



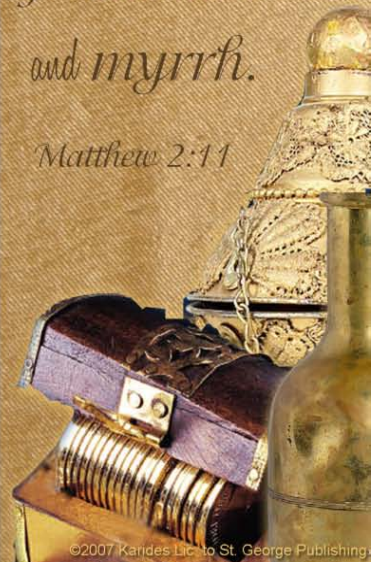
Worship

*...they saw
the child
with Mary
his mother.*

*They prostrated
themselves and did
him homage.*

*Then they opened
their treasures and
offered him gifts of
gold,
frankincense,
and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11



St. Bartholomew Parish

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Mission Statement

We are a dynamic community of the People of God who are joined together by our faith in Jesus Christ. Our spiritual life is centered on the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist in the Sunday Liturgy. We are committed to being an active community of faith that worships together, and reaches out and ministers to the needs of others. Our vision is that St. Bartholomew Parish will be the center and source for the faith development of its people based on the active participation of all its members, women and men, young and old.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.
Please call one month ahead
to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made
at least 6 months prior to the wedding.
Please consult the Pastor.

Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Cluster
gathers every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 pm in
St. Joseph's Lower Church.

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday of the month
following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following
9:00 am weekday Mass
(except when we have a 10 am Funeral Mass)

Prayer Line

This is a phone network of people,
who pray for special intentions.
Call 781-444-5973 and leave a message for
whom or what you would like prayers said.



Reflection for the Feast of the Epiphany: Is it not amazing that the three wise men were able to recognize the Messiah, Jesus in a baby? Today's feast is a powerful reminder to all of us that Christianity is for everyone. Jesus Christ desires to save the whole world. Since the time of Jesus people have gone all over the world to tell others how much Jesus loves them; we are all brothers and sisters in God's family and there are no differences between us that should hinder attaining eternal life. Each of us is called to practice justice and live in peace. The feast of the Epiphany reminds us to respect people of all faiths.

Spiritual New Years Resolutions: At the start of 2008 each of us needs to be aware of ways we can be helpful to others. How can we spiritually enrich the lives of others and our own life? Perhaps we can make a list of three or four spiritual goals and refer back to it during this coming year. Anyways that we can help ourselves or others to see the connection between faith, spirituality, and life is helpful. The call to follow Jesus is all about seeking holiness and His healing love in all aspects of life. Love of God includes love of neighbor.

Renew: We are looking for people who would be interested in working on the steering committee for the Renew program. This will involve attending not only parish meetings but some Archdiocesan training meetings. The purpose of the Renew program is to introduce small group sharing into parish life as a means of revitalizing the faith experience of all. The training will begin in February and March of 2008 in the different regions of the Archdiocese and parish wide programs begin later in the year. It is my hope that this will be an enriching program for this parish and our Archdiocese. Please pray for the success of the Renew program. If interested in assisting, please call the rectory.

Bible Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room with the study of the prophet Jeremiah. Please read the first five chapters in the book of Jeremiah.

Day of Recollection: On Sunday, January 20th, 2008 we are planning a Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors of the parish. Please save the date.

Vocation Retreats: On Thursday, February 7th, 2008, His Eminence Cardinal O'Malley will lead a retreat day at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for men over 40 thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. From Friday, February 8th, 2008 to Sunday, February 10th, His Eminence will lead a retreat at St. John's Seminary for men between the ages of 18 and 40 who are contemplating a vocation to the priesthood. If you think you might be interested, please speak with the pastor or a member of the parish staff.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on **Sunday, January 6th**, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses. Come down for coffee and donuts—visit acquaintances and welcome new families!!

Thank You

Where do I begin? There are so many things that I wish to thank you for as we start another year. The work, the encouragement, the generosity, the spirit of this parish, the willingness to share in the Advent projects and so many others. The attitude and efforts of so many during the Advent and Christmas Season has been nothing short of remarkable and heartwarming.

On Christmas Eve when I looked out at the four o'clock Mass and celebrated with you, I was awestruck as you saw both at the attendance and the celebration of the Mass. Thank you.

From the parish staff to the volunteers there is an active presence of community and God's love here. Many continue to be extremely generous with their time, talents, and treasures to help others both within and outside the parish.

Also, many of you continue to be so kind, generous, and encouraging to me. Whether it has been dropping off food at the rectory, your cards and notes, your prayers and concerns, your Mass cards, your gifts, your encouraging words — thank you. It is not my intention to forget anyone deserving of a thank you, so I will say in general thank you. It is my prayer for each of us that 2008 will be a year of renewal, excitement and blessing in this parish and for each of us. Thank you and God bless.

Fr. Phil



Please... THE DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN CONTENT IS NOON ON MONDAY ...Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 5	4:00 pm	
Sunday	January 6	8:00 am	William Keyes
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	
Monday	January 7	9:00 am	
Tuesday	January 8	9:00 am	
Wednesday	January 9	9:00 am	
Thursday	January 10	9:00 am	
Friday	January 11	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 12	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 12	4:00 pm	Mary DeGeorge
Sunday	January 13	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	"Called by Name" Mass for First Communicants
		11:30 am	James Shaughnessy—Active Duty in Iraq

Scripture Readings

6	Sun	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
7	Mon	1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
8	Tue	1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
9	Wed	1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
10	Thu	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
11	Fri	1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
12	Sat	1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
13	Sun	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt3:13-17

 *Collections*

Weekend of December 22-23

Amount collected	\$6,340.13
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 340.13

Christmas Collection for Retired Priests

Amount collected	\$16,859.93
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Donations to Notre Dame Retirement Home

Amount collected	\$3,135.00
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Weekend of December 29-30

Amount collected	\$5,422.85
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 577.15)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount collected to date	\$67,020.00
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Thank you for your stewardship.

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**Youth Choir** begins again on **Monday, January 7th, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members, third grade through high school, are always welcome.  
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Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will resume on **Wednesday, January 9th at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are always looking for new members. All are welcome!

Movie Night

Please make your calendars! The next movie night will be on **Tuesday, January 15th, at 7:00 pm** in the McCulloch Room in the school. The title will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

Children and Youth

Religious Education News

Classes resume on January 7th for all grades.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, January 29th, 2008, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read is Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light—The Private Writings of the "Saint of Calcutta", Doubleday, New York, 2007.

Social Club

The Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Jan. 16th, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Our entertainment will be Stanley Macht, pianist, and Linda Mellen, vocalist. Last year we enjoyed their presentation of Broadway music starting with Jerome Kern. This time their program will focus on Lerner and Loewe whose shows include "Brigadoon," "My Fair Lady," and "Camelot" - all familiar to us. Our usual delicious refreshments will be served after the program. Please join us.

Men's Retreat

Please save Friday evening, February 1, 2008 through Sunday morning, February 3, 2008 for our Annual Men's Retreat at the Passionist Calvary Retreat House in Shrewsbury, MA. Join with other Needham Catholic men in a weekend period of peace, reflection and prayer as we examine this year's retreat theme "Living in Joyful Hope". More information to come during early January. For "early-bird" information, call Dick Smith at 781-444-0945 or online at rose.rich@verizon.net.



Epiphany of the Lord

The little kids in the Christmas pageant always wanted to be part of the Magi. It might have been the costumes or the lack of speaking parts, but the big attraction was the gifts they carried. Gold, frankincense and myrrh, in beautiful, treasure chest boxes, are held up high for everyone to see. It's quite spectacular!

The best gifts we can give are not so visible, and may even go unnoticed, but they make a difference. Kindness and consideration come in the form of a helping hand, a kind word, or a note of thanks. Consolation and reassurance come in hugs and held hands, encouraging words and a loving smile. Hope and healing come in the form of kisses and a pat on the back, while peace and quiet come in the form of a parent night out, a late night coffee or a special moment together. You don't need a lot to offer a lot. Find out for yourself. Give a gift and feel like a king!

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Prayer for the New Year

Give us the kindness to hear with compassion, to offer support, loving comfort, and care.

Give us the courage to do what is needed, the wisdom to choose what is right and fair.

Give us the vision to see what is possible.

Give us the faith that will help pave the way for a present that is hopeful, a future that is peaceful—

Give us a heart to bring joy to each day.

Hallmark Cards, Inc.



Congratulations To:
 Ryan Alexander Brassard,
 son of Mark & Phandra;
 Cecilia Marie D'Amelio,
 daughter of John & Vanessa;
 as these children are claimed by
 Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism
 this weekend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Jan. 6 Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Jan. 6 Baptisms-12:30 –Church
- Sun., Jan. 6 Youth and Adult Choirs Concert-3:00 pm-Church
- Mon., Jan. 7 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 7 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Jan. 7 Pre-school story hour-4:00 pm-O'Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Jan. 7 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Jan. 8 Social Club Board Meeting-3:00 pm in O'Brien Room at the rectory
- Wed., Jan. 9 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Jan. 10 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Mon., Jan. 14 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 14 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Jan. 14 Pre-school story hour-4:00 pm-O'Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Jan. 14 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Jan. 15 Movie Night-7:00 pm-McCulloch Room in the school
- Wed., Jan. 16 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Jan. 16 Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Wednesday, January 9th, at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall. The event of the evening will be a bakeless cake sale. We will be planning the collection of "Pennies for the Unborn" which will take place at St. Joseph's and St. Bartholomew's churches after the Masses on Sunday, January 20th.

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: Saturday, Jan. 12, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm**

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children MUST be pre-registered by Tuesday, Jan. 8th, if they wish to attend. Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children, and your phone number.

The movie to be shown is "The Last Mimzy" - and is rated PG. It is a story about 2 children who discover a special box containing Mimzy, a magical stuffed rabbit along with other mystical toys, which give the children exceptional powers of their own. Surrounding the phenomenon of Mimzy is an awesome secret—one that holds the key to saving the future of mankind.

In order to continue Kids Night Out, we need volunteers to help us. We are now down to 2 people, and that is not enough to responsibly and safely watch the children. PLEASE consider this request. Also, you do not have to do it every month. If we get a lot of calls (please, God!), it would mean only once or twice a year.

Youth and Adult Choirs Concert

You are invited to join us on **Sunday, January 6th, at 3:00 pm** for the concert that was cancelled on December 16th, because of bad weather. Both choirs had worked very hard and look forward to sharing this gift of music with the parish. Following the concert, you are invited to Ward Hall for light refreshments.

Please mark your calendars now!


Christmas Flowers

In Memory of:

Henry Acconcia
Urban & Alice Belval
The Campbell Family
Margaret & Joseph Caulfield
The Chiappisi & Norris Families
Leo Paul Crowley
Henry D'Alelio
Al & Margaret Dandor
The Dempsey & Boris Families
Vincenzo DiCenso
The Doolin Family
Sarah & Edward Dowd
The Dury & Langis Families
Evelyn Fahey
Anne & Joseph Feeley
Joseph & Florence Festa
Helen & John Finnigan
Richard Foley
The Foley Family
Patrick Forde
The Gallagher Family
Ann Haran
The Harrington, McCarthy & Igo Families
Alice V. Hennigan
The Hutch Family
Robert A. Jennings
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Thomas & Alice Keating
Mr & Mrs Gilbert Keneck
Eileen & Tom Kennedy
Esther Lanney
Anna Lavoie
Alfred W. Leclair
The Madden & Wetherell Families
Daniel J. McCarthy, Jr.
Lawrence McNamara
Edward & Julia Nowak
Edward F. & Mary O'Brien

In Memory of:

Mr & Mrs Jeremiah O'Callaghan
Angela Reppucci
Carmen Reppucci
The Ronayne & Mack Families
Thomas & Grace Ryan
Thomas Sampson
The Sampson Family
Joseph J. Saulen
Natale Scarcella
The Scheidler & Loveday Families
Charles Schofield
Geneva & Ted Shaughnessy
Antonio & Teresa Trabucco
Bill & Georgie Whitney
Chester Whitney

Special Intention of:

May Acconcia

In Honor of:

Michael & Mary LaRose
Rev. Edward LaRose
Walter & Doris Nowak

