



*A poor widow also came
and put in two small coins
worth a few cents...*

*but she, from her poverty, has contributed
all she had, her whole livelihood. ~ Mark 12:42, 44*

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.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm.

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.



Grand Annual Collection 2006: This collection is for the needs of St. Bartholomew Parish. To date we have received \$15,515.00 which is 23% of the goal of \$65,000. For those who have already made a contribution - thank you.

Lector Meeting: There will be a mandatory meeting for all lectors on Sunday evening, November 12th, at 7P.M. in the Church. Attendance will be taken and anyone not able to attend will be expected to attend a make up meeting. As we desire to continue to update and improve our liturgies it is imperative that every person involved in the lector ministry understands his or her ministry. Thank you to all who assist us in this vital ministry.

The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, November 13th, at 10:00 a.m. in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. Please read chapters 17-20 in the Acts of the Apostles. An important questions to reflect on: Is conversion a one time event in life or an ongoing process?

2nd Collection Next Weekend: There will be a special collection for the Campaign for Human Development next weekend, November 19th and 20th. The campaign supports a wide range of community based ministries which include; educational, creative outreach programs to the youth, youth leadership programs and other programs. Please help the church to build communities of hope to serve the Lord and give glory and praise to God.

Reflections for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The lady who gave from her poverty serves as an example for all of us to understand what it means to trust totally in the Lord. Many people who have shown such trust in God have done great work in His name. Like the lady who gave from her poverty, we are all reminded of Mother Theresa. Each of us in our own ways can give to God and others from our gifts and talents. If each of us wishes the world to be a better place, we must show such trust in God.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: We invite all our parishioners to join us for the Thanksgiving Day Mass that will be celebrated on Thursday, November 23, at 8:30 am. We will come together to thank our wonderful God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us.


Thanksgiving Food Donations: As we have done in the past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to Our Daily Bread in Boston. We do this in conjunction with St. Sebastian's School. Please bring your food to church and put it in the boxes that will be provided. Thank you for whatever support you can give. It will be deeply appreciated by our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

During November we remember our departed loved ones in a special way.

Cell Phones: Some concerns have been raised with respect to cell phones going off in Church. **Please** turn them off or put on vibration before you come into Mass.

**BLOODMOBILE
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A group of very good volunteers from St. Bartholomew's Social Club will be making phone calls to prospective blood donors. The Bloodmobile which was scheduled to be held on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, has been rescheduled to **Thursday, Nov. 30th**. It will be jointly sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Sebastian's School. Representing our Church, the St. Bartholomew Social Club will provide volunteers to call prospective blood donors and assist on the day of the Bloodmobile. We again call attention to our loyal blood donors that there has to be 56 days between blood donations. Therefore, anyone who donates blood after October 5th cannot donate at the November 30th Bloodmobile. If you wish to donate blood, please call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 11	4:00 pm	For all Veterans—Living and Deceased
Sunday	November 12	8:00 am	Virginia Ray
		9:45 am	Robert Murphy
		11:30 am	Marie Williams
Monday	November 13	9:00 am	Leo & Winifred Dunn and John Goodman
Tuesday	November 14	9:00 am	Thomas Sampson
Wednesday	November 15	9:00 am	
Thursday	November 16	9:00 am	
Friday	November 17	9:00 am	Paul Sparrow
Saturday	November 18	9:00 am	Dominic Miscioscia
Saturday	November 18	4:00 pm	Urban Belval
Sunday	November 19	8:00 am	William L. Healy—15th Anniversary and Suzanne A. Healy—9th Anniversary
		9:45 am	William Irwin and Norma Irwin
		11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge

Scripture Readings

Week of November 12, 2006

- 12 **Sun** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
- 13 **Mon** Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6
- 14 **Tue** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Lk 17:7-10
- 15 **Wed** Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19
- 16 **Thu** Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25
- 17 **Fri** 2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37
- 18 **Sat** 3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8
- 19 **SUN** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 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 are most eager to have new members join us. This special time enables us to stop...listen...and grow closer to the Lord. It can be wonderful food for the soul!

AMY'S BOOK CLUB

A holiday celebration of Amy's Book Club will be on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 pm at Chris Anastasia's house. Plan to meet at St. Bart's parking lot at 12:10 pm to carpool. The books to be discussed are either "Miracles" by C. S. Lewis or "The Christmas Shoes" by

 *Collections*

Weekend of Nov. 4-5

Amount collected	\$5,920.89
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 79.11)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount collected	\$15,515.00
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Thank you for your stewardship.

Youth Choir:
The next rehearsal for the St. Bart's Youth Choir will be this Monday, Nov. 13th, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church. New members are welcome any time!

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



Classes: On Monday, November 13th, there will be classes for grades K-6 only from 4:00-5:00 pm. All children should meet in the Church before breaking into classes.

Important Meeting for 2nd Grade Parents: There will be a meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:00 pm in the McCulloch Room of St. Sebastian's School for all parents of second graders who will be receiving First Communion. If for some reason one parent cannot attend, please call the Religious Ed office at 781-444-4343.

Stewardship: The sharing of time, talent and treasure is a Christian tenet which all age groups should be mindful of. Our faith, and the formation of our faith, is much more than learning facts from a textbook. We are charged with learning and practicing ways to show what we believe. As stated in the National Directory for Catechesis, which was put out by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops,

"For many Catholics there is a gap between their faith and their everyday life and an inadequate connection between their religious beliefs and their moral choices. The U.S. culture at times excludes or marginalizes both the individual and institutional religious values of Catholics. Catechesis needs to present the Christian life as a response to Christ's invitation to follow Him—in one's personal life and family, the parish, and the wider human community." (p.15)

In the Religious Education program here at St. Bartholomew's we are trying to instill in the children the importance of our shared responsibility. It is important that in our classes and in our homes we consistently try to teach children about the "bigger picture"; the world beyond the borders of Needham. For example, by sending cards to soldiers far from home, by taking care of God's creation through recycling or by regularly praying and participating in liturgy, we are living out our learned faith. Thank you for stressing this at home; and we'll try to spread the Word here on Mondays!

Peace to all,

Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings
Religious Education Coordinators

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"IT IS NOT THE SIZE OF THE GIFT WHICH MEASURES ITS VALUE BUT THE DEPTH OF THE SELF-GIVING FROM WHICH IT COMES. THIS IS THE KIND OF GIVING OF WHICH JESUS TAKES NOTE." (Living Liturgy)

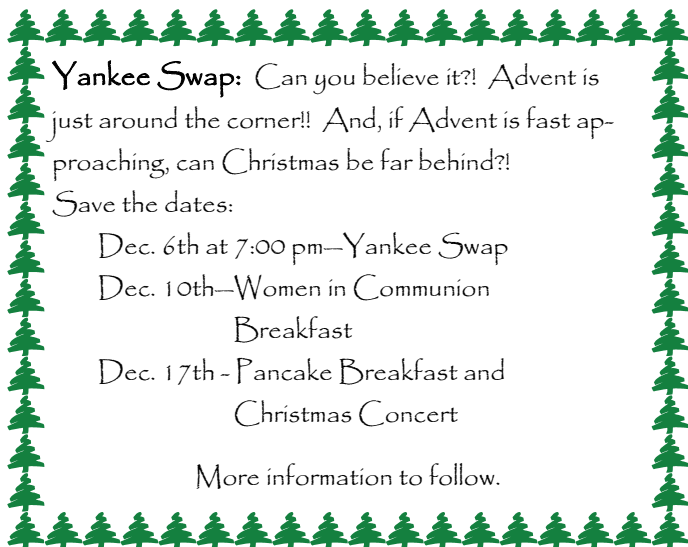
This past week we received a letter from the Finance Committee and a personal introduction at all the Masses to the Grand Annual Fund appeal which has now begun in our parish. As explained by our Finance Committee, the weekly Offertory collection alone is not enough to meet our annual parish financial needs, never mind provide any extra to cover new programs. No one likes to talk about money, unless you have just won the Lottery. It is even more uncomfortable to ask for it. But it has to be done.

Stewardship is sharing Time, Talent, TREASURE. No one part is more important than another. We must all share in accordance with our gifts. For as good stewards realize, all of our gifts come from God. We are merely His caretakers. Hopefully, during our lifetime, we will have the chance to return these gifts multiplied. Our Grand Annual is one way to provide and yet we directly reap its rewards. All monies collected stay within our own parish and are used to meet our parish expenses and also to provide opportunities to increase our religious experiences. Some parishioners and staff work in assisting the physical needs of some of our community. Some volunteer in the social, educational, and spiritual areas. Often we take these program opportunities for granted and have come to expect them from our parish. We are a loving and dynamic community; but we are not without our needs. A whole is made up of all the parts. We need all the parts.

"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling His disciples to Himself, He said to them, 'Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'" (Mark 12:41-44)---today's Gospel

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St. Bartholomew Parish, Needham, MA



Yankee Swap: Can you believe it?! Advent is just around the corner!! And, if Advent is fast approaching, can Christmas be far behind?!

Save the dates:

Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm—Yankee Swap

Dec. 10th—Women in Communion
Breakfast

Dec. 17th - Pancake Breakfast and
Christmas Concert

More information to follow.

Altar Servers: We are looking for boys and girls in grade 4 and up to train to be Altar Servers. If you are interested, please pick up a form at Religious Ed. or call Mrs. Dury at 781-444-3434.

Movie Night

Back by popular demand!! We are having another Movie Night on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm in the McCulloch Room in the school. We will be showing "Sea Biscuit" and refreshments will be provided!! Please join us—one and all.

Parish Youth Group Survey: We need your help to make our youth group a success! Please take the time to complete the Parent/Youth Survey. It can be found on the St. Joseph's Parish website:

www.saintjoesparish.com

Thus survey link will be available until Nov. 17, 2006. This survey is for parents of teens and the teens themselves in grades 5-8 and 9-12. Please select the appropriate survey link. The information you provide will be anonymous.

St. Joseph Parish in Needham is holding its 50th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday, November 17 (10 am-7 pm) and Saturday, November 18 (10 am-5 pm). This event is free, open to the public and fun for the entire family. Baked goods, gift baskets, doll clothes, hand-knitted items and silver jewelry will be sold. The Bazaar includes a Children's Festival on Friday from 2:30-5 pm and Saturday from 10 am-2 pm.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Nov. 12, 2006

An Annulment Information Night will be offered by the Metropolitan Tribunal and the Office of Life and Family Ministries on Wednesday, November 29, from 7-9 pm at our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 573 Washington St., Newton in the Lower Church Hall. Please come if you desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about annulments or if you are interested in beginning the process. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Joanne Curry at 617-746-5820 or Rev. Mark Mahoney, J.C.L. at the Tribunal (617-746-5900).

Briarwood Outreach Program: Join members of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 2:00-3:00 pm at Briarwood Nursing Home. They will be celebrating the birthdays of those residents born in November by singing old songs and serving cake and punch. The residents really appreciate these visits. You can have fun while doing good. For more information, call Marty Cunniffe at 781-444-9033.

Men's Retreat: Please save Friday evening, Feb. 2, 2007 through Sunday morning, Feb. 4, 2007 for the Annual Men's Retreat at the Passionist Calvary Retreat House in Shrewsbury, MA. Join with other Needham Catholic men in a weekend period of peace, reflection and prayer as we examine this year's theme "Reflecting Christ—You Are the Light of the World." More information to come during December and early January. For "early-bird" information, call Richard Smith at 781-444-0945.

Child Advocacy: The Archdiocese has instituted five child protection and abuse prevention measures. We have been asked to share them with you. For the next five weeks we will include one in the bulletin.

The Code of Ministerial Behavior: The Code of Ministerial Behavior, published in 2003, contains the standards of personal and professional behavior for pastoral situations involving children, youth, and adults. The Code contains information under the following headings: Conduct with Children and Youth, Sexual Conduct, Harassment, Conduct for Pastoral Counselors and Spiritual Directors, Confidentiality, Conflicts of Interest, Reporting Ethical or Professional Misconduct, Administration, and Staff/Volunteer Well-being. The Code is to be provided to all clergy, employees and volunteers entering ministry or employment within the schools and parishes. The Code also contains a Statement of Agreement that is signed by the recipient to acknowledge agreement with the standards of conduct it describes. Copies of the Code of Ministerial Behavior are available at the parish office. For your convenience, the Code is also posted and is in a printable (pdf) format on the Archdiocesan website: www.rcab.org.

TRUE or FALSE ?

1. Elijah went to Zarephath.
2. He met the widow in the city center.
3. The widow was gathering sticks.
4. Elijah asked her for a glass of wine.
5. The widow was able to eat for a year.
6. Christ entered into a man-made sanctuary.
7. The rich did not put much into the treasury.
8. A poor wife put in two small coins.
9. The two coins were worth just a few cents.
10. Jesus criticized the widow for not giving enough.

ANSWERS

1. true; 2. false; 3. true; 4. false; 5. true; 6. false; 7. false; 8. false (she was a widow); 9. true; 10. false.

CROSSWORD

(The answers are in today's readings)

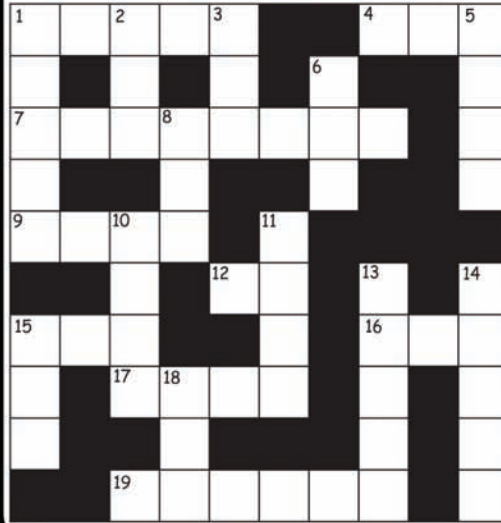
Last week's wordsearch



CLUES ACROSS

1. Elijah met one
4. The number of coins
7. Where Jesus was watching
9. Not poor
12. The widow of Zarephath had this much hope
15. Jesus did this opposite the treasury
16. The jar of this did not run out
17. No rain for this time
19. She was gathering these

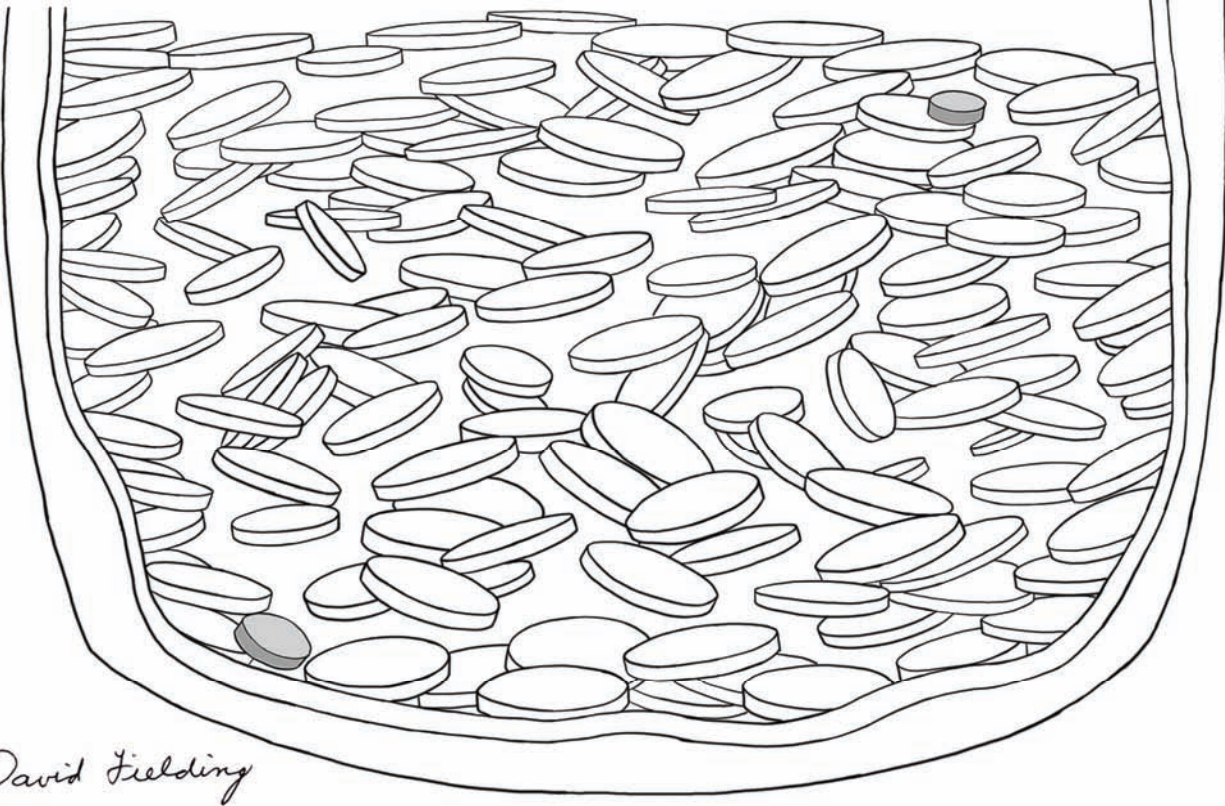
CLUES DOWN



1. Elijah asked for some
2. The woman expected to do this
3. Not is
5. Describes her son
6. Not wet
8. The burned sticks would leave this
10. Elijah met her at the entrance to this
11. not rich
13. She put in two of these
14. She needed it for bread
15. Jesus overcame this
18. Elijah made this possible

PICTURE PUZZLE

Can you find a path from the widow's mite at the bottom left, through the coins of the rich, to the widow's mite at the top right?



David Fielding