



Come, you who are blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

Matthew 25:34



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 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 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The readings today are a reminder to us that it is through the gracious love of God that we are saved. The tax collector knew of his unworthiness whereas the Pharisees did not know this. The Pharisees one might say were full of themselves and their accomplishments. How do we see ourselves? To honestly see ourselves would require a great deal of humility. Humility is not about weakness, but rather it is an honorable human quality that is about keeping us balanced and seeking proper relationship with God and with others. It points out to us where we are strong and where we are weak. This quality helps us to realize how much we need each other. Only God knows the true hearts of others. We must also realize that we belong to the Lord.

Reflections for the Feast of All Saints:

Thursday of this week is a Holy Day and Friday is the feast of All Souls. Who are the heroes in our lives? Which saints in heaven have we chosen as intercessors for ourselves? Today is a day to honor all of the holy men and women who have gone home to God but who continue to guide us and help us to live holy lives. Although the number of people who have officially been canonized is an extremely small percentage of those who have lived, there are many who have lived exemplary lives and have witnessed faithfully to Jesus. The saints are among us each day as well. God loves each of us and invites us to help others experience this as well. November is a month in which we remember our loved ones in a special way.

Women in the Bible: Next class will be Monday, **October 29th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room in the Rectory. We are about halfway through the course. We are now beginning the New Testament section. New members are always welcomed.

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 a staff member.

Recommended Reading: Just One Year: A Global Treasury of Prayer and Worship, edited by Timothy Radcliffe, Orbis Books Maryknoll New York 2007.

Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday, November 1st, is the Feast of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday, October 31st, at 4:00 pm and on Thursday, November 1st, at 9:00 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 82.4% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's we have pledged \$86,445 which is 86% of our goal. We are now within \$14,100 of our parish goal. The needs of our poor brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese are great. I pray that we can reach our goal this year. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. As we move toward achieving our parish goal, it is important that we all try to help however we are able. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider the needs of the poor. If you have given in the past, but cannot give as much this year, would you consider if you are able to give half of what you gave? If you have already given but have been really blessed this year, would you consider helping in place of someone who is not able. Again, whatever you can do, thank you. God blesses us everyday in ways that we cannot even imagine.

Choose Life License Plates: Please call the rectory if you are interested in more information or an application for a Choose Life License Plate.

The Adult Choir will be performing at the Christmas Concert that will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16th.



We would like to have a larger choir for that performance. We hope that there are singers out there who would join us for that one day. There will be a few practices that take place on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church. Please call Debby

at the parish office (781-444-3434) if you are interested. WE NEED YOU.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 27	4:00 pm	James Shaughnessy—Active Duty in Iraq
		5:30 pm	Marjorie McLaughlin
Sunday	October 28	8:00 am	Tony Colella
		9:45 am	Joseph & Margaret Lyons
		11:30 am	Baptismal Liturgy
Monday	October 29	9:00 am	
Tuesday	October 30	9:00 am	Marjorie McLaughlin
Wednesday	October 31	9:00 am	George H. Ellison
		4:00 pm	Feast of All Saints
Thursday	November 1	9:00 am	Feast of All Saints
		5:30 pm	Feast of All Saints
		7:30 pm	Feast of All Saints
Friday	November 2	9:00 am	Feast of All Souls
Saturday	November 3	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus
Saturday	November 3	4:00 pm	Lester Brennan
Sunday	November 4	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	The Pancaldi & Nannini Families
		11:30 am	Joseph Cuddemi

Scripture Readings

- 28 Sun Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
- 29 Mon Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
- 30 Tue Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
- 31 Wed Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30
- 1 Thu Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- 2 Fri Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- 3 Sat Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- 4 Sun Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/
Lk 19:1-10

Collections

Weekend of October 20-21

Amount collected	\$5,752.20
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 247.80)

Collection for the World Missions

Amount collected	\$2,512.18
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Thank you for your stewardship.

MARK THE DATE!!

St. Bartholomew's Parish is excited to announce that we will have a Handbell Choir performance on Sunday, December 9th, at 2:00 pm followed by light refreshments. Please plan to join us!!



Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, October 30th, 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!!!

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, October 31st, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. We welcome new members.

Youth Choir: Our next rehearsal is this Monday, **October 29th, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on November 4th.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

DO YOU LIKE YOURSELF?

Notice the question does not say, "Do you love yourself?" God asks us all to "love one another" and we do as His disciples. We are made in His image and therefore, when we love each other, it follows that we must also love our self. In love, it is easier to tolerate and forgive with an increasing generosity in the name of our Lord. It is a joy to give. We can love without really knowing the person. We cannot like without knowing the person. We must know someone somewhat intimately to like him/her. We know why we like someone and why we don't. Often it is much more difficult to like than to love. So again the question: "Do you like yourself?" Would you want "yourself" to be your best friend?

Once again the Lord knows best. He gave us the saints. He gave us a directive to remember the dead. This week we will celebrate the feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, November 1 and 2. If we can say "Yes" to the above question, (I do like myself), then we should recall everything that has happened to us, good and bad, up to this moment. We should particularly remember every person, who has crossed our path and contributed to the person that we have become and like today. For if anyone or anything had not happened to us, we would not be the person that we are. We are the sum of all the influential parts-events and people-in our lives. And so on All Souls Day, let us spend some time remembering, thanking, and praying for those souls, who entered our lives and left their mark. For without them, we would all be different people. And never let us forget to be with, pray for, and thank those who surround us daily, so that when the day of separation comes, we will never have to sigh and say "I should have said...". "I should have done.."

And if you don't like yourself? He gave us the Saints as living examples of people who struggled, often times living very sin filled lives, and yet through prayer and the power of the Lord were transformed. Saints, in their very special humanism, must be very likeable people. So if we need an example to imitate, then examine the Saints and their lives. More fascinating reading, one will never have. The Lord did not ask us to be saints. He only asked us to try in His and His Father's name. If we are trying, we surely are likeable. May all of us in this life never forget those who have gone before us; may we pray for their souls; and let us ask them to pray for us in our continuing struggles.

All Saints; All Souls; our very best friends.

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A STEWARDSHIP NOTE: Please check next week's bulletin notice for a very special request:

Sharing: Time, TALENT, Treasure.

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

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: **Saturday, Nov. 10th**, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children **MUST** be pre-registered if they wish to attend. Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children.

November movies will be: "Flushed Away" and Peanuts Fall Holiday movies.

Needham Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive after all the Masses next weekend, November 3-4. Informational materials will be available, and members will be on hand to describe the Knights and their activities and to answer questions.

Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Little Sisters of the Poor will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Jeanne Jugan Residence, 186 Highland Ave., Somerville. Come and enjoy the fun! Have their famous beef stew for lunch! Munch on homemade pastries! Purchase beautiful handmade crafts! Great Bargains! Lots of prizes! And much, much, much more!



BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF SIRACH

This book is also known as Ecclesiasticus. Can you discover who Sirach was, and when he lived?

THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO TIMOTHY

Who was Timothy? Did he have any special position in the Church? Also, in this letter, Saint Paul refers to his departure from this life. When, where and how did Saint Paul die?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Who were the Pharisees? What can you discover about them?

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

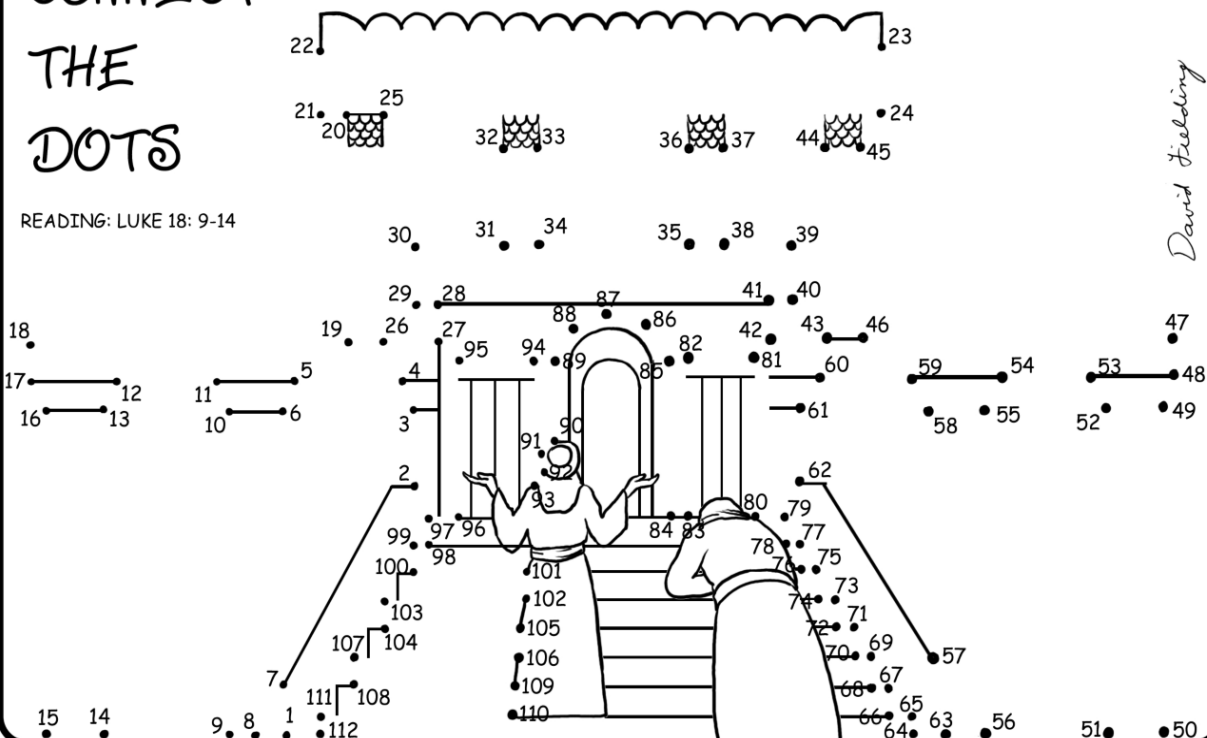
- The LORD is a God of _____, who _____ no _____.
- The LORD is _____ to the brokenhearted; and those who are _____ in spirit he _____.
- I have _____ well; I have finished the _____; I have kept the _____.
- The Lord will _____ me from every _____ threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly _____.
- Whoever _____ himself will be _____, and the one who humbles himself will be _____.

ANSWERS

1. justice, knows, favorites 2. close, crushed, saves
 3. competed, race, faith 4. rescue, evil, kingdom
 5. exalts, humbled, exalted

CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: LUKE 18: 9-14



David Hielbing

