

Lord,
your
love
endures
forever



psalm 138:8

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.



Reflections for 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

As is often is the case the question that Jesus asks Peter is a question we need to answer for ourselves as well. Each of us is important to Jesus for who we are not for what we do. Jesus asks for each of us to take part in His mission and in the building of His kingdom of love, justice and mercy.

Peter’s act of faith was an important beginning element of the Church. We too acknowledge Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior. We are with others too who help us. What do we need to change in ourselves to help to welcome others into God’s kingdom?

Request for **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** We are in need of both lectors and Eucharistic ministers. If you are interested please call the rectory. We will train you. I will also be approaching some people to ask for help in these important ministries.

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.

Stewardship Prayer

That we may joyfully return to Our Lord a fair and grateful portion of the many gifts God has given to us.

STEWARDSHIP

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

A GOSPEL OF GIFTS: REVELATION, FAITH, CHURCH, LEADERSHIP (Living Liturgy, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Times 2008)

Impossible to believe is the fact that we have only one week left of summer. The end of summer is defined by most as the last week before Labor Day. Weather wise, it may not have been the most beautiful of summers; but it was the season we dreamed of all winter. As with all seasonal endings, changes in our lives will happen. The relaxed attitude and living ends for most with the beginning of a new school year and it’s back to business, longer hours and greater intensity.

Overlooked in the excitement of change, a new school, teachers, friends, a new job, etc., is the courage it takes to go forth into an unknown. Whether you are going into kindergarten, or going off to middle school, high school or college or starting a new job, it is a bit scary. And it can be a very lonely feeling as you do battle in your new environment. Even those, who are older, are no less fearful than the youngest. This initial fear must be respected and not ignored by those of us, who have gone through it. As we smile knowing that once the newness disappears, the experiences to be had will be exciting. We must not dismiss these fears as unfounded. They are most real. How much easier and better this entry into the new world would be, if we knew that we were never alone. How many children, young adults, and older adults really believe that their Guardian Angels always go with them, protecting them as directed by our Lord? How many of us even believe in these Angels?

In today’s Gospel Simon Peter is asked by Jesus, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” he replied. Jesus’ response to Simon Peter was that he would never have known this, if it had not been revealed to him “by My heavenly Father”. Jesus blessed him, gave him the keys to the kingdom, and sent him and disciples forth. Peter and the disciples were able to do their “work” successfully, an unknown experience for them, because at all times the Lord was present within them. “REVELATION, FAITH, CHURCH, LEADERSHIP” gifts from the Lord, given to those who most needed them. How much better would we be, if we remembered that the Lord has also given each of us so many gifts. We have been given the gift of opportunity and the gifts of personal attributes that will carry us over these initial scary times. We are never alone, if we believe. We, the parents, relatives, friends, can support those we love (another gift), but everyone must go forth to experience life in his/her own unique way. How wonderful to remember and feel, as Simon Peter did, that our Heavenly Father has blessed us too and sent us on our way.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862 e-mail: kreilly15@yahoo.com

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	August 25	9:00 am	Arleen Mitchell
Tuesday	August 26	9:00 am	
Wednesday	August 27	9:00 am	
Thursday	August 28	9:00 am	
Friday	August 29	9:00 am	Charles & Edwina Barnes
Saturday	August 30	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 30	4:00 pm	Mary O'Brien
Sunday	August 31	8:00 am	Francis H. McManus
		9:45 am	Martin Fitzpatrick—1st Anniversary
		11:30 am	Antonio Moniz

Scripture Readings

24	Sun	Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20
25	Mon	2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
26	Tue	2 Th 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26
27	Wed	2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
28	Thu	1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
29	Fri	1 Cor 1:17-25 /Mk 6:17-29*
30	Sat	1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30



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

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.

Sign-Up Sunday Sept 14th 2008

 *Collections*

Weekend of August 16-17

Amount collected	\$ 5060.88
Amount needed	\$ 6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ (939.12)
Home Missions	\$1740.00

Thank you for your stewardship

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 in September.

Feast of St Bartholomew - Aug 24th

Prayer to St. Bartholomew

O Jesus, Saint Bartholomew's greatest desire was to know the truth.

When first informed about You, his initial reaction was, "How can anything good come from Nazareth?" But as soon as he met You, he wanted to become one of Your disciples. You said of him, "Here is a man in whom there is no deception."

I ask him to pray against the deceptions that are influencing me and the people I know. Help us to experience Your affirmation when we are honest, give us courage to resist lying as a means of self-protection, and inspire our minds to recognize the truth when we hear it.

Saint Bartholomew, pray for us. Amen.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- Classes begin 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 to 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 - 10th grade. Students in Catholic Schools contact the Religious Ed. office for information regarding Sacramental Preparation.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starts Sunday Sept 21st 9:45 Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word is an opportunity for children 3 years old + to hear the Word of God (readings and Gospel) and a reflection at an age appropriate level. Children are dismissed with a blessing after the opening prayer and return at the time of the offertory. Parents always welcome to stay.

Anyone interested in proclaiming this ministry please contact Melisa Hughes 781-444-4343 or melisahughes@comcast.net

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



Fall/Spring 2008/2009 Registration:

Please call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline for registration, info, or questions **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 for both fall 2008 & spring 2009 season.

Protecting God's Children

All volunteers must complete a one-time awareness training "Protecting God's Children" PRIOR to starting their service.

Sign up online at: <http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/protecting-gods-children-signup-form>

St. Joe's "Team Week" Fundraiser

Saint Joseph's and Modell's have teamed up and are offering 10% off all your purchases for a month at Modell's in Newton. If you shop at Modell's for back to school items and sporting goods from **August 15 through September 11**, Saint Joseph Parish will receive 5% back from the total of your purchases. You may shop as often as you wish during that time period, just remember to use the Modell's coupon (extra coupons are also available at the store). Coupons for 10% off at Modell's are available at the doors of the church.

If you have further questions, contact Bud Sumner at bsumner@sumnertoner.com.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the savior of the world. Please manifest in your church the spirit whom you also abundantly bestowed on your apostles. Call very many to priesthood and religious Life. May zeal for your glory and for the salvation of the world inflame those you have chosen. May they be saints in your likeness. May our holy spirit strengthen them May they be priests and religious according to your own heart. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE !

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC WITH SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMING

PLEASE JOIN US ON
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH,
AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS

FESTIVITIES WILL BEGIN WITH AN OUTDOOR BBQ & 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 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,

Arise Together in Christ Sign Up Weekend

At All Masses the weekend of **Sept 13th & 14th**

Look for Arise Team members to sign up to join an Arise group. Groups offered at a variety of days/times as well as groups geared toward specific life experiences

Appreciation from Fr Ted

Dear Wonderful parishioners of St Bartholomew, May God bless and reward you abundantly. I grab this opportunity to thank you for your kindness, hospitality, love and generosity that you showed me. You are a true image of a missionary church. Your Christian life and devotion to the Eucharist are so evident. Keep up the good faith . I will keep these good memories of you and be remembering you in my daily Masses.

For those who are young in faith, I wish you God’s enlightenment, hope and fulfillment. For the aged, I wish you God’s strength and protection, peace, joy and happiness.

For those who responded to my invitation last Sunday and for those who could not come because of unavoidable preoccupations, I thank you so much. For those who contributed in any way (prayer, money, material) to support my missionary activity in Africa, I am so grateful for your generosity. I kindly ask parishioners to continue supporting me and other missionaries, morally, spiritually, and materially. I will be leaving on Friday the 29th of August 2008. Please keep in your prayers

Sincerely, Fr (Ted) Thaddeus Mokaya SMA

NB If you wish to keep contact, Barbara Dury will have all details of our contacts

If you are sending any money for a particular intention, feel free to indicate:

1. To who? For example Fr Ted SMA Fathers ADF OR
2. To help: a student, poor, sick, orphan, building, etc...

We will always update you on the wok of your donation.

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?
15. Do I want to learn more about the inspiring ARISE process?

Next week’s “5 for 10” questions will be on Sharing.

FATHER TAD KENYA

Two thousand years after Saul of Taurus wrote those letters, Father Tad of the African Mission Fathers talked about his native country in Africa. He spoke during the year dedicated to St. Paul, in an almost empty Catholic Church outside of Boston. Father Tad's audience included a couple of folks named Anne, two named Bob, and an even dozen of their friends.

Kenya, home to 33 million people, is a little larger than California, a little smaller than Texas. Their National Road is paved, is almost as wide as Route 9. The priest travels by car when the roads permit, but must use his bicycle on most roads. The distance from Uganda on the east coast to Ethiopia on the west coast is about 500 miles. North to South the distance between borders is about 300 miles. A small coastline of Lake Victoria on the west, and one port on the Indian Ocean in the east are important assets. No donkeys or camels for transportation in Kenya. People walk, long distances. Camels, we learn, exist only in northern Africa. There's a story about a couple of boy scouts exploring a cave in the National Wild Animal Preserve who bumped into a herd of elephants living in the cave.

It's a safe bet that nobody in Father Tad's audience speaks Swahili, one of the 43 languages spoken in Kenya. Father's English is understandable when his American listeners pay close attention.

Father Tad talked about his own family. He had to quit school for two years when his father's serious illness forced the family into poverty. Although dependent on their son's income, his parents readily sent him away to school when that chance was offered. He converted to Catholicism, then gave his life to the priesthood.

The majority of Kenya's 33 million souls live in villages. Priests are looked up to with honor and esteem. Parishioners expect the priest to be able to do anything. In the country where famine is a reality, Father Tad is unable to meet their needs. He does not have the power to cure the sick, educate the young, provide food for the starving. He brings them the Good News of Jesus Christ. He brings comfort to the dying, and hope, where Hope is a rare commodity indeed.

In this year dedicated to St. Paul, author of those letters two thousand years ago, it is refreshing to report that the spirit of St. Paul is alive and well. Whether it's that fellow named Robert who "saw wrong and tried to right it", or the Boston University writer named Andrew, who wrote the book about "The Limits of Power", or one sincere and hard working young priest speaking in an almost empty church.

St. Paul made a well-documented exit in a basket, lowered over the town wall, after he was expelled from the synagogue. We don't know if he left with money, or with nothing but his life. Father Tad is leaving on a jet plane this week, with a few envelopes from his grateful listeners. His talk was a magic moment on Sunday afternoon. Surely the presence of the > Lord was in this place, St. Bartholomew Church, in Needham, MA, on August 17, 2008.