



**For Where Two or Three Are Gathered  
Together In My Name,  
There I am In The Midst of Them**

~Matthew 18:20

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** One of the commandments tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. How do we feel when we have been wronged? What have we learned from others who we think are models of forgiveness and reconciliation? At the same time how do we deal with issues of injustice toward others?

**Archdiocesan Celebration September 14<sup>th</sup>:** This is the date for the bicentennial celebration in the West Region which begins at 2P.M. at St. Mary's Parish in Waltham. St. Mary's is the oldest parish in the west region. The celebration will start in the Church and proceed outside weather permitting. This is not a Mass but is a Liturgy of The Word in the Church followed by a procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament accompanied by song and prayer concluding with Eucharistic Benediction in the Church. Refreshments will follow.

**Parish Trip for June 28- July 9, 2010 to Oberammergau.** Please see the flyers at the doors of the Church. If you are interested, there will be a parish meeting on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

**Magnificat:** There are a number of complementary copies of the September issue of Magnificat at the doors of the Church. Please feel free to take a copy.

**An Invitation:** 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. This is one way we can give back to God in thanksgiving for all that God does for us as well as becoming more involved in the parish. If you are willing to help us at this time in these important ministries, please call the rectory.

**Bible Study:** Classes begin on Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at which time we will begin with the Gospel of Mark and then we will study the letters of St. Paul.

**Questions to ponder this week:**

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

What have we done for God this week?

**Catholic Appeal:** Presently we are at 90% of our goal with \$86,103 having been pledged. If you have not already made a contribution, may I ask you to consider this worthy cause. Many of the programs of the Archdiocese which address the needs of the poor come from this program. In any event, thank you for whatever way you can help.

**Second Collection:** At all the Masses next weekend there will be a second collection taken up for the Catholic University in Washington, DC. This a unique university of the Catholic Church founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican. All of the funds received through this collection underwrite the financial aid program at the university. This helps to give scholarships to those who would otherwise not be able to attend.

**Recommended Reading:** How to Forgive Yourself & Others—Steps to Reconciliation by Fr. Eamon Tobin, Liguori Press, Liguori, Missouri, 2006.  
Meeting St. Paul Today by Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., Loyola Press, Chicago, IL, 2008.



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**



**Congratulations To:**  
Lucas Matthew Speratti,  
son of Drauseo & Priscilla,  
as this child is claimed  
by Jesus Christ in the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend.

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	September 6	4:00 pm	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Sunday	September 7	8:00 am	Amalia Blanco
		9:45 am	Thomas Sampson
		11:30 am	Nellie Meehan
Monday	September 8	9:00 am	
Tuesday	September 9	9:00 am	
Wednesday	September 10	9:00 am	Mavis Chiappisi
Thursday	September 11	9:00 am	For all the victims of 9/11—both living and deceased
Friday	September 12	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 13	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 13	4:00 pm	The McCarthy, Harrington & Igo Families
Sunday	September 14	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Artie Chiappisi
		11:30 am	

 *Collections*

**Weekend of August 30-31**

Amount collected	\$
Amount needed	\$ 6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$

**The amount collected will be in the next bulletin.**

**The Adult Choir** meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We will begin on Sept. 11. We are always looking for new members. All are welcome!

**YOUTH CHOIR:** The St. Bartholomew Youth Choir will be getting underway in the coming weeks. We are looking for young people, from **third grade through high school**, who like to sing or would like to give it a try. We are also looking for any young person who would like to play an instrument for the group. Youth Choir practices take place on Mondays at 5 PM. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:45 Mass on the first Sunday of each month and also performs at the parish Christmas Celebration Concert. The first rehearsal will be **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, from 5 PM to 5:45 PM** in the church (right after Religious Ed. classes). If you are interested, please come to the church on Sept. 22nd at 5 PM. If you have any questions, call Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177. We are looking forward to a great year, and can't wait to welcome back last year's members and welcome new members!

**Amy's Book Club**

The book club will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE !**

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
WITH SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE**

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 Sept. 1st. Tickets are \$7 for adults; \$5 for children ages 7-15; and \$1 for children 6 and under.

Mark your calendars —  
you won't want to miss this event!!

Volunteers are needed—please contact Jeanne at 781-400-5083.



## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

#### **Class Schedule:**

- Classes begin on Monday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Students in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade have class weekly from 4:00-5:00pm
- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> meet every other week from 7:00 – 8:30pm

A calendar is available on the parish website [http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children\\_youth/schedule.html](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/schedule.html)

**Registration:** Although many have already registered, if you have not, please do so as soon as possible! Registration Forms are available online, at the back of the Church and in the rectory. Live Registration will take place following all Masses the weekend of **Sept 6-7 & Sept 20-21**

**E-Newsletter:** The weekly Religious Education email newsletter with information regarding programs/ activities will begin on Thursday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>; all families who are registered in the R.E. program & provided email address will receive it. If you do not receive it or you are not registered but would like to receive it, please email [melisahughes@comcast.net](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net)

#### **Catechists:**

- **Catechists Needed:** Not all catechists are parents nor are all parents catechists, all parishioners are invited to assist our parish in this important ministry. Please Speak with Maryellen Jennings or Melisa Hughes for information.
- **Catechist meeting:** All catechists and aides are invited to an opening year meeting on Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the McCulloch Room.

**Pre-School Story Hour:** This is a drop-in Story hour for children 3 years old and up where parents stay with their child to hear stories and do basic activities. Story hour is held in the O'Brien Room of the rectory 4-5pm every Monday. Occasional volunteers are needed in order for this program to run!

### 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>

### Altar Servers

All students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to be Altar Servers. Altar Servers enjoy a special perspective of the Mass as well as learn confidence, leadership, and service. Altar Servers are scheduled 1-2 times per month.

- Training sessions for new Altar Servers start **Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00pm** registration forms (BLUE) available at the back of the church.
- Altar Server Appreciation Mass: Please let Maryellen Jennings know by Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> if your child will be attending the Appreciation Mass at the Cathedral with Cardinal Seán O'Malley on **Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am**

### CYO Basketball

Boys and Girls from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in our CYO Basketball team. Separate divisions for boys and for girls and separate age divisions. CYO Basketball is a social-competitive league which plays against other local parishes.

- Coaches & Assistant Coaches are needed, especially for girls teams
- Live registration & tryouts for all NEW players will be held Sunday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at St Sebastian's School Gym

For info please email: [stbarts.bball@gmail.com](mailto:stbarts.bball@gmail.com)

### Thanks!

To all who donated so generously to the collection for the Lindos Suenos Program! With the donations of balls, gloves, clothing and school supplies, the children of the Dominican will learn and play a little easier and more safely!

### 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 and up to hear the Word of God (readings/Gospel) and 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](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net)

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE  
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

IT IS A FAR BETTER THING TO GIVE THAN RECEIVE  
(Told to you by your grandparents, parents, and most any other adult who could corner you long enough)

Why? Especially when you are young, there seems to be nothing greater than the immediate excitement and joy of receiving a gift. Many times that joy will be only temporary. We can easily be distracted and sometimes even forget the gift shortly thereafter. What do mature adults know that the child does not about gift giving/receiving? That the gift of giving is like a stone thrown into the waters. The ripples in the water go way beyond our ability to see their end. When you give of yourself, like the ripples, the gift keeps on giving. And you, the giver, have been transformed. You know not just how far your gift will go or who else might be affected, but you know its effect keeps on growing and is not forgotten.

Stewardship is giving. First, we make a “conscious and firm decision which we carry out in our actions to be followers of Christ and His Word”. In other words, we become disciples of Christ. “When one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option. Stewardship is fundamentally the work of the Spirit in our lives. When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, the Spirit can use us as apt instruments for living and spreading the Gospel. Wherever the Spirit works, there is joy”. Once felt, this joy gives us the “power to change how we understand and live our lives”.\* This is STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE---sharing and giving of our Time, Talent, and Treasure—in praise of our Lord; as caretakers of His creation; and in a loving, caring, and active relationship with each other. “... For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Today’s Gospel)

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862  
E-mail: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

\* Wherever there are quotes, they come from the booklet:  
STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE’S RESPONSE

**St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Adult Faith**

**Formation:** This Fall we invite you to join us in our Bible Study which will focus on the relationship between Scripture and Liturgy, between the Bible and the Mass. We will use as our text, “Letter and Spirit” authored by Dr. Scott Hahn as well as readings from the Liturgy of the Sundays’ Masses. Further, Dr. Hahn will give us lectures on video related to “Letter and Spirit”. The first session is Monday, Sept. 15; registration fee is \$35 which covers the cost of the book. We will meet in the Linse Room at St. Joseph’s Church from 7:40-9:00 pm for thirteen Mondays. Call Abe Heck at 781-444-5327 for further information.

“Come & See” - A Reflection on ARISE

In the summer of 2007 I started on a new adventure; I enrolled in the Masters of Arts in Ministry program offered by St. John’s Seminary. Last week, in an attempt to get a jump on my reading for the fall semester I began reading one of the required books, Jesus, the Apostles, and the Early Church by Pope Benedict XVI.

In chapter 18 Pope Benedict reflects on the call of the Apostle Philip. The Gospel of John recounts that after being called by Jesus, Philip meets Nathanael (or Bartholomew as he is also known), and tells him: “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. We are all familiar with Bartholomew’s somewhat skeptical answer: “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” What does Philip say in response? Simply “come and see.” He does not argue or try to convince him of the truth of his statement. He simply challenges Bartholomew by suggesting he have a personal experience of what he has been told.

It is not too great a leap for us to imagine that Philip is also addressing us with those two verbs that imply personal involvement: “Come and See.” How do we, in the midst of our way too busy and complicated lives, respond to this challenge? It is much too easy to distance ourselves from Jesus in our day to day activities. ARISE invite us to “Come and See” and to know more intimately the One who, through our baptism, gives us the gift of sharing in His life.

In this week’s Gospel, Matthew reminds us that whenever two or three are gathered in the name of Jesus, Jesus will also be there. In ARISE we gather together, not just to listen to his teachings and words, but rather to know Him more fully in His humanity and His divinity, His mystery and beauty. Our faith is truly a gift from God. Take a risk! “Come and See” and let us, the parish of St. Bartholomew, ARISE together in Christ.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sat., Sept. 6 Live Rel. Ed. registration after Mass
- Sun., Sept. 7 Baptisms-12:30 pm-Church
- Sun., Sept. 7 Live Rel. Ed. registration after all Masses
- Sun., Sept. 7 CAP Training-1 to 3 pm-McCulloch Room in the school
- Tues., Sept. 9 ARISE Workshop-10 am to 1 pm in O'Brien Room
- Tues., Sept. 9 Social Club Board Mtg-3 pm-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Sept., 11 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Sept. 13 ARISE Sign-up
- Sun., Sept. 14 ARISE Sign-up
- Mon., Sept. 15 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room  
Rel. Ed. Catechist Mtg-6:30 to 8 pm  
In McCulloch Room
- Tues., Sept. 16 Parish Trip Info Mtg-7 pm-O'Brien Room
- Tues., Sept. 16 CAP Training-7 to 9 pm-McCulloch Room in the school
- Wed., Sept. 17 Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Thurs., Sept. 18 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

**Social Club:** We welcome our members back for our new season and invite others who may be interested to join us on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall for our first meeting. At that time, we are pleased to have Joe Hunter of Olin College, who produced "Return to Norumbega" last year, with us to present his new program.

The new documentary film, "The Search for the USS Grunion: a Family rediscovers Its Past," as a piece of World War II History. It tells the story of the mysterious disappearance of the submarine in July 1942 and the search for it until its discovery 65 years later. Mr. Hunter is a history buff who tells the story through the Newton family of the sub commander. This promises to be enjoyable and informative.

Please join us for the program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

**Monthly Pro-Life Column**

**"A UNIQUE POVERTY"**

In *Living the Gospel of Life*, our bishops describe abortion as a preeminent threat to human dignity. One of the reasons, they point out, is that it is committed against *the weakest and most defenseless*.

It is obvious that these children cannot speak for themselves. They cannot organize a "movement," and they can't even pray. After all, if someone is attacked and unable to call for help, he or she can still pray. The unborn can't.

Yet there is another aspect to the weakness, the poverty of the unborn that deserves more attention. It is a *weakness in their ability to make a psychological impact on us*.

When teens are shot in schools, or people die in an airline disaster, or troops go into war, prayer services are held all over the place. Petitions appear in the General Intercessions at Mass, and expressions of concern appear in the bulletin...as they should.

Yet when the same number of babies are killed by abortion every few minutes, there is no comparison in the reaction. Instead, in some quarters, objections are raised about even mentioning the fact.

**Where is the disconnect here?**

Part of this problem, despite the advancement of imaging techniques that introduce us to the unborn, is "out of sight, out of mind." But the problem is even deeper. Much of it has to do with the dynamics of pain and denial. Some of it has to do with how we respond to moral values. On a moral level, we can acknowledge readily enough that all human beings are equal and that, in this sense, the taking of a human life is as much of a tragedy in one situation as in another. Considering *the moral good being attacked — human life* — the age of the human being does not make a difference.

But psychologically, there is a big difference, and the unborn are on the losing end of the deal. While their death will have a devastating impact on the mother and father (and others in the family) who will experience some form of post-abortion distress, *Why, nevertheless, does their death make less of an impact on us and on society overall?*

Well, we haven't yet named them or heard their voices. There are no memorable experiences we have shared with them, or bonds of friendship that make their passing so hard to take. Except maybe for some ultrasounds, we have not seen them. Nor have we begun to experience the special, unique features of the personality of each one, or the early signs of the promising contributions they can make to society and history. Because of all this, their loss has less of an emotional price tag.

Here, then, is the challenge for us: Will we respond to the destruction of a moral good *based primarily on its psychological aspect* or rather based primarily *on its moral aspect?*

If the former, then the destruction of the unborn will continue to receive less attention than the (moral equivalent) destruction of their older brothers and sisters.

Source: "Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It by Fr. Frank A. Pavone, M.E.V., "A Unique Poverty" pp. 56-57, © 2006, Published by Catholic Book Publishing Corp., New Jersey.