ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

June 18, 2023



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE COMPASSION OF JESUS

The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38



Parish Mission

As a warm and welcoming community, we strive to live out our Catholic faith and share Christ's loving message of salvation.

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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

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CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY 6/3—6/9					
TOTAL →	TOTAL → \$ 4,547				
Offertory \rightarrow	2,687				
Online →	1,780				
Mail-In →	80				

Try our online giving platform, <u>WeShare</u>, for your offertory, Mass intentions, holiday flowers, second collections, and other contributions.

KIND REMINDERS

- Make checks payable to <u>ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH</u>, 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, JUNE 17

4:00 PM Edward F. & Mary O'Brien

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Mary & Mark Nuccio

11:30 AM John Stanton

MONDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 AM In Reparation for Offenses to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

9:00 AM Kathryn Cox

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

9:00 AM Joanne M. Marchionda

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 AM Michael J. Lynch

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

9:00 AM In Reparation for Offenses to the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

9:00 AM Mary Lillian Thissell

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 100:1-2, 3, 5

R: (3c) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song. R

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends. R

The LORD is good:

his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. R

We resumed Ordinary Time in the evening of Pentecost Sunday, which closes out the fifty days of the Easter Season each year. The two Sundays that follow Pentecost are special solemnities to celebrate the Most Blessed Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christ*i). Thus, the three Sundays following the Easter Season present us with a trifecta of celebrations for three beautiful pillars of the Catholic faith: the Church, the Blessed Trinity, and the Eucharist. We now rejoin our regularly scheduled Sundays in Ordinary Time, already in progress.

The Responsorial Psalm for this Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time is a short and simple psalm that is a favorite hymn of praise in both the Old Covenant (Judaism) and the New Covenant (Christianity). As a response to the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, Psalm 100 complements God's offer to the Israelites through Moses: Therefore, if you harken to my voice and keep my covenant, / you shall be my special possession, / dearer to me than all other people, / though all the earth is mine. / You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. (Exodus 19:5-6a).

In the Old Covenant, this psalm expresses praise and thanksgiving to God that Israel had been chosen as God's *special possession*, using the metaphor of a flock that harkens to the voice of its shepherd to describe the tender and close relationship between God the Shepherd and his special people, his flock. God was to make Israel *a holy nation*, *a kingdom of priests*, for the purpose of drawing the Gentiles into worship of the one, true God of Israel. Sadly, however, the Israelites broke their end of the covenant.

Jesus is the New Covenant in his very person, the Eternal High Priest; and since we are baptized into Jesus, all the baptized share in the common priesthood of Jesus, making us a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. All the baptized become part of God's flock, with Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Through baptism, we become God's special possession; his people, the flock he tends. With all the baptized, let us praise the Lord and come before him with joyful song, thankful for his faithfulness in making the New Covenant in his Son.

God bless you, Fr. Tom

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Cilorious 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.

PARISH UPDATE

The Parish Pastoral Councils of St. Joseph Parish and St. Bartholomew Parish came together for the second time on Tuesday, June 13, in Ward Hall. Members of the St. Bartholomew council were pleased to be introduced to Fr. Michael Ssenfuma, the new parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish.

The main order of business at this meeting of the parish councils was to select two members from each council to lead the development of a transition plan for bringing the two parishes together. While we do not yet have a timeline for the transition of the two parishes into one, this team will make recommendations to the Parish Pastoral Councils for ways that the two parishes can begin to come together. Nadine Kocho and Kathy Reilly (St. Bartholomew) will work with Jill Meyers and John Wallace (St. Joseph) on the transition plan, with Deacon Bob Horn facilitating.

In addition to the transition plan, the parking and accessibility issues continue to receive attention. Members of both councils are sensitive to the concerns regarding parking and accessibility. Several ideas were discussed, and some next steps were identified as we investigate workable solutions.

While the timeline for the transition to St. Joseph Parish is not yet determined, the goal is clear: one vibrant, unified Catholic parish for Needham.



St. John's Seminary 21ST Annual Golf Tournament

<u>Summer Classic, 21st Annual Golf Tournament</u>

(Click above title to go to website)

August 28, 9:00 AM — 8:30 PM

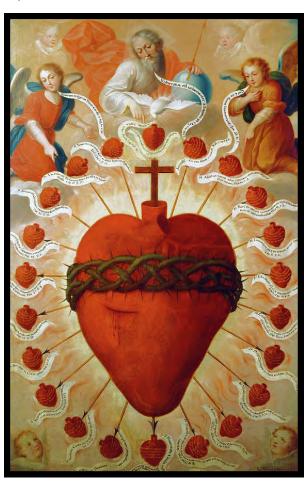
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"The Seminary golf tournament is one of the most enjoyable rounds of golf of the Summer. It is wonderfully organized and has a spirit of true fellowship. Saint John's Seminary was very generous to me throughout my eight years of formation. We at the Parish are very happy to do this small part to return the favor."

Fr. Chris Hickey, Pastor

St. Mary's, St. Helen's, St. Thecla's Parish



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 \$54,053 so far, which means we have 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

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 <u>Facebook</u> page. If you would like to contact Bishop Mark, his contact information follows:

Most Reverend Mark O'Connell, JCD Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia Archdiocese of Boston Pastoral Center 66 Brooks Drive Braintree, MA 02184

Phone: (617) 746-5619

Email: vicar general@rcab.org



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.

Please note: Anonymous letters will not be considered.

ARCHDIOCESE COLLECTION FOR JUNE

The second collection on **June 18**, **Promoting the Gospel**, will be shared by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). These two organizations communicate the Gospel by promoting works of justice, education and the dignity of human life. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes and will support our local communications needs, such as Catholic TV programming. For more information about these organizations, please visit:

- 1. www.usccb.org/cchd
- 2. <u>www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-communication-campaign/index.cfm</u>

While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

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).

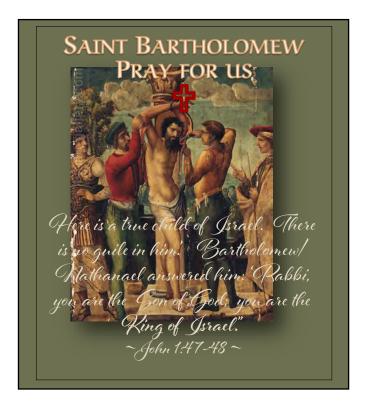
ST. BARTHOLOMEW BOOK CLUB

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 June meeting we discussed *The Churchill Sisters: The Extraordinary Lives of Winston and Clementine's Daughters,* by Rachel Trethewey.

The next meeting will be on **Monday**, **July 10**th and our book selection is *Over My Dead Body* by Jeffrey Archer.

Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 or kreilly15@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on **Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM** at the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston**. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Family and friends are invited to attend. Couples can register or find more information at bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass.

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:

- August 11—13, Storrs, CT
- August 25-27, VT
- September 22—24, Huntington, NY
- 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 Vatelle at (978) 870-5646 or www.wmema.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.

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.

NFP COMMUNITY MASS AND GATHERING

Come and join families and friends from the natural family planning community as we gather on **Sunday, July 23rd from 3:00-6:00 PM** for Mass, food, and fellowship at **Saint Mary's Parish in Waltham, MA**. After the 3 PM Mass, we will gather as a community in the parish hall to share a meal and discuss all things NFP together. Please come and bring the kids, too. Register at https://bit.ly/NFPGathering.

VIRTUAL ROSARY FOR COUPLES EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY, DIFFICULT PREGNANCIES, OR MISCARRIAGE

"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you."
—St. Padre Pio

Are you or someone you know experiencing infertility, difficult pregnancies, or miscarriage? If so, we invite you to come and offer your prayers and petitions to our Mother Mary, by meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Come and unite your prayers with others from the Archdiocese on **Thursday**, **July 27th at 7:00 PM** as Fr. Matt Williams leads us in this virtual prayer experience.

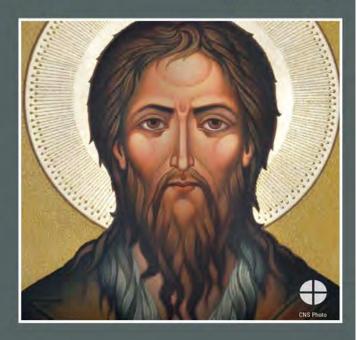
Register at https://bit.ly/NFPWeekRosary.

Lievenin Sunday in Ordinary Time					June 18, 2023		
St. Bartholomew Parish Calendar							
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
June 18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			St. Aloysius Gonzaga Religious			The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 7:30 AM, Men's	9:00 AM Mass 10:00 AM	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 AM Mass 2:30—3:15 PM	
		Group –Parish	GIFT - O'Brien Rm			Confession	
		Office				4:00 рм Mass	
June 25	26	27	28	29	30	July 1	
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time			St. Irenaeus Bishop, Martyr	Ss. Peter and Paul Apostles			
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						4:00 рм Mass	
July 2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	St. Thomas Apostle						
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 AM Mass	
			10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm			2:30—3:15 PM Confession	
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Nativity of John the Baptist

FIRST CENTURY FEAST DAY: JUNE 24

n the Gospels, John, a kinsman of Jesus through their mothers, preached repentance and baptized to prepare for the Messiah's coming. This feast marks his exceptional birth to the aged priest Zechariah and the equally aged and barren Elizabeth. The angel Gabriel announces his birth in a vision to Zechariah, who hesitates in believing and is struck mute until eight days after John's birth. Then, Zechariah, in a beautiful canticle that ends the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, proclaims that John "will be called prophet of the Most High." John's eventual beheading is commemorated with an Aug. 29 feast. A patron saint of Canada and Jordan, John is also the patron of Florence and the Knights Hospitaller of St. John.





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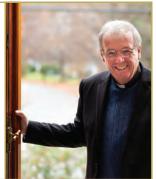


Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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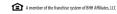
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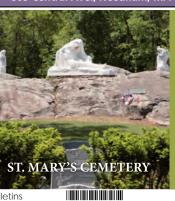
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