



Bruegel, Pieter the Elder, The Corn Harvest, 1565

Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.

Matthew 25:23

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 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Christians are called to be children of the light. We are all called to be responsible for using our God-given gifts on behalf of the reign of God and the good of all. Our talents must be used and we must keep developing them. Each of us has a measure of responsibility to use our talents for the spread of the gospel in the world. Catholicism is all about our relationship with Jesus and how we share this with others.

Invitation from Cardinal Sean: His Eminence Cardinal Sean invites all of us to join him for the celebration of the Concluding Liturgy of the Bicentennial Year of the Archdiocese on **Sunday, November 23rd, at 2:00 pm** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. There will be a reception to follow at Cathedral High School Gymnasium.

Bible Study: Classes continue on **Monday, Nov. 17th**, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters fifteen and sixteen in Mark's Gospel. During Advent we will begin the study of St. Paul's Letters.

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.

Recommended Reading

The Heart of a Saint by Bert Ghezzi, The Word Among us Press, Ijamsville, MD. 2007

Letters to Exodus Catholics by Edward Hays, Forest of Peace, Notre Dame, IN. 2008

2nd Collection: next Sunday, November 23rd, there will be a second collection for the Campaign for Human Development. This collection is used to help create community based programs that work to lift people above the poverty line through assistance and education.

Reflection Questions

What times am I giving to prayer lately?

How have I developed the talents that God has given to me?

How have I helped others to feel welcomed in our church and parish?

November is the month that the Church encourages us to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones in a special way.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed this Sunday, November 16th, immediately following the 11:30 am Mass.

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)

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 15	4:00 pm	Urban Belval and Alice Belval
Sunday	November 16	8:00 am	Dr. Daniel Clancy
		9:45 am	Walter & Doris Nowak
		11:30 am	Mary Dowd
Monday	November 17	9:00 am	Marie Higgins
Tuesday	November 18	9:00 am	Tom & Rose Laing
Wednesday	November 19	9:00 am	Marguerite Mann and Helena Scotto
Thursday	November 20	9:00 am	Helen Dailey
Friday	November 21	9:00 am	Arthur Chiappisi
Saturday	November 22	9:00 am	Dominic Miscioscia
Saturday	November 22	4:00 pm	James Harvey, Paul Harvey and Paul Coombes
Sunday	November 23	8:00 am	Susan Zajonc
		9:45 am	Mary Lou & Leo Casey
		11:30 am	Bereavement Mass

 *Collections*

Weekend of November 8-9

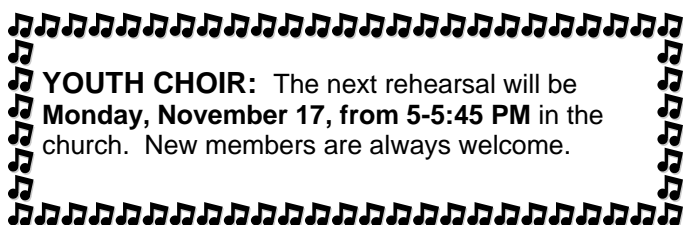
Amount collected \$5,515.76
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 484.24)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount collected \$27,425.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Amy's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, November 25**. One of the books to be read is "Touching the Holy: Ordinairiness, Self-Esteem and Friendship" by Robert J. Wicks. There will also be a book about Advent which will be detailed in another bulletin.



YOUTH CHOIR: The next rehearsal will be **Monday, November 17, from 5-5:45 PM** in the church. New members are always welcome.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 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.

Movie Night will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7:00 pm in the O'Brien Room** at the rectory. We will be showing "Paul: Contending for the Faith." Join the adventure on the road as St. Paul travels through Israel, Syria, Turkey, Greece and Italy. You'll better understand the life, ministry, and sufferings of Paul the Apostle. You'll also better understand the gift of salvation and the Jewish roots of the Catholic Church.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

All grades have class on Nov. 17th
K-6 have class on Nov. 24th

8th grade Parents meeting – To discuss the chastity unit of the curriculum Monday, Nov 24th, 7pm in the McCulloch Room.

Thanksgiving Parish Project: As has been the custom here, once again this year the parish, in conjunction with St. Sebastian’s School, will be collecting **non-perishable food items** to give to Our Daily Bread to help others who otherwise would not have much for Thanksgiving. Beginning Monday boxes will be at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like to donate. If you would like to contribute monetarily, please make checks payable to “Our Daily Bread” and mail them to the rectory or put in the collection baskets with a note that it is for Our Daily Bread.



Advent Wreaths & Candles

Advent Wreaths and Candles will be available for sale **after all Masses Nov 22-23 & Nov 29-30.**

Parishioners are needed to help sell the wreaths. If it is possible for you to stay for about 20 minutes following a Mass that you are already attending on one of those weekends please contact the rectory.

The Senior Social Club will gather in the church on **Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 2:30 pm** for our annual Mass of Remembrance. Each year at this time we especially remember our deceased members. Please join us for this special Mass and for refreshments in Ward Hall after the Mass.

Meals: One of our parishioners who lives alone, has begun treatment for an illness that has left her with very little energy to recuperate. In order to support her through this treatment, we are asking on her behalf for help with basic tasks, **in particular meal preparation.** If you could make an extra portion or meal that can quickly and easily be heated in the microwave, please contact the rectory or drop meals off to the rectory. Meals must be fully cooked and labeled with contents and date made.

Give Thanks Together

The Rotary Club of Needham and the Needham Community Council will co-sponsor the annual *Thanksgiving Day Dinner* at 12:00 pm on Thursday, November 27th, at the Masonic Hall, 1101 Highland Ave., Needham.

This **FREE** dinner is offered to people of all ages who wish to experience community and camaraderie with their fellow neighbors. A delicious, traditional home-cooked turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served.

Door prizes and live musical entertainment will add to the festivities. **FREE** transportation is available. For those unable to join in the fun at the Hall, a “Take-Out” service is available.

Anyone who wishes to attend the dinner, needs a ride, or would like home delivery, contact the Needham Community Council at 781-444-2415 to make your reservations in advance.

Bloodmobile



ALERT to people who have signed up to donate blood at our Bloodmobile. It will be this Tuesday, November 18th, from 2:00 to 7:00 PM. This Bloodmobile is co-sponsored by St. Bartholomew Church and St. Sebastian School. If you have not signed up but wish to donate blood, please call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531 for an appointment.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

WORK

“About how many people work in the Vatican, Holy Father?” “About half.” Attributed to Pope John XXIII *

Sometimes it takes the fear of losing something to appreciate its value. It has been said that “it’s only work, if you would rather being doing something else.” Working is a necessary part of life, if we are to survive and live in any kind of comfort. Blessed are those who find a type of work that they just love and are eager to do upon waking each day. But no matter how much we love what we do, there are days when just showing up is a chore. These are the days when we should be especially aware of our Lord and take Him to work with us. Our sacrifices and burdens will be lessened, when we ask for His help. When we offer to Him something that we must do, but struggle with or in fact, would rather not do, we just might gain the most satisfaction from in its completion.

“Jesus has just commanded His disciples not to weigh themselves down with unnecessary baggage. The less they have, the freer they will be to devote themselves to the work of the kingdom. By the same token, they should be given the necessary support that will enable them to be free of any worry about providing for the basic necessities of life.”*

What is our attitude about payment for our work? Are we ever satisfied? Are we only concerned about more in order to accumulate more? “Sometimes payment is made as if it were a charitable handout. Payment, however, has little to do with charity and everything to do with justice. Charity is giving to others that which is ours; justice is giving to others that which is already theirs. We have every right to ask for a just day’s work in return for a just day’s pay. By the same taken, we have the duty to give a just day’s work in return for a just day’s pay!”*

Work should be done as an act of pride in ourselves, for the love of those to whom we have some responsibilities, and in thanksgiving to our Lord for the ability to do it. There are so many who would give anything to have the chance, the ability, or opportunity to do our work. Let’s not lose our perspective. “About half.” Which half are you?

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*Quotes from the YEAR OF GRACE, The Sacre Coeru Center: Sheed & Ward Pub.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Nov. 16 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet- 12:30 pm-Church
- Mon., Nov. 17 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 17 Religious Ed classes for ALL grades
- Mon., Nov. 17 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in the O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 17 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Nov. 18 Bloodmobile-2 to 7 pm-Ward Hall
- Tues., Nov. 18 Movie Night-7:00 pm-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Nov. 19 Prayer Group-10 am
- Wed., Nov. 19 Senior Social Club-2:30 pm-Mass of Remembrance in Church followed by refreshments in Ward Hall
- Thurs., Nov. 20 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Nov. 22 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after Mass
- Sun., Nov. 23 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after all Masses
- Sun., Nov. 23 Bereavement Mass-11:30 am followed by a reception in Ward Hall
- Sun., Nov. 23 ARISE Pot-luck dinner-5:00 pm in Ward Hall
- Mon., Nov. 24 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 24 Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Nov. 24 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in the O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 24 8th grade Parent Meeting-7:00 pm-McCulloch Room
- Wed., Nov. 26 PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON
- Thurs., Nov. 27 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Thurs., Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Liturgy-8:30 am-Please bring non-perishable food for Our Daily Bread
- Fri., Nov. 28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

HAPPY
ARE
THOSE
WHO
TAKE
refuge
IN
HIM
Psalm 34:9

Monthly Pro-Life Column:

“Abortion: The Body Forgotten”

Source: Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It by Fr. Frank A. Pavonne, M.E.V., ©2006; pp.80-81
Catholic Book Publishing Corp., New Jersey

The woman who was about to have her abortion one Thursday morning was talking to me in sad tones about her child. “I know I am carrying a child,” she said, “and I know God has given me this child. But I am not ready now. So, I am giving the child back to God.”

The morning was not the only time I heard those same words from a mother about to abort her child. In fact, I have heard it time and time again, as have other pro-life counselors.

“I am giving the child back to God.” One of the problems with this statement is that it ignores the fact that the child is about to be destroyed. Yes, we believe in the immortality of the soul and in the reality of the life of the world to come. But the child is not a soul. The child is a human person consisting of a soul and a body. The act of abortion destroys that human person. It crushes the body.

To dismiss this reality and say, “I’m giving the child back to God” feeds into a way of thinking that is pretty common these days, namely, that the body really doesn’t matter. In reality, however, it matters as much as the soul, because the body is as much an aspect of the human person as the soul is. What happens to your body happens to **you**. To take care of your body is to take care of **yourself**; to destroy your body is to destroy you. Some say, “I can do what I want with my body.” But look carefully at that statement. The “I” and the “body” are separated. The body becomes **something I use, something with which I do something else**. But my body is not a thing I have and use, like a pen or my car. My body is me!

The Church has always rejected the idea that a human being is a spirit who simply uses the body as a tool. If only the soul matters, then people can say things like, “If we love each other, why is sex wrong? As long as we have the right intention, our physical actions are OK!” In other words, the **intention** (an action of the soul!) is all that counts.

Follow this thinking further, and you end up saying, “If my body doesn’t work well anymore, and is more trouble than it is worth, I have the right to be free from that burden! I have the right to die!” Again, the act of killing the suffering person is not seen for what it is, namely, destroying the person, but rather simply as an escape of the *real person* from his or her body!

To be free from the culture of death demands a **new appreciation** of the body. When we say we are made in God’s image, we mean our bodies, too! Respect for life means respect for **bodily** life, a body nourished by the very Body of Christ, and destined, **like His**, to rise from the dead!

Direct any suggestions, questions, comments regarding this or other prolife articles appearing in this bulletin, via email to: catholicgirl73@gmail.com

Getting Started:

What To Do When Your Family Member Has Memory Loss

The Getting Started program focuses on how to get a diagnosis, addressing behavior and communication problems, how to find and what to expect from local resources. Presented by trained staff and volunteers.

This program is for family members who are caring for someone with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia.

Group size may be limited. Program is free of charge. Pre-registration is necessary.

Call 1 800.272.3900 for more information
or to register for this program.

Save your spot!

Location: CARA CLUB
Veronica Smith Senior Center
20 Chestnut Hill Ave.
Brighton, MA 02135

Date: Monday, November 17
Time: 1:30-3:00 pm
Presenter: Mike Kincade