



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"
Matthew 14:27

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 for 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel, Jesus stretches out His hand to save Peter. How many times when we take our eyes off Jesus do we begin to sink into sin or disappointment or other ways? We all run into big storms in life. Jesus invites to always come to Him through reconciliation and other movements of God's graces. Faith, hope and love are virtues that help us to stay focused on the Lord Jesus. How do we encourage others as well to stay focused on the Lord Jesus?

Sunday Confessions: Confessions will be heard after all the Masses today.

Feast of the Assumption: Friday, August 15th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14th at 4:00 PM and on Friday, August 15th at 9:00 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Bible Study will begin in September with the Gospel of Mark to be followed with the letters of St. Paul.

Questions to ponder this week:

How do we try to conquer evil with goodness?

How do we offer hospitality to others?

How do we let the Word of Sacred Scripture speak to us each day?

Second Collection Next Weekend: Next weekend's collection is for the Home Missions which helps support missions here in the United States.

Recommended Reading: Letters of St. Paul, Pauline Books and Media.

STEWARDSHIP Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"MANNY BEING MANNY"

By this time most of us are tired of this phrase and a little less tolerant of all that this description implies. "After all, he is making 20 million dollars!" Is it just the money that makes us so upset or is that just part of it? Or is our annoyance based more on the fact that here is a man, given a special talent, and he fails to use that talent consistently? Could we accept him and this extraordinary amount of reward, if we felt that he respected what he had been given and tried with great effort to deliver positive results as often as he could, even though at times he was unable to make a difference? Or is Manny nothing more than an amusement for us to enjoy, talked about, get mad or laugh at, and generally occupy ourselves with until the next sports season? Do we admire his loose style, carefree attitude, and his "who cares" manner? Maybe we are even a little envious of this indulgent way of life. As Grandma always said "the grass always seems greener on the other side of the fence".

One of the major complaints some have with being Catholic is that they perceive this way of life as one that is always full of guilt. No matter what, somehow instructed guilt finds its way into most of our actions (or lack of). Right? Manny seems so guiltless. He seems to answer to no one. And that includes his bosses—the ones who give him this big paycheck! And for many years he got away with this behavior and still collected his money. Now he was found to be dispensable. And so he was traded. Enough was enough. Will we ever know the truth about how Manny feels about this? Does he have any regrets? Does he understand? Should we care?

Jesus gave His life trying to teach us about love, His Father, a way of life that respects all of creation and the gifts this includes for us to be happy. No matter our talents or abilities, we are all created equal, of the same value in His eyes, with the promise of the biggest reward possible—eternal salvation shared with Him in Heaven. Should the fact that He asked us to love and respect Him and our neighbors; to honor His name; to live according to the Ten Commandments fill us with guilt? Should the request by Him to live according to His Word to the best of our ability be a reason to dismiss this way of life as too restrictive or confining? Is being held accountable a bad thing? Should we admire and envy those, who don't acknowledge God given gifts and fail to use them appropriately? Are we still looking for the "winning ticket" or the easier road with less effort? God has expectations regarding the gifts He has given us. Guilt? Never!

Always love, divine forgiveness, and endless patience every time we come to bat. How would we feel if God, judging our behavior, said "Enough is enough" and we could be traded for all eternity?*

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* This is not a guilt question. It is one of accountability.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 9	4:00 pm	Billy & Phil Fahy
Sunday	August 10	8:00 am	Isabelle Reiz
		9:45 am	Margaret McElaney
		11:30 am	Martin & Catherine Cunniffe, Robert & Beatrice Sheedy and Mary Barrett
Monday	August 11	9:00 am	
Tuesday	August 12	9:00 am	
Wednesday	August 13	9:00 am	
Thursday	August 14	9:00 am	
		4:00 pm	Feast of the Assumption
		9:00 am	Paul Connolly
		5:30 pm	Feast of the Assumption
Friday	August 15	7:30 pm	Feast of the Assumption
		9:00 am	
Saturday	August 16	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 16	4:00 pm	Robert J. Roman—21st Anniversary
Sunday	August 17	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	JoAnne Fraini
		11:30 am	The Donovan Sisters

Scripture Readings

10	Sun	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
11	Mon	Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
12	Tue	Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
13	Wed	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20
14	Thu	Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
15	Fri	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab/1Cor 15:20-27/Lk1:39-56
16	Sat	Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
17	Sun	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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 August 2-3

Amount collected	\$5,257.45
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 742.55)

St. Patrick Mission Collection

Amount collected	\$2,664.72
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Thank you for your stewardship.

Catholic Appeal: Presently we are at 90% of our goal with \$86,103 having been pledged. If you have not already made a contribution please prayerfully consider doing so. The needs of the poor of this archdiocese are great. As we all know one of the ways we offer thanks to God for blessings received is by sharing with others. In any event thank you for all that you do.

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.

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.

Amy's Book Club

The book club will resume in September. The book that will be discussed is: Joan of Arc: Personal Recollections by Mark Twain, Publisher: Ignatius Press.

We also invite you to bring in a personal list of your summer readings to share when we meet again in September.

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 God, you are the creator of the universe. You have gifted me with life. You call me to be a light to the world through baptism. Help me to brighten our world by sharing my gifts in the service of others and respecting all creation. I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Pope Benedict II's Prayer for the Chinese People:

*May Mary Most Holy,
Mother of the Church and Queen of China,
who at the hour of the Cross patiently
awaited the morning of the Resurrection
in the silence of hope,
accompany you with maternal solicitude and
intercede for all of you,
together with Saint Joseph
and the countless Holy Martyrs of China.*

May the Olympics be a sign of peace, safety and unity!

Stewardship Prayer

God of heaven and earth, creator of all things -
We lift up our prayers to you in gratitude for all that we
are and all that we have.

See *Disney's Beauty & the Beast* and support the arts in Catholic20education – A talented group of Catholic high school students and alumni from 19 communities including one from Needham in a fully staged version of the show in the beautiful Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts. There are both matinee and evening performances August 14-17. The proceeds from this year's show will help Trinity Catholic to renovate its performance space. Please call 617-933-8600 or visit www.bostontheatrescene.com for ticket information or call Brian Denning, Director of Advancement at Trinity for group rates – 617-244-1841, x314.

ARISE Together in Christ

In the fall, our parish will launch the ARISE Together in Christ program for Achieving Renewal, Inspiration, Sharing and Evangelization.

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 we focus on Renewal:

6. Does my relationship with God need renewal?
7. Do I yearn for a renewal in my relationships with people?
8. Will spiritual renewal help me to be a better family member, friend, and co-worker?
9. What should a disciple of Jesus Christ try to renew?
10. Do I want to learn more about the ARISE renewal process?

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

Sinking Fear

By Dr. Scott Hahn

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will?

God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him.

In each case, the Lord makes himself present amid frightening tumult - heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes.

Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10-15; Exodus 19:17-19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18-23).

The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9-10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks - "It is I" - are those God used to identify himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10).

Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst.

Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel.

We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives - that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps, will save us whenever we begin to sink.

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