

A close-up photograph of a yellow and black butterfly perched on a stem of small purple flowers. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light grey. The text is overlaid on the image in a golden, cursive font.

*...and he is not God of  
the dead, but of the living,  
for to him  
all are alive.*

*Luke 20:38*

## St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

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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 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time:** The readings today show us that human death is not the end but a steppingstone to eternal life. Our God is a God of the living. Jesus tells us not to worry about the limits this life imposes on us, but to look in faith to the vast horizons of eternal life when God calls us home.

**November is the month in which the Church remembers our deceased ones in a special way.**

**Women in the Bible:** Next class will be Monday, **November 19th, 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.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Sunday:** There will be a second collection taken up next weekend for Human Development which is the Catholic Church's anti-poverty program here in the United States. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development raises awareness about the causes of poverty in our country and seeks to help people in need.

Dear Friends,

Every year I say the same thing – Thanksgiving is going to be bigger than ever. I hate to say it, but it is truer than ever.

I have begun my annual “hoarding” of food in anticipation of this year’s turkey giveaway. Presently, I have 19,000 lbs. of non-perishable food ready to be bagged. By November 13, I will have 30,000 lbs. ready to be sorted and bagged. Years ago I used to think in terms of thousands of pounds for hundreds of families for Thanksgiving; now, I think in tens of thousands of pounds of food for thousands of families.

Recently, someone asked me why we do so much at Thanksgiving. The answer was simple – If the work we do will provide a family with the same meal you and I have every Thanksgiving, then it is truly a reason to be thankful.

Please know that I am beyond grateful for all that St. Bartholomew’s Parish does for those in need. I see the smiles and get the hugs from people who can’t afford to put food on their table. As of today I have 2500 families signed up. Project Bread tells me to expect more though. At present, I have 346 turkeys coming so far at no cost. Your contributions will go a long way toward helping those in need. I appreciate whatever donation you are able to give — be it non-perishable food items or monetary donations. Please make checks payable to “Our Daily Bread”. Thank you immensely.

Your Friend of Many Years,  
Beth Chambers

(Boxes will be at the rear of the Church for your donations of non-perishable food. Monetary donations can be mailed to the rectory or put in the collection baskets.)

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	November 10	4:00 pm	All Veterans—Living and Deceased
Sunday	November 11	8:00 am	All Veterans—Living and Deceased
		9:45 am	All Veterans—Living and Deceased
		11:30 am	All Veterans—Living and Deceased
Monday	November 12	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	November 13	9:00 am	Dr. Francis Creedon
Wednesday	November 14	9:00 am	Marguerite Mann & Helena Scotto
Thursday	November 15	9:00 am	
Friday	November 16	9:00 am	
Saturday	November 17	9:00 am	Dominic Miscioscia
Saturday	November 17	4:00 pm	Urban Belval
Sunday	November 18	8:00 am	Susan Zajonc—1st Anniversary
		9:45 am	Frederick & Mary Muir
		11:30 am	Bereavement Mass

*Scripture Readings*

- 11 Sun 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38
- 12 Mon Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
- 13 Tue Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10
- 14 Wed Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19
- 15 Thu Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25
- 16 Fri Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
- 17 Sat Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 (496)
- 18 SUN Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

*Collections*

**Weekend of November 3-4**

Amount collected	\$6,212.18
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 212.18

**Grand Annual Collection**

Amount collected	\$9,325.00
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**Thank you for your stewardship.**

**Youth Choir:** There will be no rehearsal this Monday, November 12th, due to the Veteran's Day holiday. Rehearsals resume on **Monday, Nov. 19th, at 5:00 pm** in the Church. All young people of the parish, third grade through high school, are welcome.

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, November 14th, 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!

**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!!!**

**Annual Bazaar:** St. Joseph's in Needham is holding its Annual Bazaar on **Friday, Nov. 16, from 10 am to 7 pm, and Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 am to 5 pm.** Baked goods, gift baskets, religious jewelry, gourmet candies, knitted items and silver jewelry will be sold. The bazaar includes a Children's Festival on Friday from 2:30-5:00 pm and Saturday from 10 am-2 pm. There will be magic shows at 11:00 am and 12:30 pm.

## 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

There will be no Religious Ed. classes this Monday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day.

### TEEN MINISTRY

Youth Mass – Mass & Pizza for teens 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
**Sunday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the rectory chapel.

### Social Club

The Social Club will gather in the church  
on **Wed., Nov. 21, at 2:30 pm**  
for our Annual Mass of Remembrance.

This is the time when we remember deceased family and friends, and especially deceased members of the Social Club. Following the Mass, we will enjoy refreshments and a social hour in Ward Hall.

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas

A Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction will take place on **Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highland Ave. There will be a special table for children at this event. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

*Lord Jesus, may our church always reflect the unity we find in you. And wherever you call me, may I be a sign of your love and peace.*

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

"BEFORE WE CAN KNOW THE GLORY OF EASTER MORNING, WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE GOOD FRIDAY"

This week's readings once again remind us of the many difficulties people have faced in life in the effort to live according to His Word and Laws. St. Paul directs us to prayer in the knowledge that "the Lord is faithful: He will strengthen us and guard us". St. Paul prays "the Lord may direct our hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

"The endurance of Christ" is a phrase and idea that perhaps is not often enough discussed or reflected upon. How often was He rebuffed, denied by His friends, cursed, punished, had to flee His surroundings, etc. And still He persisted in His Father's name to teach us His way even to His death. Jesus' public life required great endurance. How much in our daily life feels more like an endurance test than an easy and pleasant road race? How much of this endurance pressure do we really believe could be lifted or, at the very least, eased if we were to turn to our Lord and share with Him our difficulties? Can we let go of the idea that in this life we are alone in our journey? Do we often think or say, "I have to do it myself". Jesus asked us to give Him our burdens, and in return, He will give us His love. Remember the Boys' Town motto under the picture of an older boy carrying a smaller boy on his shoulder: "He ain't heavy, Father, he's my brother".

Life was never intended to be too easy. There is pain when we arrive. And there is much effort required to grow and continue living our lives. Jesus taught us how. The Father gave us two great Commandments. One: to love Him above all else. Two: to love each other, as He loves us. We are never alone as we endure. We may not understand it all. But we have God. We have each other. Let us never forget the endurance and example of Christ each morning as we get up, with joy in our hearts, knowing that "This is the day the Lord has made." We can endure anything, if the Lord is with us sharing the load. Don't forget to ask, for each other and for myself.

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**STEWARDSHIP NOTE:** Last Sunday our "turkey blind draw" resulted in the selection of the Christmas Concert group. From this group someone will win an appreciation turkey for Thanksgiving. That blind draw will take place this weekend. Good luck and thank you to our many good stewards!





**TRUE or FALSE ?**

1. Five brothers were arrested with their mother.
2. The brothers were tortured with whips and scourges.
3. They were punished for eating forbidden food.
4. The brothers were ready to die rather than transgress the laws of their ancestors.
5. They expected God to raise them to life after they had died.
6. God has loved us but we are still waiting for his encouragement and hope.
7. The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen us and guard us from the evil one.
8. The Sadducees believed in the resurrection.
9. Those deemed worthy of the resurrection neither marry nor are given in marriage.
10. God is the God of the dead as much as of the living.

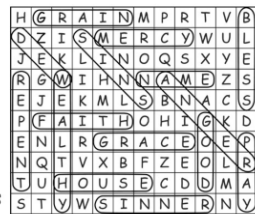
ANSWERS: 1 false, 2 true, 3 false, 4 true, 5 true, 6 false, 7 true, 8 false, 9 true, 10 false, 11 false, 12 true, 13 true, 14 true, 15 true.

**CROSSWORD**

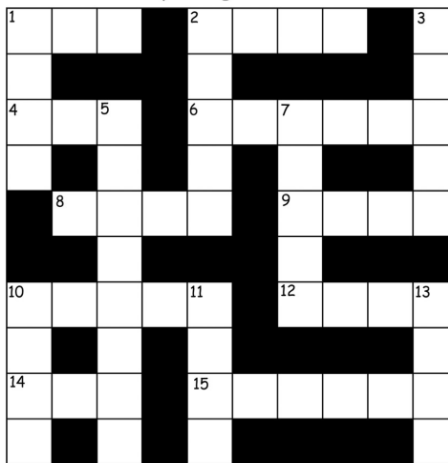
(Most answers are in today's readings)  
CLUES ACROSS

1. Opposite of live
2. The brothers would not eat this
4. An action the brothers refused to do
6. A part of the body that one of the brothers put out
8. Part of the eye (begins with 'i')
9. This has wings
10. Happy to cause pain
12. Wicked
14. An untruth
15. The act of speaking to God

Last week's wordsearch



CLUES DOWN

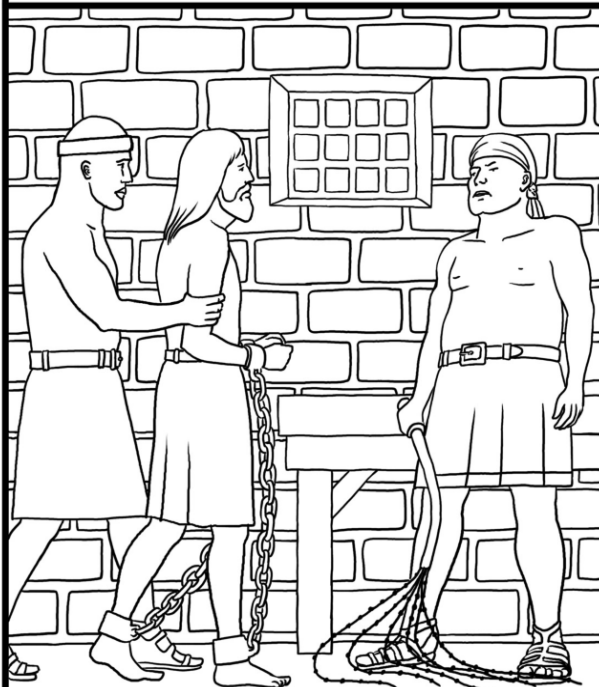


1. An action: something done
2. Ways
3. Evil person; demon
5. Made to suffer great pain
7. Showing a high character
10. To speak or cry out so as to get someone's attention
11. Parts of the mouth
13. A title we give to God

**PICTURE PUZZLE**

THE READING: 2 MACCABEES 7:1-2, 9-14

THESE PICTURES SHOW ONE OF THE BROTHERS WITH HIS TORTURERS. CAN YOU FIND THE TEN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PICTURES?



David Fielding

