

Then Jesus
said to her in
reply, "*O*
woman,
great
is your
faith!"

Matthew
15:28



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 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Following Jesus is very challenging at times. What would Jesus like to say to each of us? We know that when we choose to put the words of Jesus into action that sometimes a conflict arises with the wishes of society. By virtue of our Baptism we become part of the struggle to live and proclaim the message of Jesus Christ. We are invited and even challenged to be open to hearing God's word and seeking ongoing conversion to God's kingdom of love, justice, and mercy.

I hope the summer has been a wonderful one for you. Coming in September: The scripture course this fall will be Women in the Bible. This will include both the Old and New Testaments and, hopefully, will help all of us come to a new awareness of the many wonderful ways and the wonderful contributions that women have made in biblical times. This promises to be an enriching time for all who attend.

Importance of Renewal in Liturgical Ministries:

Taking time to renew makes a major difference in energy level, attitude and quality of work. In time of renewal we can always experience so many ways that God blesses us. In the fall there will be times of renewal for all ministries in this parish. We are preparing for this now. As we approach a milestone in the history of this archdiocese may each of us be open to the Holy Spirit and to renew the inner spirit for the good of all those we serve.

Second Collection This Weekend: The Catholic Home Mission Collection helps to support and strengthen communities where the number of Catholics might be low and pastors are struggling to keep mission parishes afloat. Part of the money from this collection also helps in the Military services so that Catholics may receive the sacraments, counseling and comfort on military bases throughout the world.

Stewardship Prayer

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism you invite each of us to share the gift of life in service to others. Hear our prayers as we strive to be good stewards.

STEWARDSHIP
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"BROTHERS AND SISTERS: I SPEAK THE TRUTH IN CHRIST, I DO NOT LIE;....." (Romans 9:1-5 - A Reading of Saint Paul to the Romans)

Mom to her child: "Did you eat that cookie?" Child, standing on a chair at the counter with his/her mouth covered in chocolate, "No, I was just looking at them."

Do we smile or say to ourselves that he/she is lying. Are there degrees to lying? Is a lie always a lie or is a lie sometimes not a lie depending on the circumstances? What is a lie? Can it be so simply defined as to say it is a statement made with the absence of truth in its content? Who defines the truth in the statement? Is it the one making the statement or the one listening to the statement?

Webster answers this question by stating that a lie is "an assertion of something known or believed by the speaker to be untrue with the intent to deceive OR an untrue or inaccurate statement that may or may not be believed true by the speaker OR something that misleads or deceives."

Summer time is a good time for reflection. It goes well with lying on the beach, sitting on the deck, a walk in the woods, a long ride in the car. How am I living my life relative to the truth? Do I face up to difficult situations with honesty? Do I make so many excuses for behavior because I am so weary of consequences, that I don't even know how truthful I am any more? Would others I am in contact with, think of me as a truthful person? Do I think I live in the truth? Do we ever ponder on the thought that every day in every way, how I live my life reflects on my love for the Lord? I am a Christian---a lover of Christ and one who tries to live a Christ like life. Are we so busy in life that we can't be bothered to be truthful?

Webster puts the responsibility on the speaker. "Untruth or intention to deceive" are the key elements. Are life and our connections with each other and God so unimportant that we do not hold these relationships in high enough esteem that our actions do not reflect our love for the truth? The Church holds off the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation until the age of reason. We have to know and understand the meaning of what is right or wrong in order to make that choice. "I speak the truth in Christ. I do not lie...." I will not speak the lie. I will not live a lie. "Intent to deceive; untrue or inaccurate statement; misleading; are not descriptive words of my Lord, nor should they be of me, His steward. STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE "My conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness...."

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	August 16	4:00 pm	Robert J. Roman—21st Anniversary
Sunday	August 17	8:00 am	Special Intention
		9:45 am	JoAnne Fraini
		11:30 am	The Donovan Sisters
Monday	August 18	9:00 am	Marie Higgins
Tuesday	August 19	9:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Wednesday	August 20	9:00 am	
Thursday	August 21	9:00 am	
Friday	August 22	9:00 am	Ernestine Mulkern
Saturday	August 23	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 23	4:00 pm	James O'Shea
Sunday	August 24	8:00 am	John Schortmann—10th Anniversary
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church

Scripture Readings

17	Sun	Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/ Mt 15:21-28 (118)
18	Mon	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
19	Tue	Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
20	Wed	Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
21	Thu	Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
22	Fri	Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
23	Sat	Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
24	Sun	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/ Mt 16:13-20



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

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.

Weekend of August 9-10

Amount collected	\$5,000.05
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 999.95)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Loving God, help us follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in willingly giving ourselves in service to your church. Stir up the grace of priestly and religious vocations in the hearts of many within our community and send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them in answering your call. Amen.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
WITH SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMING**

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR PARISH PICNIC ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH,
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS.

THE FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN WITH AN OUTDOOR BBQ AND KIDS' ACTIVITIES. THEN, WE WILL GO INSIDE TO LISTEN TO THE WONDERFUL MUSIC OF OUR SPECIAL GUEST—JULIET LLOYD. JULIET IS AN ACCOMPLISHED SINGER/SONGWRITER AND WAS NAMED BOSTON'S BEST FEMALE VOCALIST. HER PERFORMANCE IS SURE TO BE AMAZING! TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES AND DURING WEEKDAY OFFICE HOURS IN THE RECTORY STARTING AUGUST 25TH.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS EVENT!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED—PLEASE CONTACT JEANNE AT 781-400-5083.

Arise Together In Christ

WHAT IS "ARISE"?

Arise is six week series offering us the opportunity to **share our faith**. We gather in small groups to reflect on specific themes and questions, and have the chance to examine your own faith and by sharing it with others, be open to growth and new perspectives in how your faith shapes your day to day life.

(What it is not)

It is not a course

It is not a gossip group, a planning group nor is it a committee of any kind

It is not an obligation

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Each six week series, called "Seasons", will have **different themes** that build on the last to help enter into the experience more deeply. This does not mean that if you miss a season you will no longer be able to participate but rather that each season has a different focus that guides us on a journey to a more fulfilling relationship with the Lord in your everyday life.

Season I Fall 2008 - Encountering Christ Today

Season II Lent 2009 - Change Our Hearts

Season III Fall 2009 - In the Footsteps of Christ

Season IV Lent 2010 - New Heart, New Spirit

Season V Fall 2010 - We Are the Good News!

WHO IS IT FOR?

Everyone! Unlike clothing that states, "one size fits all" (which rarely fits anyone), **everyone is welcome** to seek out a small group that best fits you. Groups will be formed based on location, age/lifestyle (i.e. young adults, family), schedule, etc.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

On **Saturday Sept 13th & Sunday September 14th** St Bart's will hold the kick off where you will have the opportunity to sign up for a group that interests you. Each group has a facilitator, the facilitator helps ensure that all have the opportunity to speak openly and to help the conversation among the group members flow;

WHEN IS IT AND WHAT SORT OF TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?

The first "Season" starts in early October. Groups meet for **90 minutes each week for six weeks**. There will be a six week series in the Fall and Lent each year for the next 3 years though each "Season" will have it's own sign up Sunday. Small Groups will **set their own schedule**; some will meet in the evenings, others during the day.

WHERE DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

Small groups meet in a location that suits the group, mostly this will be **in the home** of the facilitator, though it is possible that a group may choose a local restaurant or the rectory to best accommodate their gatherings.

WHY SHOULD I BOTHER?

Arise is an **exciting** new program and we will be participating hand in hand with other parishes around the diocese doing the same thing. Over time, our faith can erode or become too comfortable. Come for the companionship, challenges, and new light to renew and reignite your faith!

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Go to our website, <http://stbartholomew-needham.org/arise/index.html> or speak to an Arise Team member: Allan & Patty Doyle, Carolyn Maynard, Peggy Powers, Dorothea O'Connell, Doug Motchok, David Tremblay, George Thissell.

Collection for Lindos Suenos Program

Dear St. Bartholomew Community:

One of our students who was Confirmed earlier this year, was 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.

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.

Donations may be made through the Labor Day weekend.

Thank you!

ARISE Together in Christ

Our parish is preparing to 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. Inspiration is our focus this week.

11. What inspires me to improve my relationship with God?
12. How do I inspire others to increase their faith?
13. Where do I look for inspiration?
14. How should a disciple of Jesus Christ inspire others?
11. Do I want to learn more about the inspiring ARISE process?



"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." We only need to call on Jesus to help us have the best Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are Sept. 19-21, Oct. 17-19 and Dec. 5-7.

For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at S1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at

www.wwme.org