



“To what shall we compare the kingdom of  
God... It is like a mustard seed” ~ Mark 4:30-31





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**Office Hours:** M-F 9:30am-3:30pm

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, June 13

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

### Monday, June 14

9:00 AM Marjorie McLaughlin

### Tuesday, June 15

9:00 AM Hugh Doherty (Month's Mind)

### Wednesday, June 16

9:00 AM Special Intention (healing)

### Friday, June 18

9:00 AM Rosemarie Murphy

### Saturday, June 19

9:00 AM Kathryn Cox and Ellen Anderer

### Sunday, June 20

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Jose Hidalgo Velazquez

11:30 AM Mary & Mark Nuccio

### 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

**Jennifer Foster** Director of Religious Education

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

**Reyna Mendoza**, Office Assistant

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

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

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat, 9:00am

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 2:30pm - 3:15pm 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 parish priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed at St. Joseph every Friday after 6:50 am mass.

### First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Devotion has been suspended.

### Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet has been suspended.

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**A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK**

As we continue to see improvement in recovery from the COVID pandemic and as mask guidelines for those who have been fully vaccinated have been relaxed by the CDC and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I wanted to bring you up to date on some things that I announced at the conclusion of last week's Masses:

Beginning this weekend we will allow for those who have been fully vaccinated to remove their masks while seated in the church. In order to do this we will have "mask optional" seating on the right side of the church as you face the altar. The left side of the church as you are facing the altar will be considered "Masks required." This will be because some of our more vulnerable population require the open seating at the front for mobility issues. Those who are not fully vaccinated should remember that there may be people in the church who are unable to be vaccinated and may be unable to wear masks such as young children. Being a pro-family Church, you should consider carefully the moral obligation to continue to wear masks in order to protect the most vulnerable.

At this time I don't know how many people will be wanting the "mask required" side and how many the "mask optional" side of the church. That will remain to be seen. If you plan on wearing a mask but are still comfortable being seated in a section with those who are not, please feel free to sit there and allow more space for those who wish to sit in the "mask required" side.

Masks should be removed only when seated. To ensure everyone's safety and comfort, for the time being, masks will be required when (1) entering the church; (2) moving about inside the church, e.g., going to the restroom, coming up for Communion; and (3) leaving the church until you are outside.

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are asked to keep to the end of the Communion line and come to the priest to receive Communion. Please see this as performing an act of charity towards those who might feel uncomfortable receiving Communion after you have.

Beginning this week, also, we will do away with the need to sign up for Masses. The only sign ups that will remain will be for the crying rooms. We are blessed to have these crying rooms and during this time of pandemic they provide an extra degree of safety for those who have some additional concerns or may have children that are unable to be masked. Please save the sign up for the crying rooms for those who really need it. Thank you.

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**POTENTIAL REPEAL OF "HYDE AMENDMENT" – YOUR HELP NEEDED**

Cardinal Sean is asking your help in protecting the lives of many unborn children. For 45 years, annual passage of the "Hyde Amendment" in federal appropriations bills, by a bipartisan coalition of members of Congress has ensured that federal tax dollars are not spent on abortions. It is estimated that the "Hyde Amendment" has saved more than 2.4 million unborn children since 1976. However, this year, the passage of the "Hyde Amendment" is seriously at risk.

**In order that we do all that is possible to protect unborn children, it is critically important for Catholics to send a *strong and united* message on behalf of the children and to do so before Congress moves forward to authorize taxpayer-funded abortion.**



Please join our Archdiocesan response to the USCCB's nationwide effort during the month of June, when Congress will begin the legislative process. **Our goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).** A brief suggested bulletin announcement explaining the campaign can be found below.

The USCCB has provided additional information and digital messaging tools about the Hyde Amendment. These can be found at: [respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion](https://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion). You can also find out about the services offered by our Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office through the [Pregnancy Help](#) and [Project Rachel](#) ministries.

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**LIVE-STREAMED MASS**

With the resumption of public Masses, we will plan to continue to live-stream Mass each Sunday on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Bartholomew-Parish-Needham-MA-121212978474/>, as well as on our website. We will plan on streaming the 9:45 AM Mass on Sundays. The Mass will also be available afterwards for replay on both sites. Remember that you can also watch the Sunday or weekday Mass on Catholic TV online at [www.catholicTV.org](https://www.catholicTV.org), or on Comcast at 268 or Verizon at 296, or anytime on demand at [www.watchthemass.com](https://www.watchthemass.com).

**2ND COLLECTION— PROMOTING THE GOSPEL**

Next week's second collection 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/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development](http://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development)
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While this collection supports national efforts, a portion of the proceeds are designated for local CCHD grants and parish communication efforts.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Our 8 AM musician Madison Hatten is giving a classical voice concert next weekend. See below for details if you are interested, the concert can be watched on livestream!

Accompanied by Eoin Clark, Soprano Madison Hatten brings to life the music of Rachmaninoff and Tchaikovsky in this all Russian, 1-hour concert at the historic **St. Mary Episcopal Church in Boston**. Join us in person or via livestream.

**When: June 19, 5:30pm**

**Where: St. Mary Episcopal Church  
14 Cushing Ave, Boston**

**Livestream Website: [sparrowlive.com](http://sparrowlive.com)**

**Ticket Price: \$20**

**2021-2022 RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION OPEN!**

Registration for next year's classes is now open. We hope to meet in-person with our usual schedule:

K-6th Grades: Mondays, 4-5pm

7-10th Grades: Sundays OR Mondays 7-8:30pm, every other week.

Please be sure to register prior to August 1 so that we are able to find teachers for all of the classes.

<https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/form/religious-education-registration?fid=6221>

**PROJECT NAZARETH**  
**(K-6TH GRADES- OPTIONAL)**



The Archdiocese of Boston has created a new program, focused on the Gospel, to aid parents in their role as first teachers of the faith! Studies show that parents who are engaged in practicing their faith and sharing it with their children are the most important factor influencing the

child's faith as an adult.

For this month's weekly activities, focused on the Sunday Gospel, please see the weekly parish email or Religious Ed. Newsletter.

For additional resources for prayer or for engaging in conversation about the faith, see the Prayer Guide and Parent Guide also available in the weekly emails.

As always, Jen, Maryellen and Fr. Derek are happy to help you to find engaging ways to share your faith with your children.

We are excited to be able to offer you these resources for free, but ask that you do not share them outside of the Archdiocese of Boston.







"This is how it is with the kingdom of God;

it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

Mark 4:26-29

through their new life in Christ.

God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction

to those who would rather

"flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His

disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

Yours in Christ,

Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

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**PARISH CALENDAR: June 13 - July 03, 2021**

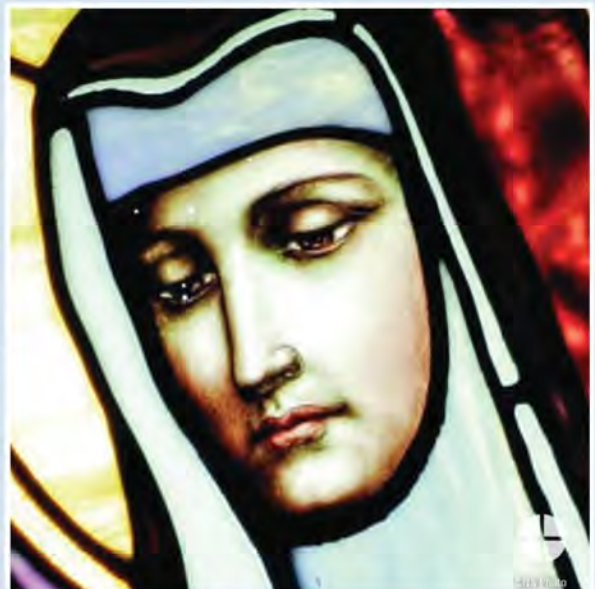
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<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 AM, Mass  9:45 AM, Mass  11:30 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 AM, Mass  9:45 AM, Mass  11:30 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:00 AM, Mass  9:45 AM, Mass  11:30 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass

## Saint Juliana of Falconieri

1270 - 1341

FEAST DAY: JUNE 19

**J**uliana was the only child of a wealthy couple in Florence, Italy, who had built the church of the Annunciation there. She refused to marry and was enrolled as a tertiary with the Servite order; her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, was one of the seven founders of the Servites. For nearly 20 years, Juliana lived a devout and useful life at home. In 1304 she formed a community of tertiary sisters who devoted themselves to prayer and good works in Florence. She is considered the foundress of the Servite community of nuns, and was canonized in 1737.



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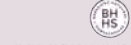
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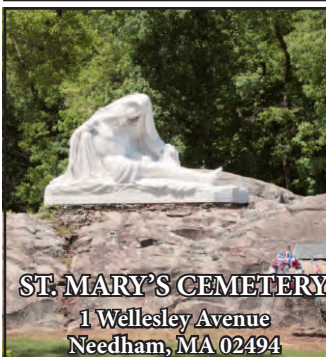


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