

*I*n the same way,
everyone of you who
does not renounce all
his possessions cannot
be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

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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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time: On this weekend as we celebrate Labor Day, let us be mindful of all the ways that we are blessed in this country because of the efforts of those who have gone before us. They are the ones who worked to insure the dignity of human labor and the rights of all who must work to sustain themselves and their families.

The readings today are asking us to realize that nothing in life comes without cost. We are encouraged to ask God for the gift of wisdom which is a gift that guides us on our spiritual journey. Living the gospel values requires this gift of wisdom. Following Jesus must influence our attitude toward family, friends and possessions. The readings and the holiday we are celebrating encourage us to ask ourselves some important questions: what have I done for Jesus in the past; what am I doing for Him now; and what do I hope to do for Him in the future? Do we spend enough time with our families? How do we help others to spiritual growth within our families? How do we use what we have, including our time, talents, and treasures? Do we exercise self-sacrifice for the sake of others?

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

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses next Sunday, Sept. 12th.

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

Next Week's Second Collection supports the Catholic University of America (CUA) and its scholarship fund for needy students. CUA, located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Many priests and professional lay ministers throughout the United States obtain their education from CUA. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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.

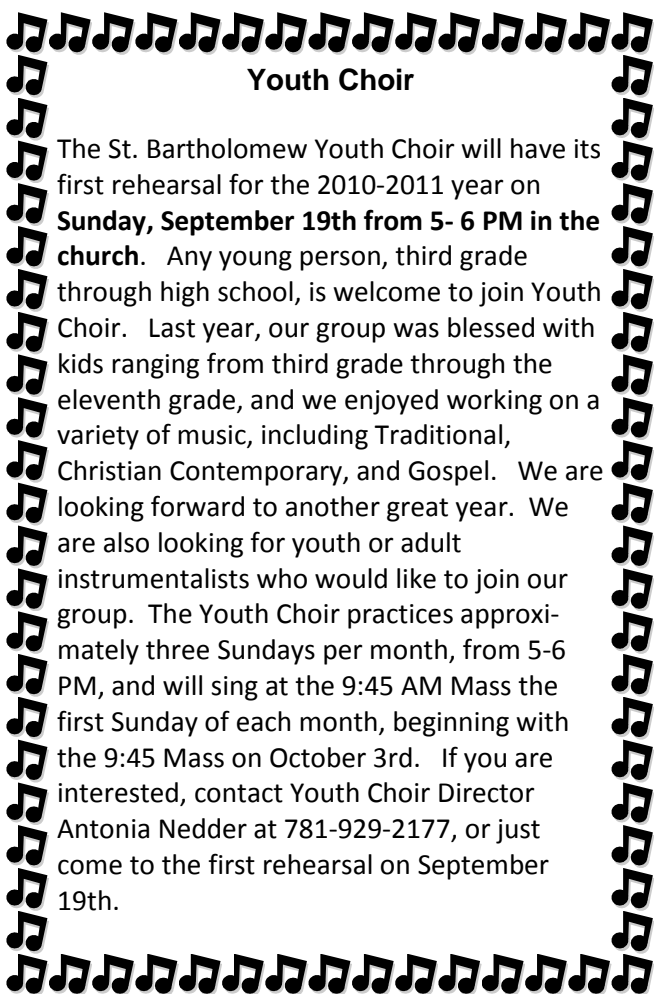
**SIGN-UP WEEKENDS September 11th & 12th
AND 18th & 19th after all Masses
Faith Sharing starts October 3, 2010**



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



Saturday	September 4	4:00 pm	John Harrington and the McCarthy Family
Sunday	September 5	8:00 am	Francis H. McManus
		11:30 am	Sr. Miriam Donovan, Patricia Carton & Catherine Huber
Tuesday	September 7	9:00 am	Thomas Sampson
Friday	September 10	9:00 am	Ann Schofield
Saturday	September 11	4:00 pm	For All Victims of 9/11 - Both Living & Deceased
Sunday	September 12	9:45 am	Nellie Meehan
		11:30 am	Mavis Chiappisi



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.

Happy Labor Day

The Senior Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 15, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. To start our 20th year, we welcome back Stanley Macht, pianist, and Linda Mellen, vocalist, who previously presented a very enjoyable program of the music of Lerner and Loewe. Their new program features familiar songs with lyrics by Johnny Mercer. Stanley also has many interesting anecdotes about the music to share with us. Members and guests are invited to join us for this special program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

Did You Know....

That the **Scouting Movement** offers a series of Religious Emblems that help Boy & Girl Scouts connect their faith with their life and to the values upheld by scouting?

Talk to your troop leader or contact the parish to start your child on this journey. If you are interested in working with Scouts through this process, please let us know. There is a training on Saturday, September 11th 8:30am - 1:00pm at the Pastoral Center in Braintree.

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.**

JUST DO ONE THING

One of the most important and powerful thing we can do for ourselves and others is to pray. Many studies have been done on the effect that personal prayer and the prayer offered by others has on those who are ill or suffering. For example, in 1988 a study was conducted at San Francisco General Hospital involving patients with heart attack or severe pain. It was found that the patients receiving prayer did much better clinically than those who did not. In 1998 a similar study was conducted on patients who had advanced AIDS at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. Those patients receiving prayer survived in greater numbers, got sick less often and recovered faster than those not receiving prayer.

How many times have you watched a family member or friend struggle with the effects of aging, serious illness, debilitating accident, or some other painful disability and wished there was something to do to help? There is something you can do. You can pray for them. For those who believe, knowing that others are bringing them to the Lord in prayer can go a long way towards alleviating the loneliness and isolation that illness often brings. As members of a faith community, when we pray for others, we are letting them know that they do not have to "go it alone;" that there are people who care about them. These prayers can often be the comfort and support that someone needs as they struggle through illness or other times of crisis.

Praying for others is an important part of belonging to a parish community. Every Sunday we pray for the all the petitions that have been placed in the Intentions Book. We also have a Prayer Line composed of parishioners who have volunteered to pray for the intentions that are brought to it. Just last week the Prayer Line received a request to pray that God's will be done for Jessie, a woman in her early twenties, who had been seriously injured in a traffic accident. Praying for the intentions of others doesn't take much time but it can be very important and offer comfort and support both to the person for whom we pray and to the person who request the prayers.

This important parish ministry is in need of new members and reorganization. Many of those who originally volunteered to be a part of this ministry have died, moved away or resigned. Ann Schofield, who had coordinated this ministry for many years, recently passed away and we are looking for someone who would be willing to receive the requests and then pass them on to the other participants. This position would involve organizing a phone chain and/or creating an email list by which the participants could be notified of the request. If you are interested in helping with this ministry or just being a member of the parish Prayer Line please call Barbara at the rectory 781-444-3434. Even if you are unable to participate in the Prayer Line as an active member, please make it a part for your daily routine to pray for those who request or are in need of our prayer. Your prayer can mean more than you can ever imagine.

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.

Prayer Group: The G.I.F.T. prayer group or **Growing in Faith Together** 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.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE POWER OF PRAYER

In this day and age of instant gratification, waiting is not something one wishes to do or in cases even tolerate. How then do we pray and patiently wait for God to answer us? We have been taught that every prayer is heard and answered. Will we even recognize the answer when it is given to us if it is not exactly what we prayed for? And what is the purpose of prayer? Is it only our wish list for God to give us what we think we need or want? Or could prayer be the bridge we must cross "to know Him, to serve Him, to love Him?"

On August 27th we celebrated the birthday (about 331) of St. Monica, the day before we celebrated the birthday of her son, Augustine. Monica was the daughter of devout parents who educated her in the faith. She married at sixteen to an older, often volatile, unfaithful man and the marriage was not a particularly happy one. However, due to her "prayer, patience and prudence" Monica created as peaceful an environment as possible. Her husband was good to his son Augustine and both parents made sacrifices to educate their promising son Augustine. (They had two other children, a boy and a girl - later a superior in a convent of nuns.) Monica was a "woman of great inner resources buoyed up by a profound faith, but it did not go untested."

As a young man (16) Augustine found the ways of the world much more desirable than that of a Christian life. He fathered a child out of wedlock and lived a life repugnant to all the beliefs Monica cherished and had taught her son. For eighteen years she wept, sacrificed, and prayed for his conversion. Augustine was a gifted teacher and when he would get an assignment, she would follow him. He was not infrequently deceitful and would disappear, having told her a lie as to where he was going. She persevered. At age 29 who wants his mother around! She continued to pray. Due in part to the preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine in the year 387 converted. A short time later he decided to devote himself to God. Monica did not pray for a miracle, just for her son's conversion. And in so doing, she herself became a saint. After sharing a moving and spiritual time with her son, she announced her life's work was complete and died shortly thereafter. He later acknowledged that she only prayed for him to return to Christ, not to her.

St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church is considered one of its most brilliant minds and his many, many writings have influenced every church theologian and Christian since his death in 430. Today's reading: Book of Wisdom: 9:13-18a)...who can conceive what the Lord intends?"

Fall Mini-Retreat Series: Spirituality for Everyday Living - - "Come to the Quiet" scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm** will be the first of four autumn mini-retreats led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham. Cost is \$20 (or \$70 for all four). Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or at timoutrereats@comcast.net. Come early for the 9:00 am Mass and/or feel free to bring a lunch, stay longer and extend your retreat enjoying the beauty of the outdoors or the quiet and solitude inside.

Keeping Your Love Alive ~ A Day for Couples: A retreat for couples designed and led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held from **9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday, Sept. 18**, in Falmouth. The cost is \$125 per couple and includes lunch. Overnight getaway option available. Space is limited. For information and registration, contact Peggy at the above phone number.