

“Come and See . . .”



Together in Christ

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 the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Let us always be thankful to Jesus for dying on the Cross to save each of us. His death and resurrection has made eternal life possible for all. Do we see in the Cross an invitation to work with Jesus to eradicate all of the evils in the world?

Fr. Brian Cronin has come down with an illness that prevents him from coming to join us now. He is still hoping to join us at the beginning of next year.

Vicar Visit: Fr. John Grimes who is our regional vicar visited with the pastor on September 6th to extend the well wishes of Cardinal Sean to the parish.

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 16th 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.

Recommended Reading: Meeting St. Paul Today, by Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., Loyola Press, Chicago, 2008.

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 this Monday, September 15th 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 our understanding of how to live?

What have we done for God this week?



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

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 this 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.

Enthusiasm for Arise: Beginning this weekend St. Bartholomew Parish and many parishes begin the sign ups for the Arise Program. The members of the committee are excited about the opportunities this will provide for our parish. We ask your participation and your prayers for the success of this. Please see details in the bulletin. There will be speakers at each Mass this weekend and members of the committee will be here to answer your questions.

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>

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

Mass Intentions

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	Sylvia Fernandes—Intention for Healing
Monday	September 15	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	September 16	9:00 am	Tom & Grace Ryan
Wednesday	September 17	9:00 am	Thomas, Anna & John Kiley
Thursday	September 18	9:00 am	Marie Higgins
Friday	September 19	9:00 am	Carol Mitchell
Saturday	September 20	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 20	4:00 pm	Leo & Marie Treggiari-60th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	September 21	8:00 am	Edward P. Dunn—1st Anniversary
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	

 *Collections*

Weekend of August 30-31

Amount collected	\$ 4,441.46
Amount needed	\$ 6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 1,558.54)

Weekend of September 6-7

Amount collected	\$6,049.02
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 49.02

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!

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.



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!

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

- Classes begin on Monday, Sept 22nd
- Students in Kindergarten - 6th grade have class weekly from 4:00-5:00pm
- Students in 7th – 10th 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

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 has begun; 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

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. 15th, 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!

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.

Altar Servers

All students in 4th 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 30th 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 22nd if your child will be attending the Appreciation Mass at the Cathedral with Cardinal Seán O'Malley on **Saturday, Oct 4th 11:00am**

CYO Basketball

Boys and Girls from 5th grade to 12th 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 5th at St Sebastian's School Gym

For info please email: stbarts.bball@gmail.com

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

DAILY LIFE AS SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—"God is at home, it is we who have gone out for a walk." (Meister Eckart)

Quite often in our mail, we find invitations to many events. Various spiritual retreat houses send out their invites as well. And if they wish to attract your attention, they too have to catch your eye with an immediate draw or the brochure will end up in the circular file as well. (The above invitation was sent by the Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham.) It has the catch that stops us for a moment. It makes us sigh with the thought of a peaceful weekend away. We all could use some inspirational moments and thoughtful talks. We would not go, if we did not wish to find a way to grow closer to our Lord. But finding the time, well, I would like to go, but I can't. But here's the real catch.....

Where does God actually fit into our daily lives? A weekend away? An hour at Mass on Sunday? An occasional lecture during a holy season? None of the above? While all these are important and vital in our relationship with God, He needs to be present everyday, somehow, some way. Our thinking and actions must reflect our beliefs as taught by Jesus Christ. St. Matthew said "By their fruits you will know them." (7:16) He continues "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father." (7:21) St. Paul adds that we need to do what we do with the "gift of love."

Creating catchy phrases is not what our parish is all about. Rather, our creations center around opportunities being provided for all ages to participate in parish activities with the hope that in this process we will all grow closer to God and each other. Every week Father asks for volunteers for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, Ushers etc. in the hope that some will see fulfilling this need as a way TO KNOW HIM, TO LOVE HIM, TO SERVE HIM. "God is at home" – yours and in our parish. Let's hope your walk leads you here. We need and welcome you in spirit and love.

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

Briarwood Outreach Program: Join members of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, September 20, 2008 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Briarwood Nursing Home in Needham. We will be beginning a new season of celebrating the birthdays of those Briarwood residents born during the month by singing old songs and serving cake and punch. All the residents really appreciate these visits. You can have fun while doing good. For more information, call Marty Cunniffe at 781 444-9033.

Social Club: The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. At that time, Joe Hunter of Olin College will present his documentary film "The Search for the USS Grunion: a Family Rediscovered Its Past."

This film tells the story of the mysterious disappearance of the submarine USS Grunion in July 1942, and the 65 year search by the Newton family of the sub commander to locate it. This is an interesting story in itself and an important part of the history of World War II.

We enjoyed Mr. Hunter's previous program, "Return to Norumbega," and we look forward to this new one.

Members and guests are invited to join us for the program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat., Sept. 13 ARISE Sign-up following Mass
- Sun., Sept. 14 ARISE Sign-up following all Masses
- Mon., Sept. 15 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Sept. 15 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
- Sat., Sept. 20 Parish Picnic-following 4 pm Mass
- Sat., Sept. 20 ARISE Sign-up following Mass
- Sun., Sept. 21 ARISE Sign-up following all Masses
- Sun., Sept. 21 CAP Training-1 to 3 pm-McCulloch Room in the school
- Mon., Sept. 22 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Sept. 22 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Sept. 22 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O'Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Sept. 22 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 to 5:45 pm
- Thurs., Sept. 25 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Sept. 28 Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet-

