group facilitators. Please call the Religious Ed office for information 781-444-4343 or email melisahughes@comcast.net

Registration 2008-2009:

Registration Forms for 2008-2009 are available:

- for download at:
http://stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/religious_education.html
- At the back of the Church
- From the rectory during regular business hours

Most students who do not attend Catholic Schools attend Religious Education from 1st through 10th grade. Students in Catholic Schools please contact the Religious Education office for information regarding Sacramental Preparation.

Summer Activities:

- 1) **Harbor Cruise:** A social evening cruise around Boston Harbor with live music, food, with other from around the archdiocese. Bring a friend.

High School – Monday July 28th

Boards at 7:00 (meet at St. Bart's @ 6pm)
Cost is \$20.00

- 2) **Proud 2B Catholic Music Festival - Saturday, August 9, 2008 1-9pm** at the Marist House Retreat Center, 518 Pleasant St, Framingham, MA

- This is the official event for youth for the Bicentennial Celebration of the Archdiocese of Boston, and **Cardinal O'Malley** is scheduled to celebrate Mass.
- Event includes music, inflatable games, an International Food Court, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, talks, Catholic products and more. Complete schedule will be released in July.

General Admission: **new price of \$15.00** per ticket; at the gate: \$20.00 per ticket.

St. Bartholomew Soccer Program 1st and 2nd grade Boys & Girls

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Fall/Spring 2008/2009 Registration:

Applications are still available be available at Needham Town Hall on a first come first serve basis.

****Head coaches and assistant coaches are needed! ****

Please call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline for information or questions at **781-444-6559**.

St. Bart's Soccer is a co-ed instructional program for Needham boys & girls born **August 1, 2000 - July 31, 2002**. Registration is for both fall 2008 and spring 2009 season.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving and merciful God, you call us into being and commission us to serve your people. We pray that our lives might make a difference and that our service might give you praise. Strengthen us, we pray, to be instruments of peace and justice in our church and in our world. May the desire to ministry as priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. We ask this in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Catechists!

Our Religious Education Program is in need of parishioners to assist with both teaching and non-teaching roles with our students in most grades.

Classes for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade meet Mondays from 4-5 pm; students in 7th – 10th grade meet every other Monday from 7-8:30 pm.

Catechists – prepare and present the material to the students.

Parent aides – assist the catechist with classroom management and activities

Small Group Facilitators (evening session only) – Engage students in discussion or activities

Experience in teaching is not required

Please contact the Religious Education office for information: melisahughes@comcast.net, or 781-444-4343

ARISE Together in Christ

The ARISE Together in Christ for Achieving Renewal, Inspiration, Sharing and Evangelization will be launched in our parish later this year. In preparation for the launch, our ARISE Parish Team has developed the "5 for 10" series: 5 questions for 10 minutes of consideration and response. This week our focus in on Sharing:

- 16. As a good steward, do I share my particular gifts from God with others?
- 17. Do I feel comfortable sharing my faith with others?
- 18. Will my spiritual sharing help others to the path to Eternal Life?
- 19. How should a disciple of Jesus Christ share?
- 20. Do I want to learn more about the ARISE process as a focus on faith sharing?

Next week's "5 for 10" questions will be on Evangelization.

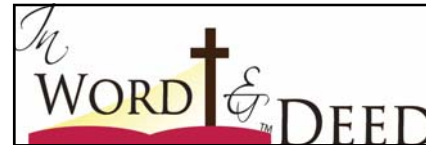
Walk in the Footsteps of Christ

Have you ever imagined travelling the roads and pathways that the Lord himself was known to have walked during His time on earth just over 2000 years ago?

Here's your chance! Fr. Frank Silva, Pastor of Newton's Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, will conduct a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 12-21, 2009. The trip will visit sacred sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and numerous places in between. Mass will be offered daily at some of the most holy Christian sites in the world.

Cost for the trip including air fare, hotel, meals, and more is \$2,600. For additional information about the Holy Land Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Frank Silva at 617-244-0608 or email: fsilva@ccbparish.org.

Thomas More College is dedicated to classical education in the Catholic intellectual tradition. Focused on the classroom and the great texts of Western Civilization, the purpose of the college is to help transform the heart and mind of each student. With campuses in Merrimack, NH, and Rome, Italy, the college is still accepting applications for Fall 2008. Students interested should contact the Office of Admissions at 800-880-8308 or visit the website: www.thomasmorecollege.edu.



Back in March, some second graders planted a bunch of tomato seeds and now, months later, my garden has more than a few tomato plants. They stop by the garden almost everyday, watering the plants and looking for the first signs of fruit. The young gardeners learned that it takes a lot of work to get from seed to salad!

The common experience of planting a seed and watching it grow provides a perfect image for Jesus to explain how faith grows. Faith is not automatic. Like the seed that needs water and soil and sun, faith needs practice and knowledge and the Son. As faith grows and becomes stronger, it transforms not only the believer, but also the community. Everyone is affected by it through word, example and practice. Like the effect of yeast in dough, faith touches every aspect of life.

What can we do to help our faith grow stronger? When we pray, or study the Bible, or share our faith or do good works for the sake of the Gospel, faith grows. When we practice the works of mercy, faith grows. When we ask God for grace and offer Him our hearts, minds and souls, faith grows. Put faith to work and it will work for you.

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Collection for Lindos Suenos Program

Dear St. Bartholomew Community:

One of our students who was Confirmed earlier this year, has been selected into the Lindos Suenos (Beautiful Dreams) Program of the Boston Red Sox. This program brings together 12 American and 12 Dominican teen boys through baseball and community service. This year, the program takes place from July 11- July 25, 2008. Each morning they will help build a baseball field and do repairs at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos ("Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Orphanage. Each afternoon they train under Jesus Alou, baseball legend and director of the Red Sox Dominican Baseball Academy.

To begin this journey, items are being collected to send to San Pedro de Macori. The children of San Pedro de Macori have a passion for baseball, but lack proper equipment/supplies to play safely. For instance, kids share everything and use lemons & rocks instead of baseballs. In addition, school supplies, tennis shoes, and clothing are needed. Some children are not able to attend school because they don't have the required tennis shoes.

Let us support this endeavor by collecting the following new or gently used items:

Sports Items:

Gloves, bats, baseballs, cleats, caps, and any other sports apparel

Clothes:

Sneakers, socks, shirts pants, and shorts

School Supplies:

Backpacks, writing utensils, reading books, notebooks

Any contribution will be enormously appreciated by Dominican children and families. Hopefully, together we will collect enough supplies to make a significant impact.

The Red Sox organization will be shipping everything to the Dominican Republic. Items can be dropped off at St. Bart's, or the McCormick home at 1555 Great Plain Ave, or call 781-449-4748 to arrange for pick-up.

**You are not restricted by the dates above. Donations
can be made all during the summer.**

Thank you!

More Quotes by Andy Rooney

I've learned...that you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...that I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned...that no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...that sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...that simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights
when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.