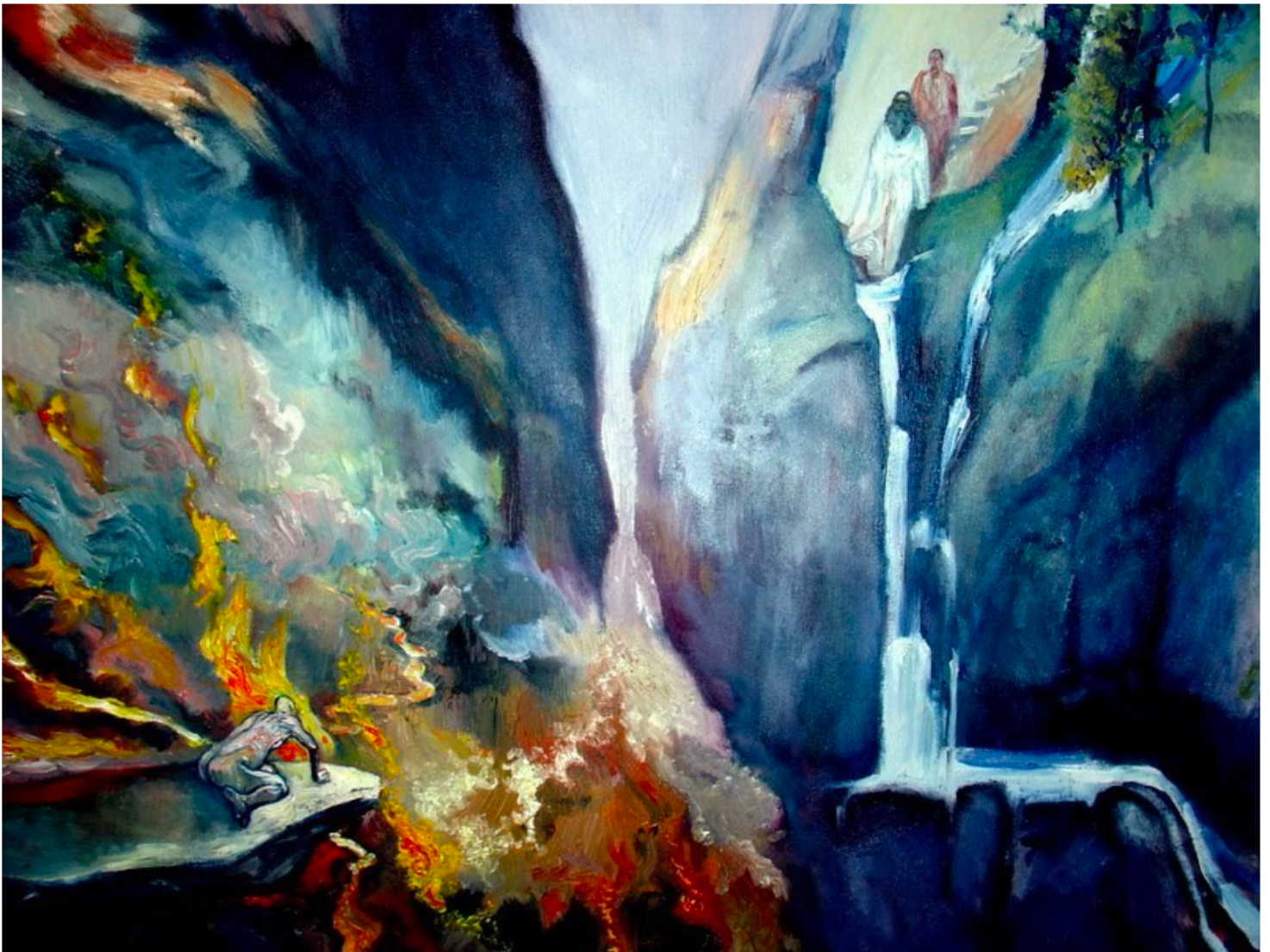


ST. BARTHOLOMEW
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
26TH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME



FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The first Chosen Movie night is **THIS WEDNESDAY 10/1**. 6-8pm. Bring your friends, family, acquaintances, random people you know, All are welcome. Free pizza and drinks.
- Ministry Sign-ups—I am asking everyone in the parish to prayerfully consider ways in which you could help your parish. We have lots of need and need lots of help. We most need help in Money Counters and Eucharistic Ministers. Please read the sign-up sheets and pray over your decision. When you are ready, please return your completed ministry sign up to the basket or give it to Fr. Cody. Thank you.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.

Seminarians

Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 9/28/25	Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 9/29/25	
Tues. 9/30/25	
Wed. 10/1/25	Daily Mass: 11am
Thurs. 10/2/25	
Fri. 10/3/25	
Sat. 10/4/25	
Sun. 10/5/25	Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

Basics of Catholicism Part 103—How does someone become a deacon?

Before I describe the ordination rite for a bishop, I want to take some time to explain how someone gets to become a bishop. The first step is that he needs to become a deacon. We have two types of deacons: permanent and transitional. For this part of the series, I am going to focus on the permanent deacons. Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons will almost always remain a deacon for their entire lives. These men are usually married, their children have grown up, and now they would like to start a different type of service for the church. In most dioceses, the bishop requires any man who wants to pursue the permanent diaconate to have older children since service as a deacon is a huge time commitment. But every bishop sets their own rules regarding the requirements for the diaconate.

How does a man become a deacon? First, usually, he meets with his pastor to discuss the possibility of entering into formation to become a deacon. Formation is the process through which a man is prepared intellectually, spiritually, pastorally, and relationally for this service in the church. If his pastor agrees that he would be a good candidate and agrees to sponsor him, he applies to the diocese for entrance into the deacon formation program. In our diocese, the first year is called a propaedeutic or pre-year where the candidates get to meet each other, spend some time exploring the diaconate and ministry in the church, and discern whether they would like to continue. The formation program is usually about 5 years long and encompasses the study of theology, spirituality, the church, prayer and liturgical formation, practice in ministry, and coming to know themselves. The wives of the candidates also must complete the program with their husbands, unless he doesn't have a wife.

Once they have completed the 5 years of formation, they are called to orders. At this point, the bishop sends them an official letter indicating that he is willing to ordain the man to the order of the deacon. At a Mass of Ordination in the Cathedral, he is ordained a deacon for the service of the church. The deacon then assists the pastor or his bishop in sacramental as well as practical matters in the church. Following his ordination to the diaconate, he cannot be married even upon the death of his wife.

The life of a permanent deacon is quite different from a transitional deacon. Transitional deacons are those men who are studying to become priests and must be ordained a deacon before being ordained a priest. Since permanent deacons can own property, usually have jobs outside the church, and have families, they live more stable lives than a priest would. Bishops rarely move permanent deacons since they would have to sell and buy a house, move their families, and find new careers. Thus permanent deacons serve an important roles in churches by giving some stability to sacramental ministry as well as practical matters. Deacons can also serve as administrators of parishes, financial officers, OCIA directors, adult formation, and more.

Fr. Cody

THE CHOSEN MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS!



**3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
STARTING OCT. 1ST—6-8 PM
FREE MOVIE, PIZZA AND DRINKS.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
AT STAGELINE PIZZA
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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office **at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.**

Scripture Readings

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025

Reading 1: Amos 6:1a-4-7
Resp. Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

MASS SCHEDULE

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am
Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

Weekly Collection totals:

7/6/25—\$1907.00
7/13/25—\$969.00 with a \$3000.00 grant
7/20/25—\$1241.00
7/27/25—965.35

Thank you for your generous support of
St. Bartholomew!