

And I tell you,

*ask* and you will receive;

*seek* and you will find;

*knock* and the door

will be opened to you.

*Luke 11:9*

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**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 for what you would like prayers said.

**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 7:30 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)

**Mission Statement**

Our Mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
- To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.



Reflections on 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C:

The readings today raise some interesting questions for us to consider:

- Is God a friend or merely an acquaintance?
- What place does prayer have in my life?
- Where does prayer lead me in my life?
- What does it mean to trust in God's Justice?
- What is my relationship to God, what could it be?

Today's readings focus on the importance of being connected to God. This is a day and age when we have a new sense of the importance of being connected with others. The story of how Abraham was able to bargain with God would indicate that Abraham felt respectfully close to God. Abraham knew that God is a God of justice, mercy and love, and Abraham in return had a profound respect and love for God. This reading shows that God is relational and intimate. In the Gospel, Jesus invites us to persevere in prayer from the heart. Our prayer seeks to discover the will of God in our lives and gives us the grace to serve others with joy.

In the Our Father we ask for daily bread, for food that sustains us, and for forgiveness. Faithful people of prayer are people who find new life in God. People of prayer and faith are awed and fully aware of the power of prayer.

God wishes to help us and He will.

**Catholic Appeal:** By virtue of our Baptism each of us is reminded to count our blessings and give thanks to God. We do this by how we share our time, talents and treasures. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Catholic Appeal. Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 69.7% of its goal. At St. Bartholomew Parish 176 households have pledged \$74,275 which is 82.5% of our goal. Thank you. We are helping many people who are in need. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Again, thank you.

**Second Collection** supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. While the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union endured decades of communist oppression, the Church suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and its ability to serve the people. Through this collection, Catholics can now build bridges to these countries, spread God's Word over vast areas with modern communications media, train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith.

[from *Hermina Hyacinthe*]:

Clean Water is Flowing!

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!  
PRAISE BE TO GOD, THE FATHER, THE SON  
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT!  
ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!

Our brothers and sisters in Petit-Goave have access to clean water for the first time in their lives. By the grace of God clean water is flowing from all three wells.

I am extremely grateful to God for using me, one of His broken vessels, to work with Fr. Phil and his team at St. Bartholomew Parish to bring clean water to His people. At the sight of the water, our brothers and sisters in Petit-Goave exclaimed with joy "Our prayers go up to heaven and grace comes down."

Our Lord Jesus said in Matthew 10:42 "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." Once again, I thank you for being disciples of Jesus.

Sincerely yours in christ,  
Hermina



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



Saturday	July 24	4:00 pm	Jane Marie McDonald
Sunday	July 25	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Special Intention
		11:30 am	Dr. Francis Creedon
Monday	July 26	9:00 am	Romeo J. Roy
Tuesday	July 27	9:00 am	The Gillis & Thissell Families
Wednesday	July 28	9:00 am	Raymond F. Hall
Thursday	July 29	9:00 am	Geraldine Scarcella—1st Anniversary
Friday	July 30	9:00 am	Mary E. Gillis
Saturday	July 31	9:00 am	The Chisholm & Lydon Families
Saturday	July 24	4:00 pm	Fr. Charles Crowley
Sunday	July 18	8:00 am	The Scheidler & Loveday Families
		9:45 am	Michael Harrington
		11:30 am	Angela Fontaine

**Mass Times in the U.S.A.**  
 When traveling and looking for Mass times in the U.S.A.,  
 check [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org).

**St. Bartholomew Soccer  
 Fall/Spring 2010/2011 Registration:**

For 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and girls:  
 Applications will be available at  
 Town Hall beginning June 7.

More info online [www.stbartholomew-needham.org/  
 children\\_and\\_youth/sports](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_and_youth/sports)  
 or call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline  
 with questions at 781-444-6559.

**Volunteer Parent Coaches needed**



**Parish Office Summer Hours:** Effective immediately the parish office hours will be from **10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday**. During those hours there will be someone to answer your phone calls and receive parishioners at the door for Mass cards, etc.

**Please Volunteer:** At the present time there is a need for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. These ministries are vital to the celebration of Mass. There are a number of people who are away all summer which makes the need even greater. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to this call. You may contact Fr. Phil if interested.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education Classes

**Registration:** Don't forget...registration forms are available in the back of the Church and online!

**Catechists:** As our program continues to grow, we need more catechists to teach our children about their faith. You do not need to be an expert, only willing to learn and grow in your own faith and share it with others. For information on what it takes to be a catechist, speak to someone who is a catechist or to Maryellen Jennings (K-6) at mej161@comcast.net, or to Melisa Hughes (7th-10th) at melisahughes@comcast.net.

### Middle School Leadership Institute:

**"Witness to Hope", Aug. 12th-15th**, is an exciting overnight leadership institute specially designed for Roman Catholic Middle Schoolers who have completed grades 6, 7 or 8. The result is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a more effective leader and witness to hope. For more info, contact Danielle Olsen 617-746-5750 at the Archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office or Melisa Hughes at St. Bart's.

Lord, on the  
day I called  
for help, you  
answered  
me.

## Ministry Highlight—Eucharistic Minister

In a parish, like in a home, there is always more to be done than is possible by any one person. There are so many things that go on unseen by many in our parish family. One of the ministries in our parish that entails more than what is seen are our Eucharistic Ministers.

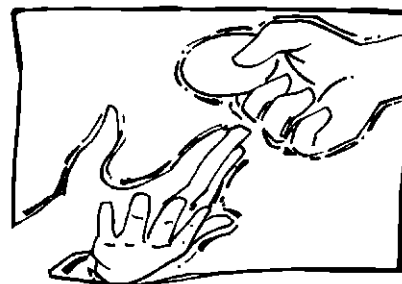
Eucharistic Ministers, also called Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, are the lay individuals who share the Eucharist with others both at Mass and in hospital and home settings. They are called "extraordinary" because they share this role with the priest who is the ordinary or regular (usual) minister of the Eucharist.

The first role of a Eucharistic Minister begins before even stepping into the car to head to church. The first role is prayer to have the grace to share the gift of Christ himself. Prayer, both as a habit and in specific preparation is what allows us to be aware that we are not simply distributing a wafer to a line of people, but to recognize Christ in each individual, and to offer the ultimate gift of mercy, of love and of salvation. It is not our gift to give but to share. In saying to another person, "the Body" or "The Blood" of Christ, we affirm our unity and solidarity with another person who is called into the family of God. This profound connection is only possible through prayer, because it is not based on knowing the person to whom the Eucharist is given, but on our shared faith and connection to the Lord.

We also have Eucharistic Ministers who visit the sick and homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, and in their homes. These are specially trained parishioners who pray with and for others too ill or otherwise unable to attend Mass weekly. These Eucharistic Ministers bring the encouragement, joy, and care of being in a community and connected in a deeply human way with each visit.

Thank you to our 56 Eucharistic Ministers for your willingness and availability to be the Lord's vessels through which we can receive Christ fully and physically.

If you feel called to witness and share the gift of the Eucharist with others, please set up a time to discuss this ministry with Fr. Phil



# STEWARDSHIP *Reflections*

## A WAY OF LIFE

### Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

#### “WHERE BE ME?”

A small boy, standing at his play table, playing with his train set, looked up to see his father taking pictures of him. He asked, “What doing, Daddy?” The father replied, “I’m taking your picture.” The small boy, running over to his father said “Let me see too.” Looking through the view finder, seeing the table with his trains on it, but not seeing himself in the picture, he asked “Where be me?”

As cute as this story is, the questions implied are very significant. Who am I? Where am I in the total picture of life? I expected to see “me” there. And maybe I don’t see ‘me’ where I think I should be. No one in life exists in just one role. You are a child, maybe a sibling, or a parent, a worker, a friend, a neighbor, a leader, a volunteer, a Christian steward; the list goes on. We are first and foremost a child of God, made in His image and likeness. But do we remember this and see ourselves in the picture with God always at our side? In this chaotic time in which we live, do we ever take time to reassess and say “Where be me?” As someone once said, “Life is not a dress rehearsal. This is the real thing.” We are all caught up in being so busy that another day, month, year goes by and we can’t figure out where it went and how come every year seems to go by faster than the one before it. Is life any fun? Do I find any true peace along the way? Is God an after thought, if He is any thought at all? Is this really the way I want to spend my life? Can I handle life’s messes that I have no control over? And welcome the challenge?

In today’s Gospel Jesus teaches us about His Father, a generous and loving Father. He teaches us about prayer, giving us the words to the Our Father. Say the words slowly and listen to what we are really praying for: ‘not just our daily bread, but more importantly for ultimate needs. Hallowed be His name; Thy kingdom come; the gift of forgiveness; for protection from anything that would take us from God’. “It is persistence in prayer that brings us deeper into our relationship with God and that assures us of the ultimate goal of life: eternal happiness with our Father.” (Living Liturgy) “Where be me?” Always in the picture with God as our center. And never out of focus.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862

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If anyone needs a ride to church or wishes home, assisted living, or hospital Communion, please call me.

## “DO JUST ONE THING”

~Barbara Dury

A summertime reflection – part 1

A couple of weeks ago, running from the rectory to the church, I stopped in the parking lot to say hello to a parishioner. I don’t remember exactly what prompted her to comment:

“You are always here. Are you sure you don’t live here?”

“Have you mastered the art of bi-location yet?”

“I don’t know how you get everything done that you have to do, where do you find the time?”

These are, for me, frequently heard questions and I replied with what has become my standard “quick off –the –cuff” but truthful responses:

“ No, I don’t live here but some days it certainly seems like it.”

“ No. The thought of having to attend two meetings at the same time is really more that I can bear.”

“I don’t find the time to get everything done. Unless God add an extra day or two to the week I never will, but that is really okay with me.”

What I do know is that I have spent a lot of time over the past couple of weeks thinking about my response to that last question: why is it okay with me? Because, I have finally learned to live in the moment by living just one day at a time doing just one thing at a time.

A Summertime reflection – part 2

One of the first things I have given up is trying to multi-task. I use to pride myself on being able to keep several balls in the air at one time. When I was trying to juggle many tasks at the same time my attention was always divided – all my effort went into keeping them all in the air – going from one thing to the next – each thing getting just enough attention so it didn’t fall. I never could fully enjoy any one task before I needing to turn my attention elsewhere so that I could make sure nothing would fall through the crack. Maybe it is my age but I find life is much more fun playing with just one ball at a time. I now give whatever it is I am doing my full attention and by doing this I have learned to appreciate each moment. Even my most dreaded chores, like ironing, have become opportunities for peace and reflection. I have discovered that I really like the smell of freshly ironed linen. But the biggest surprise of all – not only have I managed to reduce my level of stress, I actually enjoy each moment more, but I also am more efficient. I actually can get more done in the same amount of time with less stress when I live deliberately in the moment. For me not only does “haste makes waste” but living deliberately in each moment makes me feel more alive and more appreciative of the gift of life that each day is.

### **Activities for Families to Encourage Vocations**

- ⌘ As a family, make up a vocation prayer. Encourage every member to contribute to it. Pray it regularly together.
- ⌘ Talk to your children about vocations and the importance of priests, sisters, brothers and deacons in the Church and in your life. Explain how these dedicated persons enrich the Church by their example, service and prayer.
- ⌘ Use books and videos to familiarize your children with saints who are priests vowed religious. Use these lives of the saints as a springboard for discussion on these lifestyles.
- ⌘ In your family prayers include petitions for those called to priesthood and consecrated life. Remember by name those who minister to your family.
- ⌘ Cultivate an attitude of service by responding as a family to the needs of others. Seek out those in need and find ways to care for them.
  - ⌘ Share the story of your own vocational choice with your children. Celebrate the occasion of your wedding anniversary by sharing the story of your vocation to married life.
  - ⌘ Celebrate the family feast days with stories of their saint's special gifts or work for others.
  - ⌘ Name the gifts of each family member on their birthday. Express gratitude for these gifts.
- ⌘ Share with your children their Baptism pictures. Have the children make and send a card or note to the priest who baptized them promising him they will pray for them.
  - ⌘ Invite a priest to come and bless your home.
- ⌘ Watch TV shows that present heroic lifestyles. Help them to realize these are normal people with special dreams.
- ⌘ Challenge your adults to look at a Church-related vocation. Tell them about the gifts of ministry you see in them.

