

# When John

came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.

*Matthew 21:32*



# St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

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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 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

The gospel today invites us to reflect on how faith is translated into lifestyle. Faith must result in action and in the establishing of God's kingdom within and part of us. Some people whom we might not initially suspect may be instruments of teaching us about holiness or faith in action. Going to Mass on Sunday is intended to be translated into our everyday lives. People who are truly living lives of love, generosity, forgiveness, prayer and a desire for God could bring us closer to God as well. St. Matthew reminds us many times that the Kingdom of God may not be what we totally expect it to be. When we say yes to God do we always go and do His wishes and will?

**Enthusiasm for Arise:** St. Bartholomew Parish is one of many that has begun 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. We are greatly blessed to have tremendous leaders of our parish program. Thank you to the many who have signed up.

**An Invitation:** Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. This is a time of new excitement and vision. There is still a need for more volunteers for these ministries. 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 at this time, please call the rectory.

**Bible Study:** Classes continue on **Monday, September 29th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 3-6 in Mark's Gospel.

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet:** This Sunday, **September 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm** we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet for the cause of Pro-Life.

**Reflection Question:**

Would I consider accepting the invitation to join the Arise movement in the parish as an invitation from the Lord and a means of renewing my Catholic faith?

**Thank You:** On behalf of the parish staff and myself, I would like to extend a word of thanks to all of the committee members and the Knights of Columbus who worked so hard to make the parish picnic of last weekend a wonderful success.

**Catholic Appeal:** Presently we are at 90% of our goal with \$86,353 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.

**Blessing of the Animals:** There will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.** in the Church yard over by the peace Garden.

**Recommended Reading:** Healing Prayers edited by Bart Tesoriero, Ambrosiano, Phoenix, 2005. (This is a book of healing prayers and an explanation of healing in our tradition.)

My Complete Rosary Prayer Book, edited by Bart Tesoriero, Ambrosiano, Phoenix, 2004.



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.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Sundays at the 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

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	September 27	4:00 pm	
Sunday	September 28	8:00 am	Special Intention
		9:45 am	Mary Frances Tobin
		11:30 am	Margaret Buckley—Month's Mind Mass
Monday	September 29	9:00 am	Sarah & Edward Dowd
Tuesday	September 30	9:00 am	
Wednesday	October 1	9:00 am	Sarah & Edward Dowd
Thursday	October 2	9:00 am	Irene Siedlecki
Friday	October 3	9:00 am	
Saturday	October 4	9:00 am	
Saturday	October 4	4:00 pm	Robert C. O'Connell & Deceased members of the O'Connell Family
Sunday	October 5	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Norma & Bill Irwin
		11:30 am	Enrico DeSimone

 *Collections*

<b><u>Weekend of September 13-14</u></b>	
Amount collected	\$6,009.54
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 9.54
<b><u>Catholic University Collection</u></b>	
Amount collected	\$1,519.06
<b><u>Weekend of September 20-21</u></b>	
Amount collected	\$4,269.10
Amount needed	\$6,900.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,730.90)
<b><u>Collection for Hurricane Victims</u></b>	
Amount collected	\$1,565.96

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, October 1st, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Rom at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. For those who have never been to the Prayer Group, we invite you to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord—to grow in

**Adult Choir**

Are you looking to join a ministry at St. Bartholomew's? Why not consider the Music Ministry. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church. No auditions! Consider joining a fun group of people who enjoy praising God with beautiful and meaningful music. You can also join just to sing for the Little Christmas Concert. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

**Amy's Book Club**

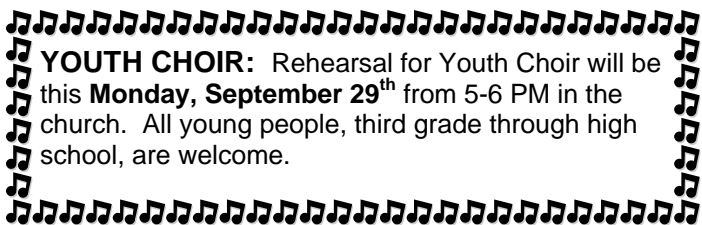
The book club will resume on **Tuesday, Sept. 30th**, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. The book that will be discussed is: Joan of Arc: Personal Recollections by Mark Twain, Publisher: Ignatius Press.

We also invite you to bring in a personal list of your

**First Saturday Devotion**

"Mary promised at Fatima each time that she appeared to help us if we pray to her to banish war and fear. " In response to her promises First Saturday Devotion will be held on **October 4th, following the 9:00 am Mass.** (The Devotion will not take place if there is a 10 am funeral Mass.) Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.

**Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening** will resume following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses on **Sunday, October 5th.** Come down for coffee and donuts and fellowship. We are also in need of a nurse to help out with blood pressure once a month during Community Sunday **after the 8:00 Mass.** Please call the rectory if you can assist in this ministry.



**YOUTH CHOIR:** Rehearsal for Youth Choir will be this **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** from 5-6 PM in the church. All young people, third grade through high school, are welcome.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

#### Class Schedule:

- Classes for grades K-6 only will be held on Monday, Sept 22nd.
- Classes for all grades will meet on Monday, October 6th.
- Students in Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade have class weekly from 4:00-5:00 pm
- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> meet every other week from 7:00-8:30 pm.

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)

**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](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net)

**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!

### 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 will take place 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

## Feast of the Guardian Angels - Oct 2nd

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict gave it impetus and Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day.

*(Taken from <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/SaintOfDay/default.asp?id=1156> on 9/22/08)*

**Prayer to Your Angel Guardian**  
 Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
 to whom His love commits me here,  
 ever this day be at my side,  
 to light and guard, to rule and guide.



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE  
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“LOOK” by Sheila Walsh (WOMEN OF FAITH—DAILY DEVOTIONAL)

Ms. Walsh in her essay “Look” recalls an experience with her father-in-law and her young son. Her son was sitting on the grass with a magnifying glass gazing at a ladybug. Her father-in-law said in awe, “Man, just look at that boy!” I did and saw nothing particularly noteworthy. “What is it, Pop?” Pop replied, “Just look at him. He’s brilliant! How does he know how to use one of those?” “You just look through it,” I said. “Well, I know that, but look at HOW he’s looking through it.”

I looked at something and saw nothing out of the ordinary. My son’s grandfather looked and saw a miracle in everything his grandson did, no matter how ordinary. A little while after this, my father-in-law died unexpectedly. While we all lost so much at his passing, there is not a day that goes by that his gift doesn’t echo in my head. “Man, just look at that boy!”

Ms. Walsh goes on to say that’s how God feels about us. “To God, you are a delight and a joy. He watches over you, marveling at you—His beloved child. Whether you are asleep or awake, He is right beside you. When you speak a kind word, reach out and help without being asked, refuse to take offense, cover someone with love and grace, listen carefully. You just might hear Him say, “Just look at my child!”

Remember, everyday in every way that we (young or older) are special. We are loved and looked after by our Lord. Let us remember also in our actions, the second great Commandment. LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU. And maybe we will hear that little voice, saying in pride, “Look, just look at my people. They heard My Son. Just look at them!”

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Sun., Sept. 28 Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet-12:30 pm
- Mon., Sept. 29 Bible Study-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Mon., Sept. 29 Religious Ed classes for grades K-6 only-4 to 5 pm
- Mon., Sept. 29 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O’Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Sept. 29 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 to 6:00pm
- Tues., Sept. 30 Amy’s Book Club-12:30 pm-O’Brien Room
- Tues., Sept. 30 Altar server training-4 to 5 pm in Church
- Wed., Oct. 1 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Thurs., Oct. 2 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Oct. 4 First Saturday Devotions-following the 9:00 am Mass
- Sun., Oct. 5 Community Sunday and free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Oct. 5 Baptisms-12:30 pm-Church
- Mon., Oct. 6 Bible Study-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 6 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Oct. 6 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O’Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Oct. 6 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 to 6 pm
- Tues., Oct. 7 Senior Social Club Board Mtg-3 pm in O’Brien Room
- Tues., Oct. 7 Altar server training-4 to 5 pm in Church
- Wed., Oct. 8 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Thurs., Oct. 9 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

**Knights of Columbus Raffle:** The Knights of Columbus is holding a limited ticket raffle. A minimum of 100 tickets will be sold with a maximum of 300 tickets. Prizes are as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1500.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$500.00, Third and fourth prizes are \$250.00. Tickets are \$25.00 and proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus programs. Please call Mike Fraini 781-858-1098 or Mike Riley 781-956-0472 for tickets. Drawing will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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>

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Blessing of Pets:**

In honor of the love shown to all living things as God's Creation, Fr Phil will offer a blessing for pets at **5:30pm on the Feast of St Francis (Saturday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>)** near the statue in the corner of our parking lot. Bring your dogs, cats, birds or any other pets to receive a blessing.

**Our Lady of the Rosary – Oct 7<sup>th</sup>**

Following the 9am Mass (and between 3-5pm in the Rectory) Fr. Phil will bless your rosaries. If you do not have a rosary, stop by the rectory, we will be glad to give you a simple rosary with instructions on how to pray it.

**Did you know...**

October is the month of the Rosary and also has many of our favorite Feast Days!

Oct 1st Therese of the Child Jesus – Patron: florists; foreign missions; missionaries; pilots;; AIDS sufferers; illness; loss of parents;

Oct 2nd Guardian Angels

Oct 4th Francis of Assisi – Patron Saint of Animals & Ecology

Oct 6th Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher (USA)

Oct 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

Oct 14th Callistus I

Oct 15th Teresa of Avila – Patron against headaches; against heart disease; loss of parents; those in need of grace; religious; those ridiculed for their piety

Oct 16th Margaret Mary Alacoque and Hedwig Patron: brides; death of children; marital problems; victims of jealousy; widows

Oct 17th Ignatius of Antioch

Oct 18th Luke – Gospel writer, Patron: Artists; bachelors; bookbinders; brewers; butchers; glassworkers; goldsmiths; lacemakers; notaries; painters; physicians; sculptors; stained glass workers; surgeons.

Oct 20th Paul of the Cross

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> John of Capistrano Patron: chaplains; jurists; judges; military chaplains

Oct 24th Anthony Claret

Oct 28th Simon and Jude Patron of lost causes (and the Boston Red Sox!)

Oct 31st All Hallows Eve

For an overview of October liturgically speaking, visit <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10.cfm>

