

*Whoever receives one child  
such as this in my name,  
receives me; and whoever  
receives me, receives not me  
but the one who sent me.*

Mark 9:37 (NAB)

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

Fr. Philip E. Mc Gaugh, Pastor  
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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 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)

### 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 for what you would like prayers said.



### Reflection for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's gospel Jesus asks us to develop the qualities that lead us to trust in Him. The qualities of wonder, awe and trust come so naturally to children; but adults need to work at such qualities. The child stands for openness and for an ability to ask difficult questions. To learn from Jesus, the great teacher, we must put aside our ambitions, our fears and sometimes even our dreams.

Jesus teaches us there is more to life than our ambitions and our importance. Jealousy, ambition, greed and status-seeking are all enemies from within that can get in the way of living a fully Christian life. Do these readings leave us feeling insecure? It is amazing how honest the apostles were when Jesus asked what they were discussing. There are lessons here for all of us to learn.

This is a message for all of us to be less complicated and more trusting of God. Jesus teaches us that the truly great person is the one who learns to serve others and share with others. Is not the best leader the one who is genuinely concerned for his colleagues? The example of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus lead to loving commitment and service for God and neighbor. I pray that this will be a wonderful year of blessings for all of us.

**Catholic Appeal:** Presently 205 donors have pledged \$81,767 which is about 90.9% of our parish goal of \$90,000. Thank You. The Archdiocesan goal is 15 million dollars of which about 78.6% of the goal has already been achieved. Our parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above fair assessment which we have done. The needs of the Archdiocese are great, and any help received is greatly appreciated. Thanks to everyone who has already contributed. I would ask those have not to prayerfully consider doing so.

**RCIA Program:** Is there any person interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about the process? Please call the rectory for more information.

**Recommended Readings:** Moments of Peace from the Psalms, Bethany House Publishers, Bloomington, MN, 2007.

The Book of Psalms by Toni Craven, The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 1992.

**Bible Classes** will resume on **Monday, September 21st, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory with the continuance of our studies on the Letters of St. Paul.

We are excited to announce that we are starting evening Bible Study! We will meet on **Mondays from 7-8 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory **starting on September 20**. We hope that more parishioners will be able to join us.

Please read St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians, which is the next letter we will study.

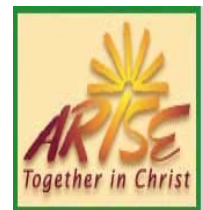
**Protecting God's Children (CAP Training)** is a mandatory program for **all volunteers** in the Archdiocese of Boston. You need to attend only once. There will be a training session on **Sunday, Sept. 27, at 1:00 pm in the McCulloch Room in the school**. Please call Debby at the parish office (781-444-3434) to register by leaving your name and phone number.

**We Need Your Help!** Our parish picnic, which starts the beginning of the new season at St. Bart's, will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26th, following the 4:00 pm Mass**. There are wonderful things in the planning stages—so put the date on your calendar NOW! We will need help setting up and serving that day. So, if you can assist in this way, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. This event is a great way to renew friendships and welcome our new members.

**ARISE Together in Christ** is a faith sharing group enabling people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

**Season Three of ARISE Together in Christ** will begin in Oct '09 with the theme *In the Footsteps of Christ*. There will be six faith-sharing sessions meeting once a week that invite exploration of Catholic understanding of discipleship, and in particular how this implies active commitment to charity and justice.

**Please Note: It is not a prerequisite to have attended Seasons 1 and/or 2 if you would like to join Season 3. Please call the rectory if you will be new to ARISE and leave your name and phone number.**



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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	Sept. 19	4:00 pm	Orazio Nannini
Sunday	Sept. 20	8:00 am	Special Intention
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Eugene Hurley—Birthday Memorial
Monday	Sept. 21	9:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Tuesday	Sept. 22	9:00 am	
Wednesday	Sept. 23	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Thursday	Sept. 24	9:00 am	
Friday	Sept. 25	9:00 am	The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Sept. 26	9:00 am	
Saturday	Sept. 26	4:00 pm	Jane Marie McDonald
Sunday	Sept. 27	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Joseph Dee—Birthday Memorial



*Collections*

**Weekend of Sept. 12-13**

Amount collected: \$6,272.00  
 Amount needed: \$6,000.00  
 Amount over/under: \$ 272.00

**Thank you!**

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will resume on **Wednesday, Sept. 16**, from 10-11 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. We begin with a short social, followed by prayer and discussion. As we Grow In Faith Together, we are enriched by the Word of God and each other. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862. We hope to see new faces, and we will guarantee to put a smile on them.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Thanks to all who have donated to our collections for the Needham Food Pantry. With many people away donations overall in town are down and the pantry is really in need of food to help Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are still collecting non-perishable food and toiletry and paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry. Please bring anything you would like to donate and leave it in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf. Thank you for your help.

**Youth Choir**

**Youth Choir at St. Bart's will begin this weekend, Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 - 6 PM in the church.** St. Bart's Youth Choir sings at the 9:45 AM Mass the first Sunday of each month beginning with the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Mass. The rehearsal day and time for Youth Choir this year will be **Sundays from 5- 6 PM** in the church. We will rehearse on average three Sundays per month. All young people, third grade through high school, are welcome in Youth Choir. We are looking for singers as well as young people to play instruments for our Choir. All are welcome! We look forward to welcoming new and old members to Youth Choir. Any questions? Call the Youth Choir director Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177.

**Adult Choir**



The Adult Choir rehearsals will begin rehearsals on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670

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

### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This past Tuesday was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. "Simeon said to Mary: This child is destined to be a sign which men will reject; He is set for the fall and the rising of many in Israel; and your own soul a sword shall pierce." (Luke 2:34-35)

How many of us have had our souls pierced unexpectedly by some event (s) in life? How many of us let that piercing affect our whole life to the point that we become unable to function properly? How many of us think that events that happen to us are such that no one can understand or appreciate our sorrow? How many of us carry burdens that we feel are so heavy that at times they are almost too much to bear? If one reads or listens to many of our church members' stories, you will come to know that in Mary and through Mary, many have learned; "She understands; she tells her Son of our troubles; she will show us the way out of this darkness that she has known so well." The Creator wants for all to know joy. Those who have experienced sorrow will know joy to a deeper level, if only they will ask Mary to show them the way. There is nothing we can feel that she has not already known. Remember her life; from its beginning with the Angel's message; her Son's birth; His life; to her presence at her Son's passion and death which she suffered at the foot of the Cross. Pray to Mary and tell her your story.

Jesus often uses a child to teach us His lessons. He shows us the value of being like a child in innocence, in purity, in trust, in acceptance, in the capacity to love. In today's Gospel, the Twelve are discussing who is the greatest, another example of human pride. Jesus said "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." He then placed a child in their midst and said "Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives not Me but the One who sent Me."

As we begin another season of change, let us all make an effort to bring some joy into each other's lives. Maybe like Jesus, we should turn to a child to bring a lasting smile to our lips and hearts. "A young child asked his grandma how old she was on her birthday. She said 62. Thinking for a moment he asked 'Did you start at 1?' OR when a young grandchild asked grandpa 'How old are you?' Grandpa smiled and said 'I'm not sure.' 'It's simple,' the grandson replied. 'Just look in your underwear. Mine says I'm 4 to 6'."\*

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862

E-mail: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

\* E-mail stories sent to me.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Sept. 20 Youth choir rehearsal-5 pm-Church  
 Mon., Sept. 21 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room  
 Mon., Sept. 21 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm-O'Brien Rm.  
 Mon., Sept. 21 Religious Ed classes for all grades  
 Mon., Sept. 21 Bible Study-7 pm-O'Brien Room  
 Tues., Sept. 22 Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.-7:30 pm  
 Wed., Sept. 23 Prayer Group (**G**rowing **I**n **F**aith **T**ogether)-10 am-O'Brien Room  
 Thurs., Sept. 24 Adult choir rehearsal-7:30 pm  
 Sat., Sept. 26 **Open House in rectory & convent-1:00 to 5:00 pm**  
 Sat., Sept. 26 **Parish Picnic following 4:00 pm Mass**  
 Sun., Sept. 27 **Open House in rectory & convent-9:00 am-1:30 pm**  
 Sun., Sept. 27 CAP Training-1 pm-McCulloch Room  
 Sun., Sept. 27 Youth choir rehearsal-5 pm-Church  
 Mon., Sept. 28 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room  
 Mon., Sept. 28 No Religious Ed classes or Story Hour  
 Mon., Sept. 28 Bible Study-7 pm-O'Brien Room  
 Tues., Sept. 29 Amy's Book Club-12:30 pm-O'Brien Rm.  
 Tues., Sept. 29 Finance council mtg.-7:30 pm  
 Wed., Sept. 30 Prayer Group (**G**rowing **I**n **F**aith **T**ogether) 10 am-O'Brien Room  
 Thurs., Oct. 1 Adult choir rehearsal-7:30 pm  
 Sat., Oct. 3 First Saturday Devotion following 9 am Mass (unless there is a funeral at 10 am)  
 Sun., Oct. 4 Community Sunday and free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 and 9:45 am Masses-Ward Hall  
 Sun., Oct. 4 Parish Baptisms-12:30 pm

**Amy's Book Club** will restart its exciting season of reading and sharing. We meet the last Tuesday of every month at 12:30 in the O'Brien Room in the Rectory. **September 29th will be our first meeting date.** We welcome all and hope to see some new faces this year. Bring a friend and lunch, if you wish. For our first meeting, please bring in a list of your favorite authors/books and some thoughts on your summer readings that you think others might enjoy. We hope all will enjoy reading new authors; smile a little more often; be spiritually uplifted; and find pleasure in meeting new friends and renewing past (not old) acquaintances. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862 or E-mail [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

## Children and Youth

### **Religious Education:**

- Classes for all students start on **Monday Sept 21st** (full calendar online)
- Kindergarten - 6th grade meet in the church at **4:00pm**, please enter by the Atrium door (at the back of the school).
- 7th - 10th grade meet in the church at **7:00pm** in the Church, please enter by the main church doors.

### **Notes:**

**\*\*\* NEW - Students *must* be registered by Sunday Sept 20th** in order to start class on Sept 21st.

Only when registration has been received, processed and students are assigned to a class may they begin.

*Unregistered students will not be permitted to start classes until their registration has been processed (this cannot be done "on the fly" as it results in too much confusion for students, catechists, and administrators).*

Registration forms are available in the parish office, in the back of the church, and online: [http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children\\_youth/2009-2010-materials/RE-registration-form-2009-2010.pdf](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/2009-2010-materials/RE-registration-form-2009-2010.pdf)

**Pre-K** - we offer a co-operative drop-in pre-K story hour for children 3 years old and up during the 4:00pm Religious Education classes. A parent/guardian stays with the child while they hear stories and do activities that introduce our Catholic faith. Registration is not necessary.

**Catechists** - catechists and Aides are needed for Monday afternoon (4:00-5:00 pm) classes. Please prayerfully consider sharing your faith with our young disciples. Please contact Maryellen Jennings (K-6th) or Melisa Hughes (7th-10th) for consideration.

### **Activities & Other News:**

**Altar Servers:** All children 4th grade and up are encouraged to serve at the Mass of their preference once per month. New Altar Server sign up forms are in the back of the church (blue forms). Training will start Tuesday Sept 29th 4pm in the church.

**Greeters:** Students 8th grade to adult are needed as greeters to welcome and assist our parishioners with mobility difficulties into the parish. Sign up sheets in the back of the church or contact the parish office.

### **St. Bartholomew's CYO Basketball**

Teams for Boys & for Girls 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade

St. Bart's CYO basketball program is a social-competitive league with travel to local towns. Weekend games, weekday evening practice, fair playing time, good sportsmanship & fun! Registrations are accepted on a first come first served basis to allow all children the opportunity to play. Registration forms available for download at: [www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children\\_youth/sports.html](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/sports.html). Contact Brian at [stbarts.bball@gmail.com](mailto:stbarts.bball@gmail.com) for info.

### **8 New Seminarians Enter Seminary this September for the Boston Archdiocese**

Eight new men entered the seminary the first week of September to think and pray about whether or not God is inviting them to be priests. They will discern and prepare for the priesthood. A priest is "a man who offers his whole humanity to God so that Christ might use him as an instrument of salvation in the world" (Pope John Paul II)

During this Year for Priests, consider praying each day for these men that they will hear God's call clearly—whatever it may be—and respond with generosity to His call. You just may be praying for your future pastor!!

For more information on Vocations to the priesthood for the Year for Priests, go to [www.vocationsboston.org](http://www.vocationsboston.org) or call 617-746-5949.

***There will be a meeting of the Buildings and Grounds Committee on Tuesday, Sept 22, at 7:30pm. We encourage any parishioners who are interested in serving on this committee to come to this important meeting.***

***As we prepare to plan for the renovation and future use of our buildings, the parish will hold the first of two open house weekends on Saturday, Sept. 26, 1:00pm – 5:00pm., and Sunday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 1:30pm. Both the convent and rectory will be open to parishioners during these times.***

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### Automated Giving or EFT

#### **Why ParishPay?**

We were concerned about security and keeping confidential credit card and banking information on file in the parish. After careful consideration and research we chose ParishPay to assist us in this effort to provide you with the opportunity to use automated giving for your offertory donations. Their secure website, [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) provides us with the most comprehensive and up-to-date security currently available. ParishPay serves parishes throughout the country including many within the Archdiocese of Boston. We hope, that as our parish continues to pursue the ideals of stewardship as a way of life, you will find automated giving one tool to better help you as you share your time, talents, and treasure.

#### **What about my weekly envelopes?**

Participation in the Automated Giving Program replaces the check or cash in your weekly envelope. If you are uncomfortable there are I pay by EFT coupons on the ParishPay website. You may also give to second collections using ParishPay.

#### **How much do I have to pay to use ParishPay?**

You pay nothing! The parish pays a \$1 per month fee for each enrollee in addition to 1% of each donation processed during the month if you designate your donation as a debit from your checking account. However, if you choose to use a credit card then the credit card company will charge the parish an addition fee of 2 – 3%. We have reviewed these costs and found them to be reasonable and they should be offset by the anticipated decrease in administrative costs.

#### **How and when will the parish receive my donations?**

Contributions will be collected only once per month and not weekly. The transfer of funds will occur on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. This is done to minimize the costs to ParishPay and to the parish. Transferring money weekly is more work for the ParishPay staff which would mean higher costs for us.

#### **Who will keep track of my donations for IRS purposes?**

ParishPay will keep track of all donations made through the automated giving process and will send you a record of your donations for tax purposes. The parish will continue to track all donations that are made using the envelope system as well as any other gifts, or donations made directly through the parish office.

#### **When can I sign up?**

Any time

#### **How do I sign up?**

You can visit the ParishPay website, [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) and sign up on line or you can fill out a sign up sheet available at the doors of the church and bring or mail them to the rectory.

#### **An Osteoporosis Preventive, Gentle Exercise Program**

for St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph parishes needs two part-time leaders to help continue this very beneficial exercise program held on a weekly basis on Thursday mornings in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's. No special training is required. Special orientation will be provided. Please contact Mary Woodward at 781-444-4498 for information.

**Needham League of Women Voters:** What might Needham look like in the future? On Monday, Oct. 19, the Needham League of Women Voters will present a fall forum on "Envisioning a Sustainable Needham." The event will feature award-winning architect and urban planner Paul Lukez, who will inspire us with ideas and examples of how suburbs can thrive in the 21st century. An accompanying environmental fair with town planners and community groups will display exciting plans for Needham, including bike paths, nature trails, and "smart growth" in Needham Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at Newman School Auditorium at 7:30 pm on Monday, Oct. 19.