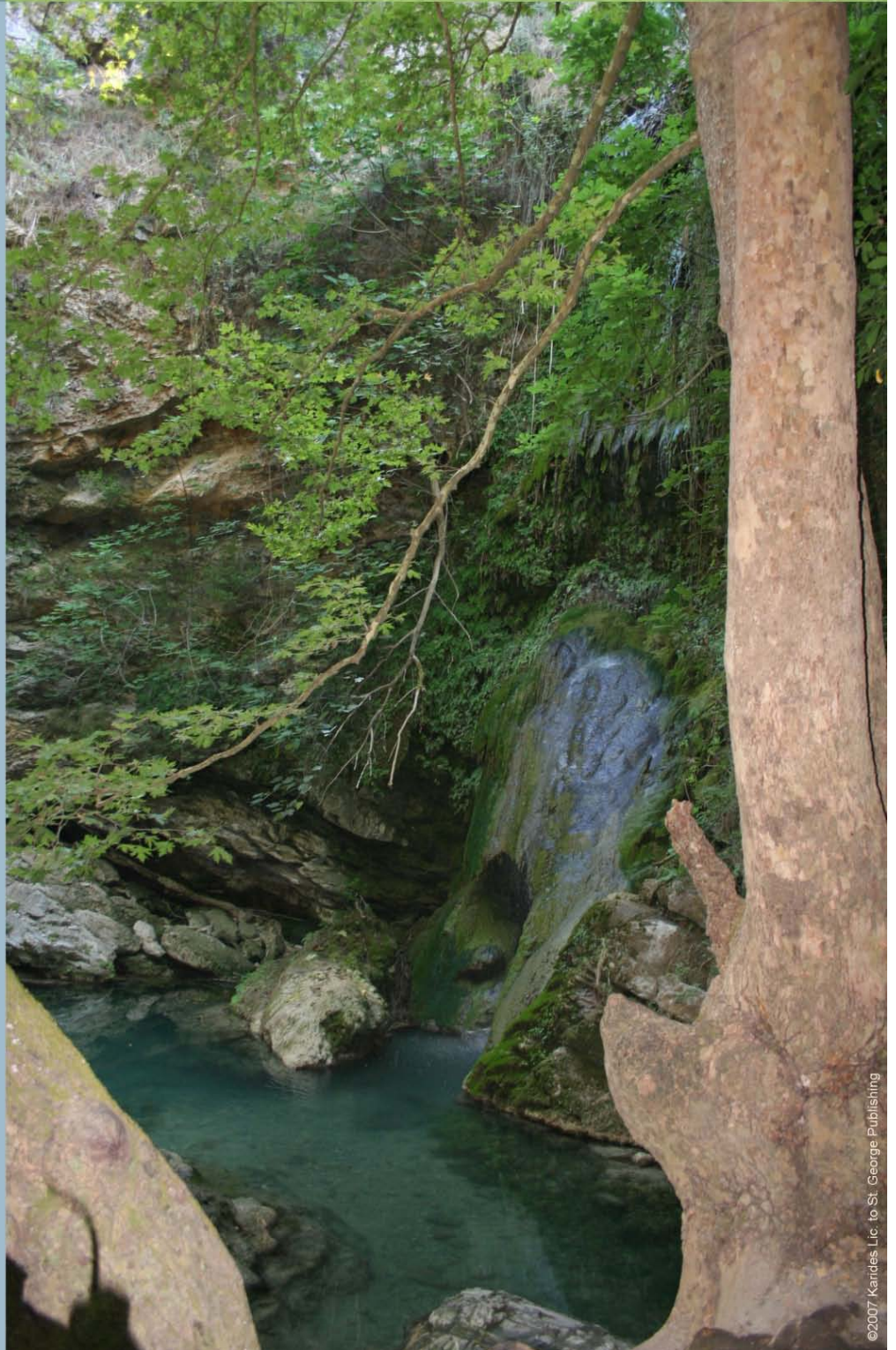


*Pursue  
righteousness,  
devotion,  
faith,  
love,  
patience,  
&  
gentleness.*

*1 Timothy 6:11*



## St. Bartholomew Parish

1180 Greendale Ave.  
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### Parish Staff

Fr. Philip E. Mc Gaugh, Pastor  
Sr. Julie Connolly, Pastoral Associate  
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Debby Deneen, Parish Secretary  
Marianne Germano, Director of Music  
Melisa Hughes  
Director of Religious Education and  
Youth Ministry  
Mary Ellen Jennings,  
Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6

### Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Hugh Lagen, S.M.A.  
Fr. Charles Murphy  
Fr. Thomas O'Malley, S.J.

### Important Numbers & Addresses

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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.



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

Is there anything missing in our lives? God is always calling us to more in human living. The rich man was probably not a bad person but he did not use his wealth as well as he could have used it. The rich man's sin is one of omission as he failed to even notice Lazarus or his needs. Who are the poor we will meet today or another day? There are many types of poverty, the lonely person in need of friendship, the sick person who is in need of a visit, the sad person who is in need of joy, the believer who has lost a connection to God. It is sometimes easy to forget who we are. If we see things from the perspective of Jesus then we better be willing to serve others. God asks that we care for the poor, the forgotten and the invisible ones.

**Altar Server Appreciation Mass:** Cardinal Sean will celebrate a Mass of Appreciation for altar servers at the Cathedral on **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 am.** Altar servers who are interested in going to this Mass are asked to call the rectory and leave their name by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Family and friends are welcome to attend this Mass as well.

**Bible Study:** Women in the Bible will include both the both the Old and New Testament and hopefully will help all of us have a new awareness of the many wonderful ways and the wonderful contributions that women have made in biblical times. Classes began on Monday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, and meet each Monday at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. These classes have proven to be both fun and worthwhile as everybody is contributing to help each other know Sacred Scripture. New people are always welcomed. Please read the books of Exodus and Leviticus. Recommended readings for the course include Women in the Old Testament by Irene Nowell and Women in the New Testament by Mary Ann Getty Sullivan. (If you are not able to get these books, do not worry).

**Catholic Appeal:** Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 80.2% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's 219 people have pledged \$85,133 which is 84.7% of our goal. We are now within \$15,400 of our parish goal. The needs of our poor brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese are great. I hope that we can reach our goal this year. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. If you have not made a pledge please prayerfully consider the needs of the poor.

**Renew Program:** The Archdiocese will be implementing a diocesan wide program called Renew in September 2008. We will be looking for volunteers to help us bring this program to our parish. Please consider this in prayer. If you are interested, speak with the pastor or staff member.

**Respect Life Sunday:** Massachusetts Citizens for Life is sponsoring the 2007 Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children on **Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.** The walk will begin at 2:00 pm with registration and Pre-Walk celebrations at 1:00 pm at the Boston Common Bandstand, corner of Tremont and Boylston Sts. **(This is a new starting location.)**

**Volunteer Family:** A student from Olin College here in Needham is looking for a Catholic host family this fall. Any family interested in hosting a student or is looking for more information is asked to contact the pastor immediately.

**Just a Reminder:** People wishing to leave publications or literature of any type in the Church must have the permission of the pastor. Without this permission anything left will be disposed of.

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**The Parishioner's Annual Financial Report** will be published in next weekend's bulletin. The financial report will also be available shortly on our website: [www.stbartholomew-needham.org](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org).

**Friends of St. Anne:** Please join in the ongoing ministry of making simple Baptismal Robes for St. Bartholomew's Parish. These garments are worn over christening clothes and given to the parents as a reminder of their child's special welcoming into the Church.

The garments require minimal sewing skills by hand or machine. The parish will supply the pattern, fabric and instructions. You may assist in this ministry by making the robes, praying for the individually baptized baby or donating to the cause. Please consider helping with this effort. Contact Jane Cuniffe at 781-444-9033 or at [cunniffem@rcn.com](mailto:cunniffem@rcn.com).



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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	September 29	4:00 pm	The Harrington, McCarthy and Igo Families
Sunday	September 30	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Martin Fitzpatrick
		11:30 am	James Shaughnessy—Active Duty in Iraq
Monday	October 1	9:00 am	Mary & James Fleming
Tuesday	October 2	9:00 am	Irene Siedlecki
Wednesday	October 3	9:00 am	The Gillis and Thissell Families
Thursday	October 4	9:00 am	Katherine & John A. Barnes, Jr.
Friday	October 5	9:00 am	The Chisholm and Lydon Families
Saturday	October 6	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus
Saturday	October 6	4:00 pm	Anne Duross—Month's Mind Mass
Sunday	October 7	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Eugene Egan
		11:30 am	Enrico DeSimone

*Scripture Readings*

- 30 Sun Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
- 1 Mon Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
- 2 Tue Zec 8:20-23 (456)/Mt 18:1-5, 10\*
- 3 Wed Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
- 4 Thu Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
- 5 Fri Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
- 6 Sat Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
- 7 Sun Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

*Collections*

**Weekend of September 22-23**

Amount collected	\$5,629.59
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 370.41)

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

**Youth Choir:** Our next rehearsal is this coming **Monday, October 1st, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at the 9:45 Mass on October 7th.

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

**Amy's Book Club**

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, October 23rd, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton.

**We welcome new members!!!**

**Summer Reading Club for Children**

Amy's Book Club invited our children to join its summer reading group. We hope those who participated enjoyed the adventure! There will be a picnic for book club members and the summer readers at the rectory on **Sunday, October 14th, after the 11:30 Mass**. There will be a prize for everyone who participated!

Please call Debby at the parish office (781-444-3434) **by October 9th** to sign up so we know how much food to buy.

**Fr. Tom Stanton** is looking for donations of religious newspapers (The Pilot, etc.) or religious books for distribution to the people he ministers to. Please drop the items off at the rectory. Be sure to remove your name and address label from the newspapers/books. Fr. Tom will double-check this also. He appreciates whatever you can do to assist him

## Children and Youth

**Rosary Workshop** – TODAY Ever wondered how to say the rosary? Come find out! In preparation for the Rosary Rally. Instruction following the 8:00 am, 9:45 am (with special rosary activities for children in the McCulloch Room) and 11:30 am Masses. Open to all ages, especially families with children.



**World Youth Day** is a gathering of thousands of teens & young adults (16 yrs +) from all over the world to celebrate our Catholic faith with Pope Benedict XVI July 15- 20, 2008, in **Sydney, Australia**. Information Meeting for all interested – **Oct 14<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:45 Mass AND 11:30am Mass contact Melisa Hughes 781-444-4343 or melisa-hughes@comcast.net.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- **Thank you** to our first group of students who shared their time on Saturday morning to help the less fortunate by harvesting vegetables at the Community Farm in Dorchester, this is a wonderful example of putting faith into practice.
- **Pediatricians, Nurses, LICSWs, or Childhood Educators:** The Religious Education program is looking for parish professionals to assist with the presentation of our personal safety program. This requires only a limited time commitment, all training and materials are provided.
- **Classroom Assistants & Substitute Catechists** needed for the evening session, 7:00 – 8:30 pm please call Melisa for information.

**The SPOT** - for 8th thru 12th graders - Ever feel you have nothing to do on a Saturday night? Or is it the same old thing? Or it's not safe? Then come to the SPOT on certain Saturdays where you will meet other teens & make your own fun. The purpose is to allow youth to be youth in a safe place. Once you arrive you sign in & you sign out when you leave, in-between you play games, talk, eat, laugh, & be yourself without parents. This is hosted by Carter Memorial UMC, but it is not youth group or religious, we simply want to share our space with youth who desire a safe space to hang-out. Activities & fun is determined by those who attend, so come & help create the SPOT. Look for the basement entrance @ 7:00 pm until 10:04 pm on these Saturdays: October 20 , November 3, December 15, January 5, February 2 , March 1, April 5, May 3.

*(Sponsored by the interdenominational houses of worship of Needham including St Bartholomew Parish – call Melisa for more information.)*

### ACTIVITIES

- **Altar Servers** – Being an altar server is a wonderful experience of Mass and service in our parish, open to all in grade 4 and up. New altar server registration forms available in the back of the Church, training will take place before the end of September.
- **CYO Basketball** – we are offering boys and girls teams from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church. Anyone interested in COACHING please contact Melisa ASAP!

### TEEN MINISTRY

**YOUTH BOARD** – students in 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade share your talents & ideas, and help make things happen that are fun, interesting, and different! First meeting **Tuesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm** (we'll provide pizza for dinner)

### Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, October 3rd, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room 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 your spirituality. Try it...you'll be glad you did.

### Protecting God's Children

This is a mandatory, one-time workshop for all staff and volunteers who work with children under the auspices of a parish in the Archdiocese of Boston. We currently have one more workshop scheduled for the fall: **Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 7:00 pm**. The workshops will take place in the McCulloch Room in the school. Please call Barbara Dury in the rectory at 781-444-3434 to register.



**PRAY for Conversion of America and World Peace**

We invite family and friends to join together for the **Public Rosary Rally** to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007 on the Needham Town Common from 12:00 pm—2:00 pm

Each one of us has an obligation as a Catholic to further the cause of Conversion and Peace in the world. PRAYER AND ACTION is the way! The recitation of a public Rosary combines both to form a most powerful weapon against the evils of today's world. The presentation of the Mysteries as proclaimed before each decade of the Rosary unites us with Christ in His journey of love—from His conception in the womb of Mary to His Glorious Ascension into heaven.

We must act now, as good Christians and citizens, to demonstrate our faith in God and Country. Mary leads us to Jesus, and Jesus listens to Mary as He did at Cana, His first public miracle.

**Please make the commitment now to attend.  
Mark your calendars for October 13th.**

**Dear Parish Friends,**

Because of your prayerful support, compassion and thoughtfulness, this note is being written to you. Presently I am feeling better than I have been for almost a year. My appetite and energy level have slightly increased, and I'm spending a few hours in the office each week. Of course, our pastor, Fr. Phil, will continue to show his pastoral concern by limiting my involvement.

I am now taking new medication and ask that you continue your powerful prayers that the results will be beneficial and that I will not have to have chemo again. I have been blessed with competent and caring medical personnel, the love and support of family, our priests, staff, friends, Sisters of Notre Dame and you.

My journey continues, and I will always need your companionship on my way and that of the Good God as well. Please know that you and your intentions are remembered in my daily prayers.

I do hope to see you all soon. Right now I cannot go into crowds (doctor's orders); however, if you are close by on Monday or Tuesday mornings, please stop in at the parish office—or just call. I would love to see you.

As always, God bless,  
*Sr. Julie*

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** will be held at St. Joseph's Church in the Linse Room on Wednesdays from 9:45-11:30 am beginning October 3rd. WINGS welcomes women of all ages and in all life situations. They meet to worship God, to deepen their Christian faith. There is an opportunity to grow through inspiring talks, informative Bible studies, and personal sharing in small groups. For additional info, please call Sarah McElroy at 781-449-1928. For babysitting info, call Karin Morin at 781-449-1982

**The 90th Anniversary Celebration of Our Lady of Fatima**

will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro, MA, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. A DVD Fatima film, Crowning, Rosary Procession, Conference, Benediction and Fatima farewell are just some beautiful features of this day of thanksgiving for Our Lady of Fatima's 90 years mediation of graces upon the world. For more information, contact Maggie Sweeney at 508-428-4527 or call the Shrine at 508-236-9068

**Needham's First Annual Take Back the Night**

will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 6th, from 7:00-10:00 pm on Memorial Field—rain or shine** and will be funded in part by the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee and local business donations.

Take Back the Night was first started in Europe in 1976 to protect women who feared walking home at night alone and it has continued all over the globe as a sign of empowerment for women, men and children. Now it has become a long-standing tradition on college campuses around the country—and we hope to establish the same tradition in Needham.

This is a high school and community wide event to raise awareness in our town about the issue of sexual and domestic violence. It will include a march and rally around town as well as speakers, bands and much more!

Come support a good cause with fun, friends and music!!

