



He said to him,
"You shall *love* the
LORD, your GOD,
with all your
heart,



and with all your
mind.

This is the
greatest and the first
commandment.

The second is like it:

You shall *love*
your *neighbor*
as yourself.



The whole law
and the prophets
depend on these
two commandments."

~*Matthew 22:37-40*

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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

What we give to the poor for the sake of Jesus, we know for sure that we will bring this with us when we die. My friends, if we wish to love God then we must care for the vulnerable and needy neighbor. Our God is compassionate and so must we be. It is love of neighbor as it reflects love of God that leads us to share in the eternal banquet. We must constantly be seeking to live and develop the right perspective concerning our neighbor. Loving God is expressed by continually doing good for the sake of others. This might begin with our selection of words but is so much more. Each day God gives us many opportunities to show love of God and love of neighbor.

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.

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.

The Feast of All Saints on November 1st is not a holy Day of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday. It is still, however, quite appropriate to attend Mass that day at 9:00 am.

Bible Study: Classes continue **Monday, October 27, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters nine to twelve in Mark's Gospel.

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

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.

Recommended Reading

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

Open the Door by Joyce Rupp, Sorin Books, Notre Dame 2008.

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 by studying the issues and considering the candidates for public office?

How has God's compassion touched me?

Catholic Appeal: Presently we are at 94% of our goal with \$ 89,213 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.

Hospitality

Parishioners are needed to help with the many aspects of hospitality and welcoming that accompany our many events and activities that go on at St Bart's. Please contact Dorothea O'Connell for information or to sign up for this important ministry at Speechwin@aol.com or call 781-449-4110.

A sampling of St Bart's Hospitality includes:

- Preparing and hosting simple receptions such as those that follow the Bereavement Mass, Parish Missions, and other special events
- Welcoming parishioners before or after Mass
- Visiting new parishioners to acquaint them with the parish
- Visiting and assisting parishioners in need with basic tasks

(You may wish to help with one or more aspects)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 25	4:00 pm	Pat & Angie Ferrara
Sunday	October 26	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Dirci Bussell
		11:30 am	Dr. Francis Creeden
Monday	October 27	9:00 am	
Tuesday	October 28	9:00 am	Marjorie McLaughlin
Wednesday	October 29	9:00 am	The Chisholm & Lydon Families
Thursday	October 30	9:00 am	The Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Friday	October 31	9:00 am	
Saturday	November 1	9:00 am	
Saturday	November 1	4:00 pm	The Pancaldi & Nannini Families
Sunday	November 2	8:00 am	Robert Moore, Sr.
		9:45 am	Antonio Colella
		11:30 am	Joseph Cuddemi

 *Collections*

Weekend of October 18-19

Amount collected \$5,716.36
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 283.64)

Mission Sunday Collection

Amount collected \$2,211.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 29th, 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.

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

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 27th, from 5-5:45 PM in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on Sunday, November 2nd.

Report to Parishioners

It gives us great pleasure to report to you on the financial condition of our parish. The parish continues to be in sound financial condition. This is due primarily to your generous support and the disciplined stewardship of our management team lead by Father McGaugh and Barbara Dury.

The detailed financial statements, as filed with the Archdiocese, can be found on the parish web site at www.stbartholomew-needham.org. These results are summarized below, along with a five year overview of the experience of the parish, documenting the primary trends that are driving our finances.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (000) Omitted

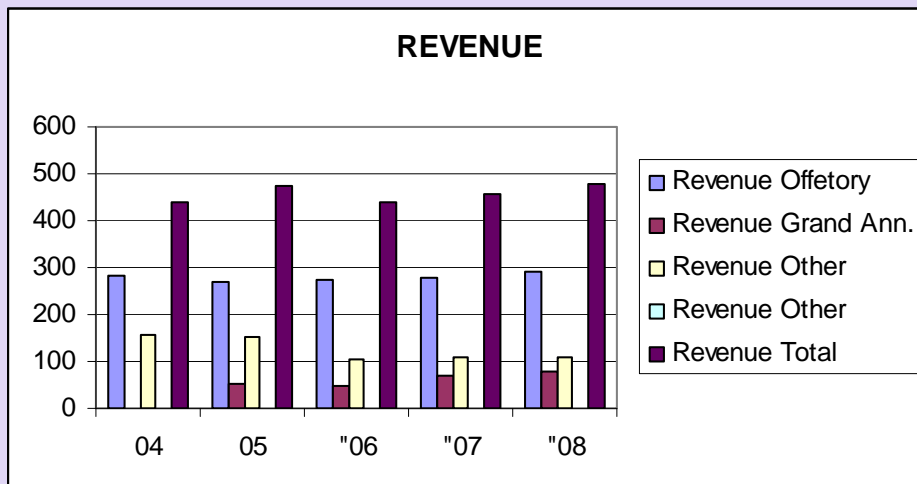
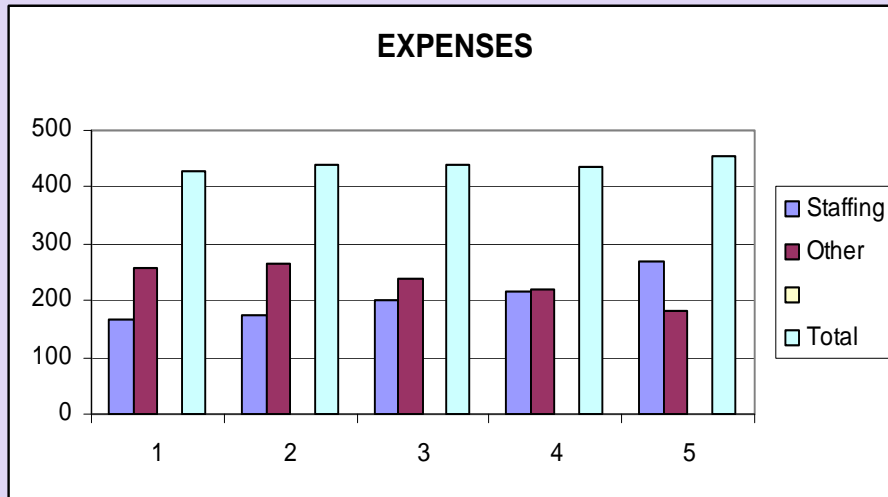
Fiscal Year Ended		Jun-07	30-Jun	6/30/2009
		Actual	Actual	Budget
Revenue				
	Offertory	277	292	294
	Grand Annual	69	78	80
	Interest	27	28	28
	Rent	37	37	37
	Religious Ed.	10	14	14
	Other	35	29	29
	Total	455	478	481
Expense				
	Staffing			
	Lay	137	186	205
	Clerical	80	84	95
	Facility/Rectorry	71	75	78
	Office	50	35	35
	Program	50	35	35
	School Tax	15	17	18
	Other	32	13	7
	Total	435	453	480
Net Revenue		20	25	1

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5 YEAR SUMMARY

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Offertory	283	271	275	277	292
Grand Ann.		51	60	69	78
<u>Other</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>108</u>
Total	438	474	438	455	478

<u>Expenses</u>					
Staffing	168	174	199	217	270
<u>Other</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>183</u>
Total	427	441	438	435	453



As can be seen from the above summary, we have had positive net operating revenue for each of the last two years. This was due, in substantial part to the two factors mentioned earlier, your generosity and careful stewardship, both of which we expect to continue in force. We also benefited from two other factors that we do not expect to continue. Certain positions were filled during the course of the year, rather than at the outset, resulting in lower than projected costs. In addition, we chose to defer certain maintenance and renovation projects pending the resolution of the expansion of the St. Sebastian's campus. We are currently fully staffed and anticipate that the St. Sebastian's development will be resolved over the next several months. Consequently, neither of these last two factors should apply this year. Thus, while we have focused careful attention on all aspects of our programs and activities, our budget for the current fiscal year is virtually break even.

We encourage you to pay particular attention to the five year charts. They demonstrate several significant trends. These trends will continue to impact our financial condition for the foreseeable future. The first of these trends appears on the revenue side. As the Promise for Tomorrow campaign winds down, an increasing percentage of our revenue must come from more traditional contribution sources, the Offertory and the Grand Annual collection. Indeed, as can be seen, Offertory collections had fallen off somewhat for the years 2005-2007. Our ability to maintain the vitality of our parish is thus highly dependant on the amount raised in the Grand Annual collection. Fortunately, you have risen to the occasion. It is essential that you continue to do so.

The other significant trend is on the expense side. Our staffing expense has risen from 39% of our total operating cost to 60% for last year. Staffing is projected to be 63% of our operating expenses in the current fiscal year. There are several reasons for this. Our parish made a conscious decision to focus attention on youth related areas of our ministry, both in the areas of religious education and in a new Youth Ministry position. The new Director of Religious Education and Youth Formation, Melisa Hughes, has a Masters Degree in Theology from the Weston School of Theology. Since her arrival last August, among other things, she has restructured of the upper grade curriculum, has establish a new youth ministry (CYO) program, and has created a youth board to give voice to the concerns of our middle school and high school students. The list goes on and on. She has been a most welcome addition to our full-time staff. Secondly, in this and other areas, we have seen a transition from religious to lay personnel. Finally, like all organizations, we have experienced a dramatic increase in the costs of health care and other benefits.

As we stated at the outset, our parish is in sound financial condition, and with your continued support we expect to continue that way.

Respectfully submitted,

St. Bartholomew Finance Council

Paul Bacigalupo, Ed Ellison, Tom Keating, Bob McLaughlin, Dick Reilly, John Zajonc

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

K-6 have class on Monday, Oct 27th
All grades have class on Monday, Nov 3rd

K-6th Grade

All Hallows Celebration 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.

7th-10th Grade

Social Justice Calendar: Next activity is at Avery Manor in Needham visiting and doing activities with the residents on Saturday, Nov 1st, 10:30-1:00 pm. Please contact Melisa to sign up. All are welcome.

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. *All volunteers need to complete a criminal record check (CORI) and Protecting God's Children training prior to starting.*

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 and 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.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure

Screening will resume following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses on **Sunday, November 2nd**. Come down for coffee and donuts and fellowship.

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 **November 1, 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.

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.

Project Rachel: Do you know of someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with that pain. Project Rachel will offer a "Come to the Waters" Healing Retreat on **Saturday, November 15**. For more information and to register for the date of your choice, call 508-651-3100 or email help@projectrachelboston.com. All information is held in strict confidence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 First Saturday Devotion-following the
9:00 am Mass
- Sat., Nov. 1 **Daylight Savings Time ends-turn
clocks BACK ONE HOUR at
bedtime**
- Sun., Nov. 2 Community Sunday & Free Blood
Pressure Screening following the
8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Nov. 2 Parish Baptisms-12:30 pm
- Mon., Nov. 3 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 3 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Nov. 3 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in
O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 3 Youth Choir rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Nov. 4 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Nov. 5 Adult Choir rehearsal-7:30 pm

Information Night: St. Joseph Elementary School in Needham will hold an Information Night on **Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 pm** in the school library. For a preview, visit www.saintjoes.com.



Love Commanded

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)

And in today's Gospel, He reveals that *love* - of God and of neighbor - is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8-10).

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the ten commandments (see Exodus 32:15-16). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God - such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20-22).

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God - loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. And in this become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle - laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen; our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see John 15:12-13; Hebrews 13:15).

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com*

“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

A Prayer as We Prepare to Vote

by
Rabbi Michael Lerner

Thank You, the Power of Healing and Transformation in the Universe, that Your energy has moved through human beings in the past and inspired them to create democratic institutions that would give me and others this wonderful opportunity to participate in shaping our world. I know that the outcome of this election will have consequences for all six billion people on the planet, so I take it upon myself to vote in a way that is sensitive to the needs of the all the people of the planet, not just to those who are blessed to live in the richest and most powerful society. As I approach this holy act, I recommit myself to the message revealed to the prophets and sages of old: that our highest task on earth is to bring more love and kindness, generosity and sanctity into the world, and that to do so we must vigorously pursue a world of justice and peace, avoiding violence and hurting others directly or indirectly. May my vote contribute to these results. Please give strength to those for whom I vote. If they are elected, let them contribute to achieving a world of greater peace, justice and love. If they are not elected, let my vote be one of the factors that contributes to empowering them to play a positive role in continuing the struggle for peace, justice and love.

Give me the sensitivity to understand those who do not vote in the way that I do. We all desire for a world of peace, justice, loving-kindness and caring, and let that understanding empower me to be more compassionate in the way that I think and talk about those with whom I disagree, and more intelligent in finding ways to reach them, speak to their goodness, and bring them through my love and compassion for them to be able to see a better path to achieve the goals that they share with me. Let me also have compassion for the candidates for office whom I do support—let me not judge them for their personal failings. Yet let me simultaneously hold them accountable in their public acts to struggle even more for social justice and peace. I know that my vote is only one little part of the whole, and nevertheless I will not belittle what I am doing today in going to vote. But neither will I use this vote as a way of excusing myself from having to do more. I commit myself to putting more of my time and more of my energy and resources into activities explicitly aimed at the healing and transformation of our planet. Peace. Shalom. Salaam.

<http://www.educationforjustice.org/node/1149>

Family Faith
November – All Saints & All Souls

November is a time when we remember our family and friends who have gone before us to join the Lord, and especially those souls in Purgatory. It is a month in which we celebrate All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Veteran's Day, St Gertrude, and our parish Bereavement Mass honoring those who have died in the last year and offer special support to those who grieve.

FAITH@HOME

Saints – research the saints for whom members of the family are named after, whose birthdays are on a Saint's feast day, or chose a patron saint based on a hobby or passion. Here are 2 websites with a searchable index of saints:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/SAINTS/indexsnt.htm>

Souls – take out old family albums and share stories of grandparents or other family members who have passed away.

Think of people in your community, focusing on those who serve in quiet, unsung ways – let them know that to you they are a living saint with a card or a simple way of honoring and thanking them!

Go to a cemetery and clean up around a tomb that has been neglected, pull up the weeds around it, place fresh flowers and say a prayer for that person (even if you don't know them)

The **Eternal Rest** (Requiem aeternam) is a good prayer to recite especially during November:

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Religious Ed office has a number of books on saints for various ages, if you would like to borrow or take a look at them please contact Melisa melisahughes@comcast.net or 781-444-4343

Catholic Facts

What is the Communion of Saints??? - We are all called to be saints as we are all called to be holy, this is the idea that together, all followers of Christ in the Catholic Church (living & dead) form a "Communion of Saints". The term "communion of saints" has two closely linked meanings: communion in holy things and among holy persons.

The Church is a "communion of saints": this expression refers first to the "holy things", above all the Eucharist, by which "the unity of believers, who form one body in Christ, is both represented and brought about". The term "communion of saints" refers also to the communion of "holy persons" in Christ who "died for all," so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.

"We believe in the communion of all the faithful of Christ, those who are pilgrims on earth, the dead who are being purified, and the blessed in heaven, all together forming one Church; and we believe that in this communion, the merciful love of God and his saints is always [attentive] to our prayers".

Did you know? ... How people are recognized by the Church as Saints?

In addition to all of us called to be saints, there are certain people that the Church publicly recognizes as being exceptionally holy and as definitely being in heaven. Because they are definitely in heaven, they are closer to Jesus and can intercede on our behalf to Jesus or to God the Father when we pray to them.

An example of how this works might be if a child wants to borrow something from another child but they feel shy asking, they might ask another friend who knows both to ask for them. The saint themselves does not answer prayers but advocates for us to help get prayers answered.

Here is a website that describes briefly how someone becomes a saint:

<http://www.catholic-pages.com/saints/process.asp>