



*Whoever
wishes
to come
after me*

**MUST DENY
HIMSELF,
TAKE UP
HIS CROSS,
and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

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.

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.



Welcome Back: This Sunday at 11:30 am we will have a special Mass followed by a cook-out. As has been the custom I will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend about the state of the parish. I hope that this year with the various challenges will be a year full of blessings

Scripture Class resumes this Monday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles which you should begin reading. Learning about what it was like in the early Church will help us to appreciate all that we have as a parish. Important questions to reflect on include: What does praying to the Holy Spirit do? What are some of the connections and similarities between the early Old Testament books and the Act of the Apostles?

Catholic Appeal: 34 Parishes have already exceeded their goals. We are presently at 77% of our goal with 204 donors having pledged \$84,660. Thank you. If you have not already given a pledge, I would appreciate it if you would consider helping if you are able. The needs of the poor of this Archdiocese are great. Thank you.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: Next Sunday, September 24th, following the 11:30 am Mass we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the intention of Pro-Life. The intention of furthering the cause of respect for life at all ages and stages is a concern for all. The questions of love, justice and mercy are very much connected with the cause of life.

Darfur Concerns: I call your attention that according to save Darfur.org page since 2003 the Sudanese government sponsored genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan has killed over 400,000 people and has forced another 2.5 million people to leave their homes. Other heinous atrocities have happened there as well. The Save Darfur Coalition now comprises 175 human rights, humanitarian and faith based organizations united in trying to stop the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Please pray for the success of this.

Parish Retreat Requests

Video Help: We are in need of video help and equipment to tape the parish retreat. Anyone able to help in either way is asked to speak with either Sr. Julie or Fr. Phil. The mission will be from October 14th to October 19th. Thank you.

Drivers: We also need drivers for those who need rides to the retreat services. If you are willing to be of such service, please call Mrs. Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862. Thank you.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus speaking about a vulnerability that the people rejected. We see that Peter wanted Jesus to be the all powerful Messiah who would free his people from the Romans and lead the Jewish people to their destiny. Jesus, however, understands His role differently because He knows that the Messiah will experience suffering, rejection and even death on a cross for the sake of His people. Jesus also wants us to understand that if we choose to follow Him, the same fate will await us. Jesus accepted and lived the will of His Father and so must we. There will be times that we will experience vulnerability just like Jesus did if we seek to do the will of God. Doing the will of God is where we will find our ultimate happiness.

Protecting God's Children

Workshops: All people who wish to volunteer at St. Bartholomew Parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir members, Soccer coaches, etc. must take a PGC workshop (CAP) if you haven't already done so. The last date is:

September 19th at 7:00 pm

The workshop will be held in the McCulloch Room in the school. Please call the rectory to register at 781-444-3434.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 16	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	September 17	8:00 am	Mary DeGeorge
		9:45 am	Heather Piersiak
		11:30 am	Opening Mass for the New Season
Monday	September 18	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	September 19	9:00 am	Haralbos Sarris
Wednesday	September 20	9:00 am	Mary Kennedy
Thursday	September 21	9:00 am	
Friday	September 22	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 23	9:00 am	Mary Frances Tobin
Saturday	September 23	4:00 pm	Nellie Meehan
Sunday	September 24	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Engelica Effendi

Scripture Readings

Week of September 17, 2006

- 17 **Sun** Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- 18 **Mon** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
- 19 **Tue** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/ Lk 7:11-17
- 20 **Wed** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
- 21 **Thu** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
- 22 **Fri** 1 Cor 15:12-20/ Lk 8:1-3
- 23 **Sat** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/ Lk 8:4-15
- 24 **SUN** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The Prayer Group resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. We are most eager to have new members join us. This special time enables us to stop...listen...and grow closer to the Lord. It can be wonderful food for the soul!

AMY'S BOOK CLUB

Amy's Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed will be "Mountain Beyond Mountain" by Tracy Kidder. We welcome new members!

Youth Choir:
The St. Bartholomew Youth Choir will have its first rehearsal of the season this Monday, Sept. 18, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church (right after Religious Ed. classes). Any young person from third grade through high school age is welcome! If you have any questions, call Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177. We are looking forward to a great year!

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

 *Collections*

Weekend of Sept. 9-10

Amount collected	\$5,729.92
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 270.08)

Catholic University

Amount collected	\$ 946.00
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Thank you for your stewardship.



Welcome Back!

Classes: All Religious Education classes will start on Monday, Sept. 18. As in past years, the times are as follows:

K-6 4:00-5:00 pm (every week)
7-10 7:00-8:30 pm (twice monthly)

All classes meet in the Church before breaking into classes.

If your child has not been registered, please choose one of the following options as soon as possible:

- 1) Call the Rel. Ed. office at 781-444-4343 and request a registration. Be sure to leave your name and address;
- 2) Request a registration from the parish secretary. (The rectory is right next to the Church) and she will forward it to us. There are also forms available on the table in the back of the Church. You can mail it in or bring it over to the rectory.

All families who registered prior to the start of classes should have received a yearly schedule and basic information sheet. If you did not receive this mailing, we will have extra copies on hand at dismissal on the 18th.

It is critical that the rules for pick-up are strictly adhered to. Students in Kindergarten and Gr. 1 will remain in the atrium and **MUST** be picked up there by a parent or guardian. They are not allowed to leave with an older sibling. All other afternoon students should remain within the coned-off area and wait for their parent or guardian. Evening students should remain on the sidewalk or lawn outside the school building to wait for their ride. Your children's safety is our primary concern—we appreciate your assistance with our procedure.

No student will be allowed to leave early from Rel. Ed. without a written note from a parent. The note should be delivered to the teacher at the start of class. Parents **MUST** come into the building to get their child. No student is allowed to be out in the parking lot unattended before dismissal time.

This year's theme for catechesis across the United States is: "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" This question serves as a starting point for us to explore the symbols, images, and special words that help us name who Jesus is. But gathering information is only the beginning—the challenge is to apply knowledge to action. Please help us by encouraging your children to put into practice the lessons they learn during class time.

As always, we welcome your comments and questions. Please do not hesitate to leave us a message or approach us before or after class time.

Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings
Religious Education Coordinators

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time - Talent - Treasure

In today's second reading, A Letter from St. James, he asks "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?"

Repeatedly this last week in the Observances of Remembrance of September 11, we saw people who had suffered enormously, had pulled themselves up, not wallowed in their sadness, and found a way to put their sorrow into some positive action. Their faith and love would not allow them to do nothing in the wake of this life altering experience. If only we all could do the same in the name of our Lord. We would move mountains and change the world. September 11 should not just be remembered for the horror of the day, but rather we should also be inspired by the power of the individual.

So as we begin another season, let us all renew our faith and vow to increase our works. "...So, also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." One way to begin this new season of action is to join our faith community in October by participating in our MISSION, RETREAT, RENEWAL. We all need personal time with the Lord. Take it now. Hopefully, we will never have to find time to begin our works just because we have experienced tragedy. Be there. It could be your life altering experience.

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

Social Club: The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Members and guests are invited to enjoy a selection of familiar songs presented by a singing group, The Golden Tones. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Our fall trip to Lake Winnepesaukee will take place on Thursday, Sept. 28. A buffet lunch will be served and we will enjoy a musical program during our three hour cruise on the Mt. Washington. The deadline to reserve is Thursday, Sept. 21. Please refer to your mailing or call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833 for details.

Attention Knitters

Please call Debby at the rectory (781-444-3434) if you are interested in having the Knitting Group start up again. There is a teacher or two who will be able to assist our beginners. If there are enough people, the first class will be on Monday, October 2, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.



FUN FACTS FOR KIDS

Do you know St. Bartholomew has people who work for our parish? These people are called our *STAFF*.

On our Staff we have a

- Pastor
- Pastoral Associate
- Director of Religious Education Grades K-6
- Director of Religious Education Grades 7-10
- Music Director
- Secretary
- Business Manager
- Custodian
- Rectory Cook

The people who work at St. Bartholomew are

- Mrs Deneen
- Ms Dury
- Mrs Germano
- Mrs Healy
- Mrs Jennings,
- Mr Nedder,
- Sr Joan
- Sr Julie
- Fr Phil

Can you guess what ministry each of these people do for us?