



## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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 12:43-44*



**OUR 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 9:30am-3:30pm



*Mass Intentions*

Sunday, November 11

- 9:45am Francis & Mary Creeden
- 11:30am Memorial Mass for those buried in past year

Monday, November 12

- 9:00am People of St. Bartholomew

Tuesday, November 13

- 9:00am Quintilio and Lena Colaluca

Wednesday, November 14

- 9:00am Remembrance Mass for deceased members (Social Club)

Thursday, November 15

- 9:00am Lester J. Brennan (Anniversary mass)

Saturday, November 17

- 4:00pm Jane M., Jane Marie & John McDonald

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

**Fr. Derek Borek**, Administrator

**Gisele Byda**, Business Manager

**Antonia Nedder**, Music Director,  
Youth Choir Director

**Charles Kanelos**, Adult Choir Director

**Jennifer Foster** Director of Religious Education

**Maryellen Jennings**, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6

**Reyna Mendoza**, Office Assistant

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

10/29 → 11/4/18

Regular Offertory

**TOTALS → \$ 6,464**

Envelopes → 4,062

Cash → 2,249

WeShare → 153

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat, 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.

Please call a month in advance to schedule baptisms.

Sacrament of Matrimony

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

Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/ St. Joseph's cluster gathers every Friday from 9:30am-5:00pm in St. Joseph's Lower Church.

First Saturday Devotion

After the 9:00am Mass the first Sat. of each month

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10am funeral)



Sign up for your online giving, through **WeShare...**  
<https://stbartholomew-needham.churchgiving.com/>

**A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK**



Today, November 11<sup>th</sup>, is Veterans' Day, formerly known as Armistice Day, which commemorated the cease fire of World War I. On this day each year, our nation pauses to honor those men and women who have served in our armed forces, always ready to put their lives on the line for our safety and our freedom. I have found it ironic, or perhaps even better, providential, that November 11<sup>th</sup> is the day on which the Catholic Church commemorates Saint Martin of Tours. Martin served as a soldier in the Roman military, most likely in Gaul, today known as France. There is a legend that Martin was moved with compassion at seeing a shivering beggar and tore his cloak in two, giving half to the beggar. This began his conversion and he eventually received Baptism and left military life. He eventually founded a monastery and became a bishop. He is the patron saint of soldiers (as well as wine producers and France!). He is also the first non-martyr to be officially declared a saint.

Speaking of saints, during this month of November, and on this Veterans' Day, we can recall that we are part of the "Church Militant." That is to say that we, armed with grace and virtue, are still fighting the battle between good and evil in the way in which we live out our lives on our journey to be with the saints in heaven. We depend on their prayers, and the faithful depend on ours. Let us not forget, each day, to pray for those who have gone before us and to ask the saints in heaven to pray for us.

**OFFICE CLOSED NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of the legal holiday for Veterans' Day.

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**



Thank you to all who purchased the memorial candles that made our sanctuary and church look so beautiful last weekend. If you wish to take your candle home, please call the parish office and we will locate it for you.

**GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

To date our Grand Annual Campaign has raised \$43,285 towards our goal of \$95,000. Many thanks to all of you who have given.



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

Please note that the morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, will be celebrated at **8:30AM** (instead of the normal 9:00).



**A REQUEST FROM MEYER CHAMBERS AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES**



All Saints. All Souls, both living and dead. Prayer is a regular part of our lives. Remembering those in need of our prayer during the month of November is normative. Almsgiving is practiced by all faith traditions, but empathy is something that we must actively feel and strive for. It's more than writing a check or providing a can of food for someone in need. It's walking the journey with our sisters and brothers. Yes, it's time for our annual food drive once again. However, this year, let us approach our Season of Giving with empathy like we've never shown before. Taking our compassion to the next level may open our hearts in a new way. Donating from your heart and your resources is empathetic. The statistics among the need is staggering. Catholic Charities is but one agency among many involved in walking the journey of togetherness. Once again, your donations will benefit both Catholic Charities South (700 families) and Central Region (2300 families) food pantries. Can you help? Checks can be made payable to Our Daily Bread and placed in Meyer's St. Seb's mailbox. Thank you in advance for another year of generosity.

**SACRED CHRISTIAN ART**

Through looking at the development of Christian art, from the Early Church through the present, we will explore how art influences our experience of and relationship with God. This 6 week course will meet on Thursday mornings from 10-11 am in the O'Brien room at parish offices (feel free to come over after Mass for a cup of coffee and some fellowship before class begins). Please feel free to join us for all of the classes, or just pop in for your favorite time period! Contact Jen Foster with any questions: [jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org](mailto:jfoster@stbartholomew-needham.org) or (781)444-3434.

Nov 15- Baroque & Early Modern  
 (Nov. 22- Thanksgiving-No Class)  
 Nov. 29- Modern



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Open House

**Notre Dame Academy  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm**

A Catholic school for girls grades 7 through 12.

For more information visit [ndahingham.com](http://ndahingham.com) or call at (781)749-5930, ext. 2234 .

### ARE YOU FACING DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR A LOVED ONE'S HEALTHCARE?

**St. Catherine of Siena Affirming Life Committee invites you** to Come hear Dr. Mark Rollo and Dr. Laura Petrillo speak on caring options for loved ones with chronic health conditions and for those facing end of life decisions. Learn about life-affirming care and the risks of physician-assisted suicide. Dr. Rollo was a speaker at the Ninth Annual "Medicine, Bioethics, and Spirituality Conference."

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm  
St. Catherine of Siena Auditorium,  
249 Nahatan St.  
Norwood, MA**

**For more information, call (617) 763-4093**



### AMY'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be **Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from **12:30 to 1:30 pm** in the O'Brien room in the Rectory. No stairs required as you can enter directly through the garage.

Our reading selection for this month is **THE PARIS WIFE** by Laura McLain.



Our previous selection by William Martin **BOUND FOR GOLD** certainly lived up to expectation and provoked much discussion. He is a thoughtful, well researched author with great characters-some you would like to meet and others, not really. His historical background provided all of us with a more thorough understanding of the development of San Francisco and the gold rush days, little of which we had extensive knowledge.

Book Club questions, please contact: Kathy Reilly (781)444-0862 email: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

Need a ride? Just call.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Trust that God wants great things for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Dec 7-9, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

### CYO Basketball Registration

Open invitation to all St. Bartholomew boys and girls grades 9 -12 for CYO basketball. To request a registration form, contact CYO Athletic Director Tom Loughran at [tomloughran@rcn.com](mailto:tomloughran@rcn.com) or (781) 254-8220.



### TRIP TO THE SHRINES & ABBEYS OF IRELAND

Please join Fr. Phil McGaugh on this escorted trip to the Shrines & Abbeys of Ireland leaving from Boston on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and returning on March 12, 2019.



Your package will include flights, luxury touring coach, 8 nights hotel accommodations with 6 dinners and 8 breakfasts. Dinner/Cabaret in Bunratty, Daily Mass and more.

The cost per person, based on double occupancy is \$3,095.

Any questions regarding this wonderful trip please contact **Mary Henry** from Marian Pilgrimages (781) 331-2444.

### TRANSFORMED IN LOVE MARRIAGE PREP



Transformed in Love for engaged couples is the Archdiocesan program for marriage preparation.

For upcoming 2018-2019 dates, locations, and registration information, visit [bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove](http://bostoncatholic.org/transformedinlove); or contact Liz Cotrupi at [ecotrupi@rcab.org](mailto:ecotrupi@rcab.org).

If you have experienced, or if you know anyone who has experienced any kind of abuse in the Church, please contact the Archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO). Information can be found at [www.bostoncatholic.org](http://www.bostoncatholic.org) or by calling Vivian Soper at (617) 746-5995.



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

**A NEW TESTAMENT READING: A LETTER FROM ST. PAUL TO.....**

How many times have we heard lately in our Mass readings: a Letter from St. Paul to..... And who writes letters any more anyway? Especially letters that are going to last more than two thousand years! And who was this Paul who would make such a mark in our religious history?



Paul, formerly known as Saul, was not a fellow who lived with a glass that was half full. No, he knew that the glass was totally empty or totally full. And with such certainty, he lived his life. And when Jesus came upon the scene, Paul was most certainly not a believer. He actually was in the crowd who stoned our first martyr, St. Stephen, to death. Either these disciples' claims about Jesus were true or they were speaking blasphemy. However, after Stephen's death, Saul became aggressively active in the persecution of the Church and 'Christians'—to denounce them. Eventually on the road to Damascus, God had other plans. A flash of light that knocked Saul to the ground and voice he heard cried out "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" And Saul asked the voice, "Who are you?" And the voice replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." And with his conversion and baptism Saul/ Paul met with the original disciples and after a little time needed for acceptance and with Peter's blessing set out with Barnabas to devote the rest of his life to the teachings of the Gospel. But this life was not an easy one as Paul ended up beaten, jailed, humiliated, hungry, shipwrecked, and disbelieved. He converted many Gentiles with the support of Peter by teaching that they need not be circumcised as were the Jews. And through it all, Paul wrote letters—letters to Christian communities regarding Jesus' victorious teachings. These are what we read today.

We all know that whatever we punch into our computers is there, forever living in a cloud someplace. The message is usually short and probably misspelled. In one or two thousand years will anyone try to retrieve anything that is up there? Whenever we pass on will anyone pull out a letter that was kept and treasured—a letter that we took time to actually write to thank, to express pride, to say I love you? In our belongings will there be anything precious that speaks to another about love and thoughts of you? Letter writing is a lost art. And letters can change the world as St. Paul showed us. And a personal voice to another, like the ripple in the pond, goes on and on. And as Johnny Appleseed left his mark by dropping apple seeds wherever he went, the beauty he planted lives on. Whom do we know today that a letter in the mail might just dispel a moment of loneliness, bring a smile to one's lips, and affect behaviors that are happily passed on and on and on.

by Kathy Reilly

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 email: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

If anyone needs a ride to a church service or wishes a home or Communion visit, please contact me.

**G.I.F.T. GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

We meet every Wednesday morning from 10 to 11 in the O'Brien room in the Rectory. No stairs are required as we may enter through the garage directly into the room. We have a brief coffee, social time and then get to the 'business' at hand. We pray together with some written prayers; we read the coming week's Gospel 3 times; we meditate on it briefly and then discuss its meaning and influence. We also have prayer time. We pray for those in need of prayer and for those we personally wish to pray for.

Questions? Contact: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 email: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com) Need a ride? Just call.**Youth Choir**

The next Youth Choir rehearsal is this Sunday, November 11th from 5-6 PM in the church. New members are always welcome.

**SOCIAL CLUB**

You're invited! Come join the Saint Bartholomew's Social Club. Be entertained, be informed, and enjoy some of the finest snacks in Needham. Come join in the camaraderie of your friends and fellow parishioners while we laugh, learn a little more about our town, and have a good time. We have our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from October to May at 1PM except for the months of January and February. Join us. Contact Kathy Whitney @ (781) 449-2063.

## Parish Calendar

### November 11– November 24

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>11</b> 8:00am Mass 9:45am Mass –NO CLW 11:30am Memorial Mass 5:00pm Youth Choir	<b>12</b> <b>Veteran's Day Observed</b> 9:00am Mass <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Mass 4:00pm Social Club Board Meeting- O'Brien room 7:00pm Gospel of John Series- Knight of Columbus Hall	<b>14</b> 9:00am Mass 9:40am Social Club Meeting- O'Brien room	<b>15</b> 9:00am Mass 10:00am Sacred Christian Art- O'Brien room 6:30pm Adult Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00am Mass	<b>17</b> 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass
<b>18</b> 8:00am Mass 9:45am Mass – Children Liturgy of the Word 11:30am Mass 5:00pm Youth Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00am Mass 4:00pm RE K-6 (Thanksgiving Bread-Ward Hall)	<b>20</b> 7:30am Men's Group– O'Brien room 9:00 am Mass 6:30pm Adult Choir	<b>21</b> 9:00am Mass	<b>22</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 8:30am Thanksgiving Mass <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>23</b> 9:00am Mass	<b>24</b> 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass

