



*R*ather, when you hold a banquet, invite
the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
blessed indeed will you be because of their
inability to repay you. For you will be repaid
at the resurrection of the righteous.

Luke 14:13-14

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Prayer Line

This is a phone network of people who pray for special intentions. Call 781-444-3434 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.



Reflection on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time: The readings today remind us that we can be more attentive to the lonely people we know. We know the importance of seeing all people as equal in the kingdom of God and in Gods' eyes. The readings raise the issue of how do we welcome people into our lives. How do we make people feel important to us and let them know how much we value and cherish them? All of us are somebody in Gods' eyes. Each of us is very dependent on God. We are told to learn from Jesus because He is meek and humble of heart. Notice who Jesus invites to His Eucharistic table. Who do we invite to our tables? Notice also that to invite means to offer an opportunity of beginning a friendship, of calling another person to be part of our lives, of sharing one's time, interests, talents and treasures with another. Jesus does this for us and invites us to do the same for others.

Please enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Please continue to pray for Sr. Julie as she has requested.

Catholic Appeal: Presently our parish has pledged \$75,185 which is 83.5% of our goal. Thank you!

Bible Classes will resume on Monday, September 20, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room in the rectory.

Thank you, Fr. Janusz: It hardly seems possible that Fr. Janusz's time with us is coming to an end on Thursday of this coming week. He is a very bright and talented priest who has proven to be a blessing to us this summer. We say "thank you", assure him of our prayers and wish him well in all of his future activities in the ministry of the Lord Jesus.

Ministry Highlight: Hospitality

In last week's highlight, it was mentioned that greeters are often the first element of our hospitality ministry that people experience; but it is nonetheless just one element of the ways we work to make people feel welcome.

If you are new to the parish over the last few years it is likely that someone called to welcome you and visited you with a basket of goodies to sit down and explain some of the things going on in the parish.

On the first Sunday of the month (October through June) we serve donuts, coffee and juice, really it is a nice time to meet with other parishioners and chat, but a sweet treat for kids and adults makes it a pleasant morning where people like to linger.

If you have buried someone close to you here at St. Bart's, likely a lovely woman has stopped by with a platter of sandwiches as a gift from the parish. A small way to give you strength for all you are feeling and doing in conjunction with someone's passing.

The Bereavement ministry also hosts a luncheon after our annual Bereavement Mass for all the families who have lost someone in the past year.

Hospitality overlaps with many of our other ministries. It is a deliberate part of everything that we do as a parish. Hospitality is present when we visit our elderly parishioners, help them with errands, drive them to appointments, and help with other things that life sometimes brings. You offer hospitality in St. Bart's name when you pick up lasagna and an apple crisp for someone you know who could use some comfort and help. The Circle of Comfort takes a few evenings a year to prepare them so they can be picked up any time in the rectory.

The Hospitality Ministry is an "umbrella organization" comprised of a group of parishioners who, often behind the scenes, sets the scene for the programs and events at the parish. One person cannot do it all. In order to have Community Sunday, for example, someone got up early, picked up the donuts, made the coffee, set out all that was needed, all so that we could come in and enjoy. May visiting our parish truly be visiting God's House.

Every time you walk in and smile to see a room nicely set up and prepared with food and drinks, or give thanks to our gracious Lord for those unseen people who made it happen. If you could be one of those unseen people, please contact the parish office. Your presence will bring a smile to someone.

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



Saturday	August 28	4:00 pm	James O'Shea
Sunday	August 29	8:00 am	Jane Marie McDonald
		9:45 am	Paul & Dorothy Connolly
		11:30 am	Charles & Edwina Barnes
Monday	August 30	9:00 am	Jane Hall - Birthday Memorial
Tuesday	August 31	9:00 am	Antonio Monish
Saturday	September 4	9:00 am	Edith Campbell
Saturday	September 4	4:00 pm	John Harrington & the McCarthy Family
Sunday	September 5	8:00 am	Francis H. McManus
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	

Youth Choir

The St. Bartholomew Youth Choir will have its first rehearsal for the 2010-2011 year on **Sunday, September 19th from 5- 6 PM in the church.** Any young person, third grade through high school, is welcome to join Youth Choir. Last year, our group was blessed with kids ranging from third grade through the eleventh grade, and we enjoyed working on a variety of music, including Traditional, Christian Contemporary, and Gospel. We are looking forward to another great year. We are also looking for youth or adult instrumentalists who would like to join our group. The Youth Choir practices approximately three Sundays per month, from 5-6 PM, and will sing at the 9:45 AM Mass the first Sunday of each month, beginning with the 9:45 Mass on October 3rd. If you are interested, contact Youth Choir Director Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177, or just come to the first rehearsal on September 19th.

St. Bartholomew Soccer

Thank you to all who helped get the program underway again this year!

Important Coaches meeting Thursday, Sept 2nd, 6:00pm in Ward Hall for new coaches who have not taken Protecting God's Children (CAP training); 7:30pm for those who have done the training.

Protecting God's Children

All parish volunteers are required to attend a one-time sexual abuse prevention training, "Protecting God's Children" (CAP training) as part of our Safe Environment policy. If you have never done this training or are a new parish volunteer in any capacity, plan to attend one of the following training sessions:

- Sunday, Sept 19th, 7-9pm in the McCulloch Room (St. Seb's)
- Sunday, Sept 26th, 7-9pm in the Linse Room (St. Joe's)
- Wednesday, Oct 6th, 7-9pm in the Linse Room (St. Joe's)

Please call St. Bart's parish office to register.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Classes

2010-2011 **class calendars** are posted online:
www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_and_youth/religious-education

Religious Education Classes start **Monday, September 20th** for all grades.

Classes for **Kindergarten – 6th grade** are held **Mondays 4:00 – 5:00pm**

Classes for **7th – 10th grade** are held every **OTHER Mondays 7:00 – 8:30pm**

Registration: Forms are available in the parish office, online, and at the back of the church. Please note at this point there is a late fee for registrations. This helps to cover the costs of extra shipping charges, and increased book/resource rates.

- As always, the fees help to cover the cost of the program, if money is tight at this time, there are full/partial scholarships, just let us know what we can do to make things easier.

Children must be registered prior to the first day of class so that registrations can be processed and children assigned to a class before they can begin.

- Generally children in Public/Secular schools begin Religious Education classes in **Kindergarten** and continue yearly through 10th grade to formally supplement the faith development you do already as a family at home as well as Mass.
- **Catholic School children entering 2nd grade** preparing to receive First Penance and First Communion should register and attend classes throughout the school year 2010-2011
- **Catholic School students entering 10th grade** should register, but students do not begin classes until January 2011 for Confirmation preparation.

A Pre-School drop-in program is offered during the K-6th grade session. This program is free and does not require registration but we ask that a parent/adult stay with the child. Any child at least 3 years old is welcome to hear stories and do simple crafts to start learning about God, our Church and holidays.

Catechists: IF you could squeeze in about 2 hours a week AND have an excitement to see kids get excited about God AND want to expand your own faith... You might be called to be a CATECHIST!

HELP! In order to run safe & effective programs several more catechists are needed:

To help with **K-6th grade** – contact Maryellen Jennings mej161@msn.com or for **7th – 10th grade** contact Melisa Hughes melisahughes@comcast.net

*** Students 17 years old and up, single people, families without children at home, as well as parents of current students - prayerfully consider assisting in the program ***

Catechist meeting – Open the year with guests Ann Grey & Barbara Whitlock from Living the Liturgical Year for Catholics Blog – Monday, Sept 13th, 6:00 – 9:00pm in Ward Hall.

Altar Servers

A fun, interesting and faith-filled ministry

Altar Servers are essential to the church; assisting on the altar helps Mass run smoothly and beautifully and a great opportunity for children, teens & adults to experience the Mass in a new way.

Altar Servers can be either boys or girls in at least 4th grade who have received First Penance and First Communion. As some of our “veteran” Servers go off to college, we are looking for new Servers for all Masses. Training times will be announced in September.

Altar Server Appreciation Mass with Cardinal Sean O’Malley **Saturday October 2nd 2010 11:00am** Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Mass followed by “Make Your Own Sundae” Social. Register by calling the parish office and leave Servers’ name and how many guests will attend.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Children are invited to come hear the Readings, Gospel, and reflection in a child-friendly manner while Moms and Dads listen and reflect at an adult level during Mass. Free & no registration needed, Children’s Liturgy begins **Sunday, Sept 12th, at the 9:45am Mass.**

STEWARDSHIP *Reflections*

JUST DO ONE THING

I find it hard to believe that next weekend and the celebration of Labor Day, for most of us, means the end of summer. I hope that all have had the chance to relax and recharge for the coming year. As we all come back together and get ready return to our "normal" routines a favorite topic of conversation is what we did over the summer: the trips we took, the people we visited, the books we read, the adventures we had at camp.

What did I do this summer? The focal point of my summer was a course that I took titled "God and the Mystery of Suffering". As I head for the finish line in the Master of Ministry Program offered by St. John's Seminary, I discovered that I needed another elective in spirituality if I was still planning to graduate this coming May ...so that is what I did. It turned out to be one of the most fascinating and thought-provoking classes I have taken.

What did I learn? Suffering is part of human nature; no one can avoid it. The ability to know that we suffer is one of the things that defines us as a human being. God does not directly cause our suffering but He allows it; but even as he allows it He is always there with us to help us through it; to give us consolation, strength and courage. Suffering is not only redemptive when we unite it with the saving suffering of Jesus Christ but it can also be transformative for each one of us. How we handle our own pain and suffering, and the pain and suffering of others, helps to define who we are as a human being. Our truth is that the why of human suffering remains hidden from us in the mystery of God. We do not get the chance to determine when and how we suffer but we do get the chance to decide how we handle it, how we live our life.

During this course I was constantly reminded of a favorite quote of mine by Albert Einstein: "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." I choose to live my life as if everything is a miracle. What about you?

~Barbara Dury

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE FRUITS OF THE HARVEST

As the summer days shorten, the nights cool and darken earlier, and seasonal changes are felt, our thoughts and actions take on different meanings. If we have children, school plans become a priority. If we are retired, maybe we begin to think about our winter plans. If we have become unemployed, getting a job seems to take on an increased urgency. Physically the world is changing around us. It is time for the harvest. If we have personally put forth the love and work, the benefits will be directly ours. But the possibility of harvest may also come to us through the labors of others.

All harvest is a gift. "And God's love is His first gift and the one through which all others come. And God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us when Jesus promised never to leave us alone. We may be wounded or dead to this love because of sin; but the first effect of His love is forgiveness. Through prayer and the Sacraments, we can reap the rewards of forgiveness. Our harvest is His pledge or first fruits of our inheritance....which is to love as God has loved us. We will receive a new life in Christ made possible because we have received power from the Holy Spirit. By this power of the Spirit, God's children can bear much fruit. He who has grafted us onto the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit....love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. We live by the Spirit; the more we renounce ourselves, the more we walk by the Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven, and adopted as children, given confidence to call God 'Father' and to share in Christ's grace, called children of light and given a share in eternal glory." *

As we become somewhat obsessed with the physicality of the changing world around us and our place in it, let us pause and remember the true harvest which we are promised if we work in the fields of 'knowing, loving, and serving Him in this life in order to spend our next life with Him for all eternity.' Truly, that is the greatest harvest of all!

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* "The Holy Spirit - God's Gift" 733-736 Catechism of the Catholic Church

Prayer Group: The G.I.F.T. prayer group or **G**rowing in **F**aith **T**ogether meetings will resume **Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 10:00 am**, following the 9:00 am Mass. The meeting will be in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. We welcome any and all to join us for a short social followed by a very prayerful gathering to reflect on the coming week's Gospel and a quiet, prayerful joining of all present to end the hour. Please come. It is an hour that can change your life. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862.

St. Bartholomew's Book Club will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. The club meets the last Tuesday of the month. Please come one and all and meet new authors, learn about good books you might have missed, renew friendships and meet and make new friends. We invite you to bring news of the books you have read over the summer. What books do you recommend others to read or maybe not. This is a fun, relaxed hour. This year we would truly like to increase the size of our Book Club and the depth and breadth of our combined literary experiences. We welcome you to bring a lunch, drink, (or not) and especially news of a great reading journey you have had. Questions? Call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862.

School Supplies

All children need adequate supplies in order to learn. As a parish, we will be collecting new school supplies for families for whom these yearly expenses are impossible throughout the month of August.

We are collecting supplies for children in Elementary, Middle and High School

Supplies may be dropped off at the table near the altar until Aug. 29th



Time to register for ARISE Season 5! *We Are the Good News!*

*Only if you are new to Arise. It is not necessary to register if you are continuing with the same group.

For the past two years we have been on a spiritual journey in which we were invited to **ARISE Together in Christ**.

This is the last of the small group sessions.

- In the first season of **ARISE** we were invited to encounter Jesus Christ in Scripture.
- In the second season of **ARISE** we recognized the need to change our hearts in ways to prepare for experiencing the Risen Lord at Easter.
- In the third season of **ARISE** we became disciples as we walked in the footsteps of Christ living lives of charity and justice.
- In the fourth season of **ARISE**, we experienced a new heart and a new spirit as we explored the need for forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing.

We are now entering Season 5 of **ARISE Together in Christ**. During these next six sessions, we will discover that we are called to be Good News for other people. What does it mean to be Good News? The technical term for it is "evangelization," and it simply means bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into every human situation.

**SIGN-UP WEEKENDS September 11th & 12th
AND 18th & 19th after all Masses
Faith Sharing starts October 3, 2010**



First Annual Family Fun Day: The Boston Irish Pastoral Centre is sponsoring this Fun Day at Braintree High School, 128 Town St., Braintree on **Sunday, Sept. 12, from 2:00-6:00 pm**. There will be kiddie races, mommies /daddies races, egg & spoon races, face painting. Wear your county jerseys...suitable for toddlers - teens. Lots of other fun activities. Call 617-479-7404 with any questions.