

Repay

Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to
Caesar and
to God
what
belongs
to God.

Matthew 22:21

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 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 what you would like prayers said.



Reflection for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary

Time: We all struggle with questions pertaining to justice and injustice. Jesus makes use of a coin as a teaching tool. How do we understand our dual citizenship in heaven and on earth? How do we determine what belongs to God and to the secular? As citizens of this country we owe our country loyalty, but there is more as our first allegiance and concern has to be doing the will of God. We need to pay Jesus back with more than money or material things. Our God is an awesome God who has greatly blessed us.

October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed each day following the 9:00 am daily Mass.

The ARISE Program: We have begun! All of the groups have met—and enthusiasm is high! Thank you to the participants and to all the leaders of the groups.

Bulletin Sponsors: We are very blessed and thankful to have generous bulletin sponsors who make our beautiful weekly bulletins possible. Please thank them and patronize their services when possible.

Bible Study: Classes continue **Monday, October 20, at 10:00 am** in the O’Brien Room. Please read chapters seven to ten in Mark’s Gospel.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed after the 11:30 am Mass next **Sunday, October 26th**, for the cause of Pro-Life.

Second Collection: This weekend is World Mission Sunday and this collection is used to make a difference in the life of the poor around the world. By virtue of our Baptism each of us is called to be missionaries and to support the Church’s worldwide mission in prayer and sacrifice. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

St. Andrew Dinner: The next St. Andrew Dinner with Cardinal Sean will be on **Tuesday, November 4th, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm** at St. John’s Seminary. Any young man thinking of the priesthood who would like to attend this dinner is asked to speak with the pastor.

Movie Night will resume on **Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:00 pm** in the O’Brien Room in the rectory. We will be showing “Uganda: Ready to Forgive” which is an amazing story about Immaculee Ilibagiza who also wrote “Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.” This is a must-see film.

Reflection Questions

How do I use my time, talents, and treasures to say thank you to God for all the ways He has blessed me and my loved ones?

What have you done for God and country this week or recently?

Catholic Appeal: Presently we are at 91% of our goal with \$ 86,713 having been pledged. If you have not already made a contribution, may I ask you to consider this worthy cause. Our parish has had two hundred and eight pledges made to reach this amount. Our designated goal of participation had been set at two hundred and seventy-eight pledges. 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 ways you can help.

Recommended Reading

Glimpses of Heaven by Trudy Harris, RN, Revell Books, Grand Rapids, 2008.

Dreams and Visions: Pastoral Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation, by Bill Huebsch, Twenty Third Publications, New London, CT. 2008

Understanding Today’s Parish by William J. Rademacher, John S. Weber and David McNeil, Jr., Twenty Third Publications, New London, Ct. 2007

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	October 18	4:00 pm	Julia Nowak
Sunday	October 19	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Joseph & Margaret Lyons
		11:30 am	Donald McCarthy and Elizabeth Harrington
Monday	October 20	9:00 am	
Tuesday	October 21	9:00 am	James McInerney—1st Anniversary
Wednesday	October 22	9:00 am	Leo Casey
Thursday	October 23	9:00 am	
Friday	October 24	9:00 am	
Saturday	October 25	9:00 am	Ann Haran
Saturday	October 25	4:00 pm	Pat & Angie Ferrara
Sunday	October 26	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Dirci Bussell
		11:30 am	Dr. Frances Creeden

 *Collections*

Weekend of October 11-12

Amount collected \$6,081.21
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under \$ 81.21

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, 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 your spirituality. Try it...you'll be glad you did.

Amy's Book Club will not meet in October. The next time will be **Tuesday, November 25**. One of the books to be read is "Touching the Holy: Ordinariness, Self-Esteem and Friendship" by Robert J. Wicks. There will also be a book about Advent which will be detailed in another bulletin.

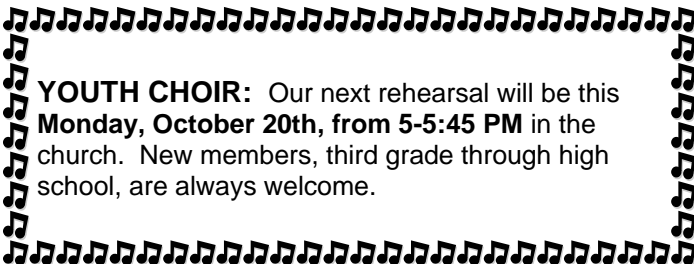
Adult Choir



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.

Mom's Night Out: Join us for conversation and cuisine at Bertucci's in Needham at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 15th**. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other mothers from our faith community. Please RSVP to Mary Garber, from the Activities Committee, by Monday, Oct. 13th, by calling 781-453-1921.

Benefit Dance for Holy Ghost Fathers: The 24th Annual Benefit Dance to aid the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers and their Missions will be held on **Friday, November 7, at 8:00 pm** at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be music by the Andy Healy Band, Irish step-dancing, raffle, cash bar, and refreshments. Dance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from members of the Holy Ghost Committee, including Fr. Peter Nolan at 617-364-9500, Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800, Joe Berrio at 617-325-4229, or at the door on the night of the dance.



YOUTH CHOIR: Our next rehearsal will be this **Monday, October 20th, from 5-5:45 PM** in the church. New members, third grade through high school, are always welcome.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedules:

- * All grades have class on Monday, Oct 20th
- * K-6 only have class on Oct 27th

K-6th grade

* All Hallow's party for children in Kindergarten through 6th grade on Monday, Oct 27th during class - children are invited to wear their Hallowe'en costumes (no masks please!) to class and we will have a special celebration of All Hallow's Eve (All Saints & All Souls)

7th – 10th

* Confirmation Parents meeting Monday, Oct 20th, at 7:30pm in the church, please come for the prayer service at 7pm and stay for the meeting. Parents of 10th grade students in Catholic Schools are also invited.

Social Justice Calendar – Thanks to those who worked at the Food Project Farm in Lincoln! All students in 8th grade and up need to complete at least one activity on the Social Justice Calendar. If you have not yet signed up, please let Melisa know as some opportunities fill up quickly!

Kids Night Out

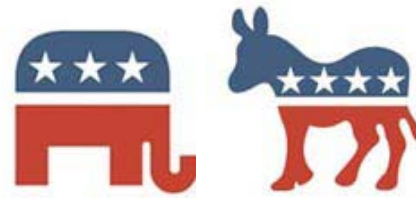
In order for our movie night for children to continue, co-leaders are needed to run it on a rotating basis. This is a simple but rewarding task involving approximately ½ hour of advance preparation (selecting the movie, emailing the parish your selection in advance, ordering pizza), set up (technical training provided) being present and engaged with the children while they are there, and clean up. At least 4 individuals to co-lead are needed before this program can be restarted. Please contact the rectory and leave your name & contact info.

CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball is an inter parish social-competitive league with some local travel. There are leagues for boys and for girls 5th grade and up. There is still room on our teams, applications are available at the back of the church. Please include a copy of your child's birth certificate. Fee for the season is \$150.00. **Coaches & assistants needed.**

Family Faith

We at St Bart's are always looking for fresh new ways to share our Catholic faith and traditions in ways that are fun, interesting and relevant to inspire families to live out their faith at home. If this is something you are passionate about or have ideas to share, please contact Melisa melisahughes@comcast.net or 781-444-4343. Keep an eye on upcoming bulletins for ideas and a "brainstorming meeting" date.



Women in Communion

Feeling "Politically Homeless"? How does one vote as a reflective, intelligent Catholic? All women are invited for a special "Women in Communion" to explore Catholic Social Teaching & the Election. Together we will explore tools to analyze the moral complexities of political issues through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching which is not partisan or sectarian, but reflect fundamental principles common to all people.

**Sunday October 19th following the 9:45 Mass
in the McCulloch room**

Please sign up by calling the rectory – cost is FREE, continental breakfast will be served

Bloodmobile



This week our good Volunteers will begin making calls to prospective Blood Donors. The Volunteers are members of the St. Bartholomew Senior Social Club which again this year will provide volunteers to make phone calls and work at the Bloodmobile.

The annual Bloodmobile is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, from 2-7 pm.** It will be sponsored by St. Bartholomew Parish and St. Sebastian's School. There has to be 56 days between blood donations; therefore the last date that a donation could be made prior to our Bloodmobile was September 20th. Hope to see you at our Bloodmobile. If you wish to donate, you may call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531.

Open House

St. Sebastian's School, a Catholic, independent day school for 355 young men in grades seven through twelve, is hosting an Admissions Open House on **Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

All interested students and parents are invited to attend.

For further information, contact the Admissions Office at 781-247-0125,

Visit the website: www.stsebastiansschool.org

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“STAYING IN TOUCH

The more one turns on the computer, the more astounding it is to find yourself on another list for “very meaningful” information. How did they find me? Order one thing on the computer and you will find yourself on every possible retail SALE list. Another surprising thing is finding out how many friends you didn’t know you had; but they find you; put you on their list; and then tell you that you must forward this info to twelve of your closest friends or multiple catastrophes will occur. Occasionally, even religious consequences are invoked. How did this all begin? And should we wish it to stop?

We now have a telephone number to stop unwanted calls. We can stop some of our unwanted mail--an environmental concern as well as an irritation. We can learn to use our SPAM button on the computer. But the bottom line is our own ability to decide how we will use our time—once spent, never retrieved. The computer is by all means not a bad thing. But its use can become obsessive and destructive. The information we seek is usually delivered almost instantly. We can continue to learn, no matter our age. It’s also entertaining. But with solitary pursuits on the computer, are we losing touch with the people in our lives and the limited time that we have to be with each other? Conversely, the computer lets us hear from people that somehow we can’t find enough time to phone. We get a quick note about health; we pass on a thought or prayer wishing someone well; we offer congratulations where appropriate; we can pass on info about meetings, flight arrivals, etc. Sometimes we even get a special note from someone thinking about us that is quite unexpected and much appreciated. Like most things in this world, there is good to be had, if only we discriminate.

Every grandparent or parent, warns the young about balance in everything in life. And that certainly applies to how we spend our time. At the end of each day we should take stock of how we spent our time. Outside of work, how much time was spent on the computer versus time with family and friends or our Lord? Jesus certainly would have used the computer to evangelize. But would He have used it at the expense of personal contact with His people? Staying in touch comes from the heart. We do this by sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure. We are the stewards of God and each other. No delete button here.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Oct. 19 Women in Communion Gathering following the 9:45 am Mass
- Mon., Oct. 20 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 20 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Oct. 20 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 20 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 to 6 pm
- Mon., Oct. 20 Confirmation parent meeting-7:30 pm-Church
- Wed., Oct. 22 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Oct. 23 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Oct. 26 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet-12:30 pm-Church
- Mon., Oct. 27 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 27 Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Oct. 27 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 27 Youth Choir rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Oct. 29 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Oct. 30 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Nov. 1 **Daylight Savings Time ends-turn clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR at bedtime**

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

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 longstanding tradition on college campuses around the country. The hope is to establish the same tradition in Needham.

Through a collaboration between students of Needham High School and the Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee, *Take Back the Night* will take place on **Friday, October 24, from 7-10 pm** at the Commons in front of Town Hall. Join us to raise awareness in our community about violence against women. There will be a march around town, live bands, guest speakers, free food and much more.

If you have any questions, contact Sally Toran at: sallytoran@hotmail.com.

A Prayer for our Nation as we Prepare to Elect our Leaders

O God, we acknowledge you today as Lord, not only of individuals, but of nations and governments.

We thank you for the privilege of being able to organize ourselves politically and of knowing that political loyalty Does not mean disloyalty to you.

We thank you for your law, which our Founding Fathers acknowledged and recognized as higher than any Human law.

We thank you for the opportunity that this election year puts before us, to exercise our solemn duty not only to vote, but to influence countless others to vote, and to vote correctly.

Lord, we pray that your people may be awakened. Let Them realize that while politics is not their salvation, their response to you required that they be politically active.

Awaken your people to know that they are not called to be a sect fleeing the world but rather a community of faith renewing the world.

Awaken them that the same hands lifted up to you in prayer are the hands that pull the lever in the voting booth; that the same eyes that read your Word are the eyes that read the names on the ballot; and that they do not cease to be Christians when they enter the voting booth.

Awaken your people to a commitment to justice to the sanctity of marriage and the family, to the dignity of each individual human life, and to the truth that human rights begin when human lives begin, and not one moment later.

Lord, we rejoice today, that we are citizens of your kingdom. May that make us all the more committed to being faithful citizens on earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

“Living with Cancer Workshop”

St. Mary’s Parish, Dedham, is offering a workshop on the subject of living with cancer. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th from 9:30am to 2:30pm. It is aimed at those who have the disease, their families and care-givers. There is no charge. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches (drinks will be provided.) The workshop will be led by Rev. Msgr. Thomas McDonnell who recently authored the work: “Walking in the Dark Valley (Ps.23); When Cancer is Your Constant Companion.” The workshop will consist of a prayer service, talks and discussions and will take place at the parish Center (25 Avery St.)

Msgr.’s book can be obtained at the Parish Center.
A donation is accepted but not required

Pax Christi

Pax Christi is the Catholic peace organization. It is having its fall assembly co-sponsored by St. Susanna Parish on **Saturday, November 1**. The speaker for the day is Fr. John Dear., S.J., a noted peace activist, lecturer, and retreat leader. He has authored or edited more than twenty books on peace and nonviolence and was recently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. The topic for the day is “On the Road to Peace, Following the Nonviolent Jesus.”

The day begins at 8:30 am for registration and ends after the 4:00 pm Mass. If you have any questions, please call Pat Ferrone at 781-449-3890 or email at patferrone@rcn.com. A count is needed for lunch, so please register if you will be attending.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
For the selfless acts they perform
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
I ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior.
Amen.