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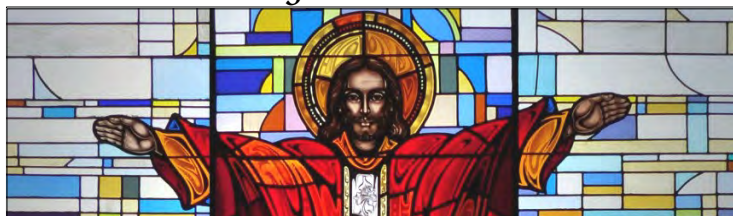
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7TH

SUNDAY OF
EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." John 17:1-2



Parish Mission

As a warm and welcoming community, we strive to live out our Catholic faith and share Christ's loving message of salvation. We nurture the gifts and talents of all, to serve our local and global community joyfully.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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Office Hours: (M — F) 9:30 AM — 3:30 PM

PRAYER LINE

This is a network of people who pray for special intentions. Call the parish office and leave a message regarding for whom you would like prayers said.

PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Rev. J. Thomas Gignac

Business Manager: Gisele Byda

Front Office: Ann Mullin & Kathy Whitney

R.E. Coordinators: Grades K—6, Maryellen Jennings
Grades 7—10, Andrea Fidurko

CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY

May 6—12

	PARISH	CORRECTION — ONLINE TOTAL FROM LAST WEEK
TOTAL →	\$3,822	
OFFERTORY →	2,177	
ONLINE →	610	1,830
MAIL-IN →	1,035	

Try our online giving platform, [WeShare](https://www.weshare.org), for your offertory, Mass intentions, holiday flowers, second collections, and other contributions.

KIND REMINDERS

- Make checks payable to ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH, with **your note on the memo line**.
- Don't forget to **update your online payment information**.
- Call us to order **giving envelopes**, at no charge to you.
- Let us know if your **personal information has changed**, so we can update our parish database.

Mass Intentions

May these intentions and all the prayers of the faithful be ever in the Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

4:00 PM Mary Louise Parrish

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Christine Lynch and Michael Lynch

11:30 AM Edward R. Eastman

MONDAY, MAY 22

9:00 AM Maria Hernandez (living)

TUESDAY, MAY 23

9:00 AM Special intention known to priest

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

9:00 AM Miguel Betancur

THURSDAY, MAY 25

9:00 AM Kristen Huber

FRIDAY, MAY 26

9:00 AM Claire McGaugh

SATURDAY, MAY 27

9:00 AM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM

Daily Mass: Mon — Sat, 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 PM — 3:15 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM

Please call a month in advance to schedule Baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made with the parish priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Joseph every Friday after 6:50 AM Mass until 12:00 noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Following Friday Mass during Lent (except when there is a 10:00 AM funeral).

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10:00 AM funeral).

A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8

R: (13) I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

or:

R: Alleluia.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life's refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? **R**

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple. **R**

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.

Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. **R**

The Responsorial Psalm for this Seventh Sunday of Easter is a beautiful psalm of consolation that is often recited in times of stress or uncertainty. For example, this psalm is prayed during the Vigil for the Deceased at the wake, together with the final verse of the psalm: *Wait for the LORD with courage; / be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.* The purpose of the Vigil for the Deceased is to encourage and prepare the family for the reception of friends and family at the wake, during a stressful time of loss and uncertainty.

Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, the Church is now in a period of waiting, a time of anticipation. This psalm responds beautifully to the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, in which Mary and the Apostles, having witnessed the Ascension, return from Mount Olivet. Before ascending to heaven, Jesus commanded Mary and the Apostles—the nascent Church—to stay in Jerusalem and “to wait there for the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4) when they will “receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Acts 1:8). With Mary and the Apostles, the Church now waits for the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The interim ten days between the Ascension and Pentecost is a sort of wake, when we wait stoutheartedly for the Lord.

This period of change in the life of St. Bartholomew Parish is a stressful time of loss and uncertainty, but also one of anticipation. It is a sort of wake, when we mourn the loss of our parish, but also anticipate the new life that will come by bringing St. Bartholomew and St. Joseph together into a single parish for Needham. The combined and reunited St. Joseph Parish will be stronger and more vibrant than either parish could ever be on its own. While Psalm 27 is a psalm of consolation, it is also a psalm that seeks the LORD: *One thing I ask of the LORD; / this I seek: / To dwell in the house of the LORD / all the days of my life, / that I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD / and contemplate his temple.* During this stressful time for St. Bartholomew Parish, what a beautiful psalm of consolation and seeking has been given for our prayer.

God bless you,
Fr. Tom

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, we beseech you through the Heart of Jesus Christ, grant to us your fatherly protection.

O you whose power reaches all our necessities and who know how to make possible the most impossible things, open your fatherly eyes to the needs of your children. In the confusion and pain which press upon us, we have recourse to you with confidence.

Deign to take beneath your charitable guidance this important and difficult affair, the cause of our worries, and make that its happy outcome serve for the glory of God and the good of his devoted servants. Amen.

—St. Francis de Sales

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us.

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

MARY LOUISE (SWEET) PARRISH

Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Father Bryan's mother

Mary Louise Parrish

whose funeral Mass was celebrated at
St. Joseph Church on Saturday, May 13th.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

R. Amen.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Condolences:

Rev. Bryan K. Parrish

St. Joseph Rectory

1382 Highland Avenue

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Fridays at St. Joseph Church
following the 6:50 AM Mass,
until 12:00 PM.

A NOTE FROM FR. BRYAN PARRISH

Dear Friends:

In the warmer weather, I enjoy running outside. Often my route takes me from St. Joseph church to St. Bartholomew church, which is a good distance for me. As I run, I often admire the beautiful homes in our town along the route. The ones that appeal to me most are those that have an open, welcoming design, letting in plenty of light and creating a feeling of hospitality.

In recent weeks our two parishes have been notified of the decisions of the Archdiocese to join the two parishes of Needham into one Catholic community. As pastor, it is my hope and prayer that the light of Christ will guide all Catholics in Needham to find a spirit of welcome and hospitality in our combined parish community.

In particular, I want to assure the parishioners of St. Bartholomew Parish that you will be warmly embraced at St. Joseph Parish as our brothers and sisters in Christ. Since its founding in 1952, St. Bartholomew's has been a vibrant parish community, and your gifts, ministries and presence will enrich us together as one parish family. I look forward to coming to St. Bartholomew's in the coming weeks to meet you and celebrate Sunday Mass. We also plan to gather together our Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils to meet one another. In a particular way during these weeks, let us pray for one another.

God bless,
Father Bryan

2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Faith in Action: It All Starts with You.

I am so grateful to all who have helped launch a successful 2023 Catholic Appeal campaign here at St. Bartholomew. We have raised **\$54,453** so far, which means we have already reached **50%** of our goal. If you have not had a chance to do so, please consider making your gift to the Appeal today by picking up an envelope at the back of the church or making an on-line donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Participation from every St. Bartholomew household is important, and every gift makes a meaningful difference in putting faith into action to support the parishes, schools, and ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for your always generous response to the Catholic Appeal.

Fr. Tom

ARCHDIOCESE COLLECTIONS—MAY

May 28, Pentecost Sunday—Seminarians: The second collection on May 28 supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that men are responding to the call to serve as priests, though more are needed. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Congratulations to the children of the parish who received First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 14th:

- Declan Benzie
- Nora Collins
- Megan Devoe
- Colin Fava
- Madeline McQuade
- Daniel Murray
- Jack Thome
- Declan Tobin
- Louisa Woolard
- Astrid Zeinoun

At the Mass, the children read the Prayer of the Faithful, brought the gifts to the altar, sang "We are the Church" after Communion, crowned a statue of Mary, and presented Mother's Day flowers to her.

Many thanks to all who helped prepare the children to receive First Holy Communion on this very special day, including their teacher, Maureen Martin, who was also the cantor for the Mass, and teaching assistant Cate Brassard; our religious education coordinators, Maryellen Jennings and Andrea Fidurko; and music director, Charles Kanelos.

CONFIRMATION



Bishop Arthur L. Kennedy will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bartholomew Parish on **Sunday, May 21st**. The Confirmation Masses will be at **2:00** and **5:00 PM**.

SPECIAL PARISH EMAIL

A special email address has been set up for St. Bartholomew parishioners who are concerned about the future combination of St. Bartholomew and St. Joseph Parishes and wish to have their voices heard. All emails will be reviewed and discussed by the Parish Pastoral Council. The email address is thoughts@stbartholomew-needham.org. If you wish to mail a letter instead, please address your letter to St. Bartholomew Parish Council and mail it to the parish office at 1180 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA 02492.

PARISH MEETING WITH BISHOP MARK O'CONNELL

Bishop Mark O'Connell met with the parish on April 16th to discuss the future of St. Bartholomew Parish. For those who were not able to attend the meeting, a recording can be viewed on the parish [Facebook](#) page. If you would like to contact Bishop Mark, his contact information follows:

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GIFT—GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Join us for the St. Bartholomew Parish Women's Prayer Group each **Wednesday, 10:00 AM**, in the rectory O'Brien room—easy, no stairs, access through the garage. Refreshments are available, followed by the coming Sunday Gospel, prayers, and discussion. A Bible scholar one does not have to be. We are all joining together to raise our thoughts and voices to God for one blessed hour. Please join us! Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862, kreilly15@yahoo.com

ST. BARTHOLOMEW MEN'S GROUP

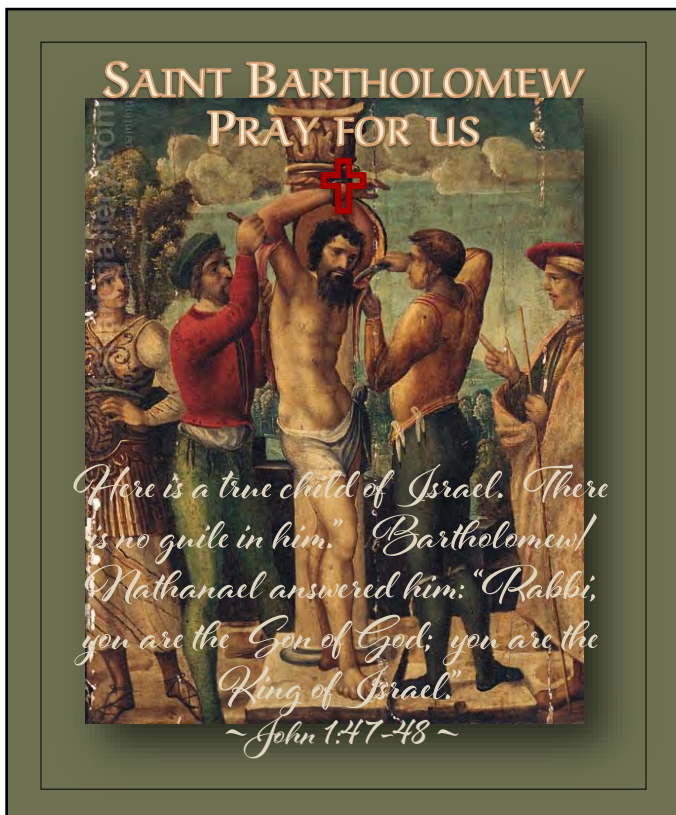
The parish Men's Group meets every **3rd Tuesday** of the month (**7:30—8:30 AM**) in the Parish Office. The next meeting is **June 20**. The group discusses the Mass readings for the next Sunday, along with some friendly talk and fellowship. Any man interested in expanding his understanding of Scripture, and helping others to do the same, is invited to meet at the Parish Office on Tuesday morning. For more information, call Marty Cunniffe at (781) 444-9033 or (617) 694-6221 (cell).

ST. BARTHOLOMEW BOOK CLUB

Meetings are usually held every 1st Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory—no stairs, easy access through the garage.

At the May meeting we discussed a book by a familiar local author, William Martin, the WWII thriller, *December '41*, about a plot to kill FDR as he lights the national Christmas tree after declaring war.

The next meeting will be on **June 5th**. We will discuss *The Churchill Sisters: The Extraordinary Lives of Winston and Clementine's Daughters*, by Rachel Trethewey. Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 or kreilly15@yahoo.com.



FIAT

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, cordially invites you to the next meeting on **May 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. (ET) on Zoom**. The topic will be **Prayer**. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ at marian.batho@csjboston.org or 617-746-2025 for more information and the link to the meeting.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus gives us a new commandment: "Love one another." Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

- **June 2—4**, Upton, MA
- **June 23—25** and **September 22—24**, Huntington, NY
- **August 11—13**, CT
- **October 20—22**, VT

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic organization that sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, on weekends and on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, contact Joe & Ginny Vatele at (978) 870-5646 or wwwmema.org/

WALKING WITH THE SAINTS ON YOUTUBE

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel — [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).

ULTREYA

De Colores! Have you lived a Cursillo or do you want to learn more about it? If so, join us for our next Ultreya. This is your invitation. St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Dedham, hosts an Ultreya Mass and gathering **every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM**.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

The Eaton Funeral Home is hosting a community shredding event in the funeral home parking lot on **Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 AM-1:00PM**. All are welcome to bring any documents which need to be shredded and disposed of at no charge. Shredding service is provided by Shred-It, a subsidiary of Stericycle. If you need more information, please call the funeral home at (781) 444-0201.

150TH ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH

During much of the 150 years of presence in the Archdiocese of Boston, the Sisters of St. Joseph served in many parishes and schools in the Central and South Region. On their **150th Anniversary**, the Sisters have asked that a **Mass** be celebrated on **June 3, 2023, at 4:00 PM** at **St. Oscar Romero Parish (formerly St. John the Evangelist Parish), Canton**. The Sisters would like to express their gratitude for the kindness, support, and love which they have experienced from the many parents and children during those wonderful years. Please join us on **June 3rd** for this special occasion.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
May 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Seventh Sunday of Easter			Day of Prayer for the Church in China		St. Philip Neri Priest	
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM 2:00 PM Confirmation 5:00 PM Confirmation	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 2:30—3:15 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass
May 28	29	30	31	June 1	2	3
Pentecost Sunday	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church		Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St. Justin Martyr		St. Charles Lwanga & Companions Martyrs
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM Mass Office closed for holiday	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 2:30—3:15 PM Confession
June 4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The Most Holy Trinity	St. Boniface Bishop, Martyr					
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM Community Sunday after 8:00 & 9:45 AM Masses	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 2:30—3:15 PM Confession 4:00 PM Mass

May is Dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God

... since the month of May largely corresponds with the fifty days of Easter, the pious exercises practiced at this time could emphasize Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery (cf. John 19, 25-27), and the Pentecost event (cf. Acts 1, 14) with which the Church begins: Our Lady journeys with the Church having shared in the novum of the Resurrection, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fifty days are also a time for the celebration of the sacraments of Christian initiation and of the mystagogy ("initiation into the mysteries"). The pious exercises connected with the month of May could easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. ~ The Holy See's Directory of Popular Piety, No. 191

There is no sinner in the world, however much at enmity with God, who cannot recover God's grace by recourse to Mary by asking her assistance. ~ St. Bridget of Sweden, 14th century

Only a few words from the Virgin Mary have come down to us in the Gospels; but these few words are like heavy grains of pure gold. ~ St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

This most holy, sweet and worthy name was eminently fitted to so holy, sweet and worthy a virgin. For Mary means a bitter sea, star of the sea, the illuminated or illuminatrix. Mary is interpreted [as] Lady. Mary is a bitter sea to the demons; to men she is the Star of the Sea; to the Angels she is illuminatrix, and to all creatures she is Lady. ~ St. Bonaventure

Silence of Mary, speak to me; teach me how with you, and like you, I can learn to keep all things in my heart as you did. Our Lady was full of God because she lived for God alone, yet she thought of herself only as the handmaid of the Lord. Let us do the same. ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mary's life was so simple, absorbed in God; Even the most common things were divinized in her, because the Virgin was always adoring the gift of God in all her actions. ~ St. Elizabeth of the Trinity

At the sight of Mary, the woman clothed in light, all darkness disappears, and the devil is powerless. ~ Servant of God, Catherine Doherty





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Stubborn and chronic wounds affect approximately 6 million people in the U.S. These wounds have a significant impact on quality of life; limiting a person's mobility, ability to work, and live their lives. In some cases these wounds are unable to heal as they are infested with drug-resistant bacteria. Healing these types of wounds requires a different approach.

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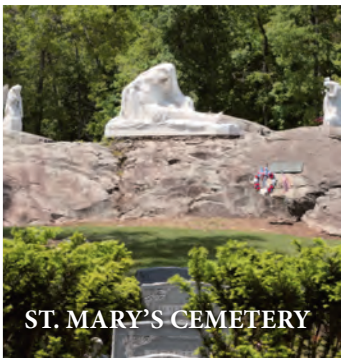


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ST. MARY'S CEMETERY

St Mary's Cemetery in Needham, founded in the 1870's, is the parish cemetery of Mary Immaculate of Lourdes. The Cemetery is a reverent resting place for those awaiting reunion with the Risen Lord. The decision to pre-plan and purchase interment rights is a responsible and thoughtful gesture, sparing loved ones the stress of making difficult decisions during a time of grief and loss.

For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
St. Mary's Cemetery | 1 Wellesley Avenue,
Needham, MA 02494

