



The LORD is
trustworthy
in every word,
and **faithful**
in every work.

Psalm 145:13

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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Our creator makes all people and loves all people. Sometimes the call to do is extraordinary but most times it is normal activity. My dear friends, one of the powerful lessons of today's readings is that Jesus did not mind challenging people to a different perspective when He needed to. Zacchaeus went looking for Jesus because he knew that he needed to change. Despite being wealthy Zacchaeus was a lonely unhappy man who was an outcast. He had heard that Jesus was friendly and he wanted to find out. He even desired to make restitution for the people he had offended. His example shows that we too just need to ask Jesus for forgiveness and help. Jesus is willing to go the extra mile to help.

Women in the Bible: Next class will be Monday, **November 5th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room in the Rectory. Please read the four gospels. We are now studying the role of women in the New Testament. New people are always welcomed.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 83.4% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's we have pledged \$86,595 which is 86.2% of our goal. We are now within \$14,000 of our parish goal. Fifty-seven parishes have already achieved their goals. The needs of our poor brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese are serious. Given these serious needs, 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 giving half of what you gave? Again, whatever you can do, thank you. God blesses us everyday in ways that we cannot even imagine.

Thank You: A sincere thanks to Mrs. Jeanne D'Alleva and her wonderful committee for the Fall Harvest Social which proved to be a wonderful parish get together last weekend. Thank you.

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

CYO Awards: We are very delighted to announce that two of our young people and one of our CYO basketball coaches are being honored by the Archdiocesan Office of Life and Family Ministries for their outstanding efforts in helping others. Both Meg Powers and Chris Hallett received the Discipleship Award for their service to this parish and other community activities. Frank Woodward will be receiving the St. Sebastian Award for the way he has shown Christian values in the process of coaching basketball and the way he lives. This is a wonderful recognition of the efforts of these three wonderful people. In the name of the parish, congratulations to Frank, Chris and Meg.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: On Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, the daily Mass will be at **8:30 am** instead of the customary 9:00 am to give everyone a chance to give praise to God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us.

Thanksgiving Project: As has been the custom here, once again this year the parish will be collecting non-perishable food items to give to Our Daily Bread to help others who otherwise would not have much for Thanksgiving. Our thanks to Mr. Meyer Chambers for helping us with this annual project. Beginning Monday boxes will be at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like to take part in this most worthy cause.

St. Andrew Dinner: The Archdiocese of Boston's Vocation Office is sponsoring the St. Andrew Dinner on Friday, November 16, 2007 at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA. from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. This evening is for young men in high school who would like to learn more or are considering a vocation to the Archdiocesan Priesthood. The evening consists of Evening Prayer, dinner and conversation with seminarians and vocation witness stories. If interested, please speak to the pastor by November 11th.

St. Bartholomew's New Website: Be sure to visit the new website for our parish! It is absolutely fantastic!! Log onto www.stbartholomew-needham.org. There is all sorts of information that you should know about as the school year starts up.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	November 5	9:00 am	John, Jacob & Motra Stepenuck
Tuesday	November 6	9:00 am	Sarah & Edward Dowd
Wednesday	November 7	9:00 am	Dolphie Gnecco
Thursday	November 8	9:00 am	
Friday	November 9	9:00 am	
Saturday	November 10	9:00 am	George H. Ellison
Saturday	November 10	4:00 pm	All Veterans—Living & Deceased
Sunday	November 11	8:00 am	All Veterans—Living & Deceased
		9:45 am	All Veterans—Living & Deceased
		11:30 am	All Veterans—Living & Deceased

Scripture Readings

- 4 Sun Wis 11:22—12:2/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/
Lk 19:1-10
- 5 Mon Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
- 6 Tue Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
- 7 Wed Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
- 8 Thu Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
- 9 Fri Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- 10 Sat Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
- 11 Sun 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38

Collections

Weekend of October 27-28

Amount collected	\$5,071.00
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 929.00)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Youth Choir: Our next rehearsal is this Monday, **November 5th, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. New members, third grade through high school, are always welcome.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, November 7th, 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.

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

In Support of Women Mini-Directory

Many members of the church find it helpful to know of community resources that assist in dealing with unplanned pregnancies, adoption, post-abortion counseling, and related matters, etc. Therefore, please note the following mini-resource list:

Pregnancy Health Centers:
 A Woman's Concern (Dorchester, 617-825-0838)
 Pregnancy Help (Brighton, 888-771-3914)

Adoption Agencies:
 Bethany Christian Services (No. Andover, 978-794-9800)
 Wide Horizons for Children (Waltham, 781-894-5330)
 Mass Adoption Resource Exchange (800-882-1176)

(Note: The appearance of this list should not be considered as an endorsement for any of the organizations listed. St. Bartholomew's Parish disclaims any liability for any action of any organization or its personnel listed in this mini-directory.)

Children and Youth

Children's Worship Bulletins: Mass activity sheets available in the back of the Church for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 years old. Available every week to help children better understand the readings. Reflections for Adults on the readings are also available at the back of the church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- **First Communion** – parents of students preparing to receive Reconciliation and First Communion information meeting on **Monday, Nov 5th, at 7:00 pm** in the McCulloch Room of the school.

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.
- **CYO Basketball – THIS IS LAST CALL!** We are offering *boys and girls* teams from 5th grade through 12th grade. There are green registration forms available in the back of the Church. Anyone interested in COACHING please contact Melisa ASAP!

TEEN MINISTRY

- Youth Mass – Mass & Pizza for teens 6th grade and up **Sunday, Nov. 18th, at 6:00 pm.** Interested in helping? Planning meeting Tuesday, Oct 30th, at 6:30 pm in the rectory.
- **Post Confirmation Newsletter** – a newsletter was sent out to students in 11th & 12th grade with news and updates of youth events going on in the parish. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the rectory and one will be mailed to you.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, November 27th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The selection will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

We welcome new members!!!

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE **Sharing: Time Talent Treasure**

"If only I knew then, what I know now!"

How many times have we bemoaned our lack of knowledge or inability to act in a certain way in a situation, when we reflect on the past. We know NOW, that surely we would have reacted differently and obviously, we would have been smarter, if we had had the understanding that we now possess. We are so convinced. We are so sure. But should we be?

Jesus has given us His message in so many ways. We have heard it for so many years. He died for us giving us His ultimate message of salvation. But will we say at our life's end, if we are lucky enough to be given a moment in time to reflect, "Oh, if only I knew then what I know now, I would have lived my life differently." What does it truly take to make us change our ways in the name and love of our Lord?

Today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom says "...But You have mercy on all, because You can do all things; and You overlook people's sins that they may repent. For You love all things that are and loathe nothing that You have made; for what You hated, You would not have fashioned. And how could a thing remain, unless You will it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by You? But You spare all things, because they are Yours, O Lord and lover of souls, for Your imperishable spirit is in all things!...."


God is so kind. He is so loving. He is so PATIENT. His spirit "is in all things." That means us. Don't we know this NOW? Or will we live to regret what we ignore, what we truly knew and just did nothing about. If we could do it over, would we really have changed our ways? If you are reading this, then you have been given this moment in time. Do something about it; don't say later, if only. We know better. And we know it NOW. "...FOR THE SON OF MAN HAS COME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE WHAT WAS LOST." (Today's Gospel) He is seeking us. Will we cooperate and be saved?

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

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Stewardship Reminder: At today's Community Sunday receptions, we will have a table on Stewardship in our parish. Please come. We will also have our first drawing from the various volunteer groups. From this chosen group, someone will qualify to win a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Bloodmobile: Our volunteers will continue making calls this week to prospective blood donors. This would be for the Bloodmobile which is jointly sponsored by St. Bartholomew Church and St. Sebastian's School. It is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, November 27th, from 2:00-7:00 pm.** Keep in mind that there has to be 56 days between blood donations which means that anyone who has donated blood after October 1st, 2007 cannot donate at our Bloodmobile. If you wish to donate, call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 4	Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
Mon., Nov. 5	Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
Mon., Nov. 5	Rel. Ed. classes for grades K-6
Mon., Nov. 5	Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm-in O'Brien Room at the rectory
Mon., Nov. 5	Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
Mon., Nov. 5	First Communion Parent Meeting-7:00 pm-McCulloch Room in school
Tues., Nov. 6	Parish Pastoral Council-7:30 pm
Wed., Nov. 7	Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
Thurs., Nov. 8	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Sat., Nov. 10	Kid's Night Out-following 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm-McCulloch Room
Mon., Nov. 12	Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
Mon., Nov. 12	No Rel. Ed. classes
Tues., Nov. 13	Social Club Mtg-3 pm-O'Brien Rm.
Wed., Nov. 14	Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
Thurs., Nov. 15	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 18	Bereavement Mass-11:30 am
Sun., Nov. 18	Youth Mass-6:00 pm-rectory chapel followed by pizza

Needham Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive after all the Masses this 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.

In this Archdiocese, we have
 Our own Catholic television station!
 Help bring Catholic TV (BCTV)
 to the wider community,
 all day and all night.

Drop a note to:
 Ms. Lisa Clark
 Comcast
 679 Island Pond Rd.
 Manchester, NH 03109

For sample letters to cable companies, visit
www.TVforCatholics.com

Let Comcast know you want Catholic TV
 (BCTV) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You can make a difference.
 You can make it happen!

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!



QUIZ Can you choose the correct endings?

- Before the Lord the whole universe is as a: (a) picture (b) dream (c) grain from a balance?
- The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great: (a) power (b) kindness (c) thoroughness?
- Brothers and sisters: We always pray for you, that our God may make you: (a) richer (b) safe from persecution (c) worthy of your calling?
- At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to: (a) pass through the town (b) pass judgement on the town (c) rebuke the people of the town?
- "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to: (a) the synagogue (b) you (c) the poor?"

ANSWERS
The correct answers are: 1(c); 2(b); 3(c); 4(a); 5(c)

WORDSEARCH
Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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GRAIN NAME FAITH
DEW BLESS GRACE
MERCY ANGER WEALTHY
SINS GOOD SINNER
REPENT PRAY HOUSE



