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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**

**Rev. J. Thomas Gignac**, Administrator  
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**WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY**

July 30 — August 5, 2022

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**Mass Intentions**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**

4:00 PM Richard Stanton

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Patrick & Sean Griffin

11:30 AM Richard Drew

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15**

9:00 AM For the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary over Humanity

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**

9:00 AM Bernard & Fisher Families

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00 AM The Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**

9:00 AM Sean Walker

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**

9:00 AM Fr. Joseph Adamec, C.S.S.R.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**

9:00 AM Robert J. Roman

**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.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

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

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

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



## A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18

**R:** Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped toward me. **R**

The LORD heard my cry.  
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,  
out of the mud of the swamp;  
he set my feet upon a crag;  
he made firm my steps. **R**

And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.  
Many shall look on in awe  
and trust in the LORD. **R**

Though I am afflicted and poor,  
yet the LORD thinks of me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
O my God, hold not back! **R**

Psalms 40 and 41 together bring Book I of the psalms to an end on a note of lament. As is typical with the psalms of Book I, Psalm 40 finds David in distress, beset by his enemies, and seeking God's assistance. Atypical, however, is the reversed order of the psalm. Most psalms of this type start off with lament and end with praise and thanksgiving. Psalm 40 reverses this order, beginning with thanks and praise for God's deliverance, and ending with a cry for God's help in some new threat that seems to have arisen.

As the Responsorial Psalm this week, Psalm 40 responds to the First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, in which Jeremiah's enemies throw him to the bottom of a cistern, where he sinks into the mud. Notice how Jeremiah's rescue from death is paralleled by David's experience of rescue in the psalm: *The Lord heard my cry. | He drew me out of the pit of destruction, | out of the mud of the swamp; | he set my feet upon a crag; | he made firm my steps.*

Thinking of the times that God has rescued us (or Jeremiah, or David) gives us confidence to ask God for help in the situations and circumstances in which we find ourselves, those times when we are sinking into the mud. Whatever our situation, we are within God's providence: *The LORD thinks of me*, as the psalm says. This week, be confident in your prayer.

God bless you,  
Fr. Tom

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**As we approach mid July, we ask that you register your children now for the 2022-2023 year.**

**Volunteers:** We need to plan for the year and recruit additional catechists as needed. If your schedule allows, please consider volunteering as a catechist. Thank you for your consideration of this request! For information, email:

- Grades K—6, [mjennings@stbartholomew-needham.org](mailto:mjennings@stbartholomew-needham.org)
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**Class Registration:** The link to register for the 2022—2023 Religious Education year is now live. Please don't wait until August. Register with this link: [RE Registration](#).

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW MEN'S GROUP

The parish Men's Group meets every **3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** of the month (**7:30—8:30 AM**) in the Parish Office. 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).

## PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The parish is seeking to fill the front office position of Administrative Assistant, with a person who is often the parish's first point of contact for parishioners and the general public, applying administration, organization, and interpersonal talents to support the administrator and staff in the work of the parish and the mission of the Catholic Church. Success in this position requires excellent communication skills, confidentiality, attention to detail, teamwork, a welcoming and helpful demeanor, and an eagerness to learn new things. Please see the full description of the position at the Archdiocese of Boston [Parish Job Openings](#) website.

## SEATING, MASKING, &amp; LIVE-STREAM MASS

**DISPENSATION:** The general dispensation from attending Sunday Mass in person, given at the beginning of the pandemic, is no longer in effect.

**LIVE STREAM MASS:** We continue to provide a live-stream of the **9:45 AM Sunday Mass** for those who, for serious health reasons, must participate remotely. View the live-stream at 9:45 AM on our [Facebook](#) page.

**SEATING & MASKING:** At St. Bartholomew we continue to have spaced seating on one side of the church, for those who desire more room. Masks are optional in our Open Seating section. Note that children under the age of two should never be masked, and parental discretion is to be used for children between the ages of two and five. The two cry rooms are available for reservation on [SignUpGenius](#).



Eucharistic Adoration is held each Friday  
at St. Joseph Church following the  
6:50 AM Mass, until 12:00 PM.

## The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Feast Day — August 15



**The Story of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13<sup>th</sup> century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory. Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

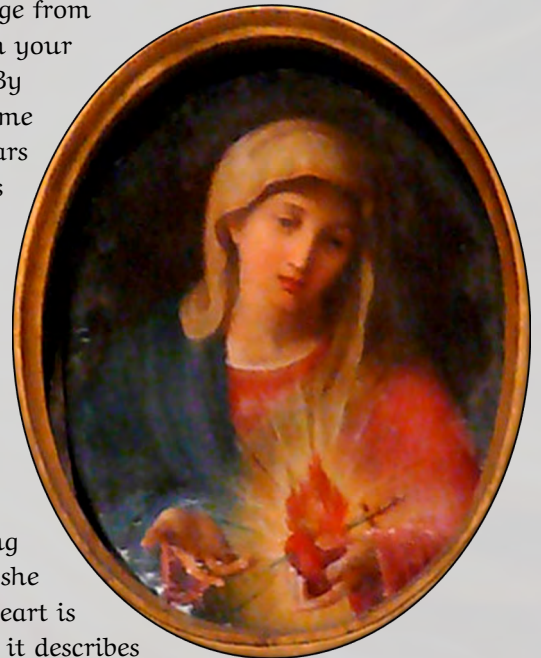
**Reflection.** In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

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### August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is an ancient custom, tied to a passage from the Gospel of Luke that speaks of Mary’s heart, “(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). By the 17<sup>th</sup> century the devotion became more widespread and at about the same time images of Mary with her Immaculate Heart rose in popularity. The image appears to be simple, but the symbolism behind it is complex. First of all Mary’s heart is visible outside of her body. This points to her undying love for all people. Her love is such that she can not contain it within. Some artists choose to depict the Blessed Virgin carrying her heart in her hand or simply pointing with a finger to her heart. The gesture suggests that Mary wants to give her heart to the one who is viewing the image. Secondly, her heart is typically on fire, which emphasizes the intensity of her love for God and for humanity. Next there are white roses that encircle her heart. These symbolize her purity, brought about by her Immaculate Conception, creating within her a most pure heart. In some cases her heart is also shown with a lily coming out of the top, also symbolizing her purity. A single sword is sometimes added going through her heart, referring to the passage of Luke (“a sword shall pierce...”) and brings to mind the sorrows she endured during her lifetime, especially during the crucifixion. Last of all, the heart is typically surrounded by rays of light. This brings to mind Revelation 12:1, where it describes the Blessed Virgin Mary as “a woman clothed with the sun.”

*This article taken from the Aleteia website: [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)*







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## 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Lawn Party on **Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:00 PM, on the grounds of the seminary.** This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable.

For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at (781) 899-5500, or visit their website [www.psj.edu](http://www.psj.edu).

You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.



## Pray27.

### Prayer for Saint John's Seminary

O God, our heavenly Father, who so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life: watch over Saint John's Seminary and the community gathered in the study of your holy teaching, that they may be rightly formed for so great a service. Father of all holiness, we pray that those whom you have entrusted to this seminary to be formed as messengers of the Gospel and ministers of the altar, will learn through prayer the truths they must someday teach, and will grasp with the conviction of faith the mysteries their lives must exemplify. Grant, we pray, that through this seminary your disciples might be holy, know your truth, and reflect your glory on earth. All this we ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.



[www.sjs.edu/27](http://www.sjs.edu/27)

*Prayer adapted from: Book of Blessings, Catholic Book Publishing Corp, New York, 1989, 304-305*



# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW PRAY FOR US

**PARISH CALENDAR:** [stbartholomew-needham.org/calendar](http://stbartholomew-needham.org/calendar)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
August 14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary					St. Bernard Abbot, Doctor of the Church
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 7:30 AM, Men's Group – Parish Office	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30 - 3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
August 21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary		St. Bartholomew Apostle			St. Monica
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30 - 3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
August 28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	The Passion of St. John the Baptist					St. Gregory the Great Pope, Doctor of the Church
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30 - 3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass

**Saint John Eudes | Feast Day — August 19<sup>th</sup>**

(Nov 14, 1601 | Aug 19, 1680)

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For 20 years, this Oratorian priest preached the basics of the faith to unschooled Catholics across northern France, distinguishing himself especially by serving the sick during epidemics of the plague. John, devout from childhood, helped spread devotion to the Sacred Heart and was the first to call for an official feast day. St. John Eudes, pray for us.



**Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church | Feast Day — August 20<sup>th</sup>**

(1090 | 1153) Patron Saint of Gibraltar.

Known as Bernard of Clairvaux, this French abbot and doctor of the church is considered the second founder of the Cistercians. He entered the relatively new monastery at Citeaux in 1113 with four of his own brothers and 27 friends, and later founded the monastery at Clairvaux, which gave birth to 68 other communities. Despite poor health and his devotion to personal mortification, Bernard was an early Western European rock star. He was consulted by popes and kings, battled heresies, and supported the Second Crusade. The sick and maimed lined the roads he traveled, hoping for a miracle. Dante chose Bernard as his final guide in “Paradiso,” at the end of “The Divine Comedy.” He is the patron of Gibraltar.



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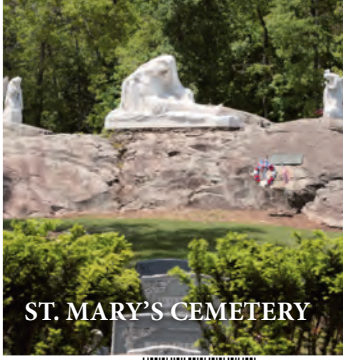


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