

A hand is shown holding a single pearl in the palm. The background is a soft-focus field of wheat stalks under a warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

The Kingdom Of Heaven Is Like A Treasure

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

~Matthew 13:44-46

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 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The gospel today shows us that our faith is a precious treasure and a fine pearl always benefiting from refinement in our relationship to the Lord. Our daily challenges and whatever sufferings we experience can either cause our faith to be hurt or can lead to see how God brings good out of everything and leads us to deeper life.

Questions to ponder this week:

How is my faith helping me to be wise?

How do I bring the experience of weekly Mass to my daily life?

Catholic Appeal: We have almost reached our parish goal. Presently \$85,853 has been pledged which is 89.9% of our parish goal. Please, if you have not already participated in this worthy appeal, consider taking part in whatever way you can. The ever present needs of the poor are always with us. Some of the programs of our Archdiocese aid in helping those who are in such great need. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Second Collection This Weekend: There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses this 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:

The N. Thomas Wright's series of books called "Paul for Everyone" highlights each of the books of St. Paul.

STEWARDSHIP
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

STORIES/PARABLES/PERCEPTIONS

"A mother driving down the highway with her young son in the back seat was shocked when a convertible, filled with young people, passed her and the woman in the back seat suddenly stood up, stark naked. Her 5-year-old son, also shocked, shouted 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'"

OR

"A little boy fascinated with the very old family Bible was looking through it, when something fell out. It was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages. 'Mom, look what I found in the Bible.' 'What have you got there?' she asked. In astonishment he replied, 'I think I have found Adam's underwear'."

We need stories in our lives to smile, to see things from a different perspective, and frequently, to understand things more clearly. Sometimes we need stories because we don't process the simple truths presented. For the past few weeks we have been hearing the Gospel spoken through Jesus' parables. Over and over again He spoke the TRUTH. Sometimes we got it and sometimes we didn't. But over and over again He used the parable to explain His message. The events that are illustrated in these parables relate to our every day living experiences. We get it!

How often when we think of Jesus, His Father, Mary, the saints, do we think of the stories surrounding them? If you look at the Stations of the Cross, each is a story upon which we could focus. If you read and think about each of the Mysteries of the Rosary, you have an explanation of all the major beliefs of our religion. Each is a story upon which we could dwell and therefore, be in prayer. How often do we talk about these stories? How often do we tell our children a story about Jesus, His life, and His adventures?

Hopefully, these first two stories caused you to smile. Each child brought a different perspective of the event into being. Stories do that. Enjoy Jesus' stories; listen to His message; and think about their meaning to your life. But most of all, remember that Jesus wished for us to be happy and to be at peace. If we listen to and pay attention to His stories, we will be.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Please... THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN CONTENT IS NOON ON MONDAY ...Thank you!

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	July 28	9:00 am	Raymond Hall
Tuesday	July 29	9:00 am	For the intention of Elaine Fennessey
Wednesday	July 30	9:00 am	Frank Gillis
Thursday	July 31	9:00 am	The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Friday	August 1	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 2	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 2	4:00 pm	
Sunday	August 3	8:00 am	Special Intention
		9:45 am	John J. Kilcommons
		11:30 am	Michael Harrington

Scripture Readings

27	Sun	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/ Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
28	Mon	Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35
29	Tue	Jer 14:17-22 Jn 11:19-27o Lk 10:38-42
30	Wed	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46
31	Thu	Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53
1	Fri	Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58
2	Sat	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12
3	Sun	Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



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 19-20

Amount collected	\$5,203.85
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 796.15)

Thank you for your stewardship.

You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.

- Anonymous

Stewardship Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the gift of our unique talents and abilities. Help us to be eager to use these gifts to build up our Church, our parish, our community and our homes.

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

Generous God, you call us by name and ask us to follow you. Help us grow in the love and service of our Church. Give us the energy and spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless the church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our family and friends who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons and lay ministers. Inspire us to open our hearts and hear you call. 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. Our ARISE Parish Team presents its final set in the "5 for 10" series: 5 questions for 10 minutes of consideration and response. This week the focus is on Evangelization:

- 21. Whose evangelization efforts have brought me to the Church?
- 22. Do I recognize evangelization as an act of love?
- 23. Am I personally capable of evangelizing?
- 24. How does a disciple of Jesus Christ evangelize?
- 25. Do I want to learn more about the ARISE process as a vehicle for effective evangelization?

It is hoped that the questions in this five week series have demonstrated that the upcoming ARISE Together in Christ process will provide an excellent opportunity for all parishioners to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

Project Rachel: Do you know of someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with that pain. Project Rachel will offer three "Come to the Waters" healing retreats this fall: Saturday, September 6, October 18, or November 15. For more information and to register for the date of your choice, call 508-651-3100 or email: help@projectrachelboston.com. All information is held in strict confidence.

You Are Invited: Parishioners of all ages are cordially invited to a celebration in the West Region of the Archdiocese for the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Boston, which will take place at St. Mary's Church, 145 School St., Waltham on Sunday, Sept. 14th, beginning at 2:00 pm.

St. Mary's (est. 1839) was the first parish founded in the present West Region. There will be a Liturgy of the Word in the Church and a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. A social and refreshments will follow.

Children's Hospital Blood Drive

All local community members who:

- Are at least 17 years of age
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- Are in generally good health
- Have not donated whole blood within the last 56 days
- Tattoos and piercing are at least 1 year old

are asked to give the gift of life by donating blood at a drive sponsored by Trader Joe's on **Thursday, July 31, from 9 am-3 pm**, at Trader Joe's on 117 Kendrick St., Needham. The bus will be parked at the front parking lot. All successful donors will receive a free gift.

Please call to make an appointment by calling Sabina at 781-453-1756 or email at sgarinkol@traderjoes.com.



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.

