

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*A*nd a voice came from heaven,
"YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON;
with you
I AM WELL PLEASSED."

Luke 3:22 (NAB)

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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 for what you would like
prayers said.



Reflection for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

Are we ready? Are we ready to trust God and let Jesus help us? Are we ready to spread the message of God's unconditional love for each of us? We are the beloved of God. As the Father has loved us so we must love others. John's Baptism of Jesus was to remind the people that one greater than he was to follow. John knew that someone greater than he was to follow him. He was demanding that the people change their lives in preparation for Jesus. For our sake Jesus became one of us. Jesus' mission was to go into the world and preach that God's love is for all people. Jesus' mission is our mission. Through Baptism each one of us is called to live like Jesus spreading the message of God's unconditional love and mercy for all people. We preach by our words and actions, just like Jesus. The little extra effort can sometimes make a difference in the life of another person. Jesus showed this in His ministry to others many times. When we reflect upon what our Baptism means to us, how do we respond?

Bible Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 25th, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. This semester we will begin our study of the Book of Psalms. This is an important book of the Bible that has been a great part of the prayer life of many religions in the world. This book is one of the real treasures of the Bible and of our religious tradition. It is hoped that the study of the Book of Psalms will enhance the prayer life of all of us.

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses this Sunday, Jan. 10th.

St. Andrew Dinner: Any junior or senior young man in high school or older who would like to learn more about the diocesan priesthood is invited to this St. Andrew Dinner on Wednesday, January 27th, from 5:30-8:00 pm. Please contact the pastor if you are interested in attending.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 85% of its goal. As a parish 218 people have contributed \$85,284 which is 94.8% of our goal. Thank you for all of your help. The needs of the poor in our Archdiocese are great. Any help is appreciated.

A Holy Hour for Life will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 21st, from 7:00-8:00 pm.** His Eminence Cardinal Sean has expressed a desire that parishes take part in this. Our Holy Hour will take place in union with other parishes in the Archdiocese and throughout the country. We believe that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God; we pray and offer penance for those who do not celebrate the dignity of human life.

Discernment for Men Know of a man who may be called?

On the weekend of February 5-7, 2010, Cardinal Sean will lead two retreats for men to experience seminary life, pray and reflect upon the Priesthood, meet other men like themselves and discern God's call in their life. The Discernment Retreat at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for men age 40 and older will be held on February 5-6, and the Discernment at St. John's Seminary and Connors Family Retreat Center for men ages 18-40 years will be held on February 5-7. The Vocation Office invites you to submit names of men you think might have a vocation to the Priesthood to be considered for this retreat. Please send their names and contact information to the Vocation Office at 66 Brooks Dr., Braintree, MA 02184 or by email at Dfortin@rcab.org. For more info call 617-746-5949. One of the priests from the Vocation Office will contact the men to see if this retreat is right for them.

***Do we have spiritual resolutions
for the new year?
If not, it would be good to build
some into our lives today.***

Bulletin Sponsors: We are very blessed and thankful to have generous bulletin sponsors who make our beautiful weekly bulletins possible. Please thank them and patronize their services when possible.

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



Saturday	Jan. 9	4:00 pm	Beatrice Wetherell and Ward Wetherell, Sr.
Sunday	Jan. 10	8:00 am	Pamela McKay
		9:45 am	"Called by Name" for First Communicants
		11:30 am	Antonio Colella
Monday	Jan. 11	9:00 am	John Vaccari
Friday	Jan. 15	9:00 am	Special Intention
Saturday	Jan. 16	9:00 am	Anne & Edith Campbell
Saturday	Jan. 16	4:00 pm	Barbara Hurley
Sunday	Jan. 17	8:00 am	Paul Connolly
		9:45 am	James Meunier
		11:30 am	Ronnie Bourassa

Youth Choir

All Youth Choir members should come to the church at 2:15 PM on Sunday, January 10th, to prepare for the Concert at 3 PM. There will be no Rehearsal after the concert on January 10th. The next regularly scheduled Youth Choir rehearsal will take place on Sunday, January 17th, from 5-6 PM in the church.

Amy's Book Club will resume on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. We will meet and discuss 2 books. Our current selection **NO GREATER SACRIFICE—NO GREATER LOVE** by **Walter** Ford Carter with Terry Golway will be reviewed. And another book, **THE HELP** by Kathryn Stockett will also be discussed. Bring any new books that you have enjoyed to our next meeting and share. We welcome all to come and relax with us as we enrich each other with our new finds. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862 or e-mail kreilly15@yahoo.com

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) has resumed. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline

1-800-645-8333 TTY: 1-800-377-1292

With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline can help. The Hotline is the only comprehensive information and referral service for the hungry in Massachusetts.

Counselors can provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and the calls are both personalized and confidential. Extend your goodwill and reach out to those in need. A call to Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline may be all it takes to provide comfort to someone who is struggling. The hours to call are:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**Please mark your calendars!!!
St. Bart's Skating Party**

**Saturday, January 30th
12:30-1:30 pm**

Adult Choir



The Adult Choir rehearsal is held every Thursday at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"

The New Year is often a time of introspection and followed by a list of new resolutions. May I suggest a resolution for 2010 (and beyond): pray for our priests. The Monthly Prayer Request for Priests (MPRP) Apostolate is an international apostolate which was founded in 1990 to encourage people to support Catholic priests by prayer and sacrifice. It is currently operative in over seventy dioceses overseas, with requests for new establishments coming in regularly. The eventual goal is to establish this apostolate in every diocese around the world.

Here is how the apostolate works: each diocese prays for its own priests. Each day of the year bears the name of a priest from that diocese, obtained from the diocesan directory. Thus, by means of the calendar, the faithful are united in offering prayer and sacrifice for the particular "priest of the day", always remembering to include the general intention of prayer for **all** priests of the diocese and around the world. Many dioceses also include special dates for remembering the Pope, local bishops, specific religious orders, etc.

Today's flyer is the calendar for the month of January. Please note that Jan. 15th is the day to pray specifically for Fr. Phil and Jan. 27th for Fr. Murphy. For more information, visit www.mprpapistolate.com.

-Barbara Dury

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My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

The Senior Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20th, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Our entertainer will be Jack Craig who taught math ad music for 32 years. He later created his "Music—with Class" piano and singing programs which he presents for a wide range of New England audiences. Our program is entitled "Irving Berlin—He is American music." We will hear many of his familiar songs and some not-so-familiar anecdotes about his life.
Please join us for the program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS
Thanks to all who have donated to our collections for the Needham Food Pantry. Donations overall in town are down and the pantry is really in need of food to help Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are still collecting non-perishable food and toiletry and paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry. Please bring anything you would like to donate and leave it in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf. Thank you for your help.

Fostering and/or Adopting
There is a dire need for loving, temporary foster care in our area. You can help! Whether you are young, old, single, or married you can help by becoming a foster parent. My wife, Joan, and I have been fostering little babies for more than a year; but you can foster children of any age. It is very rewarding, and you get more from it than you give.
If you are interested in fostering and/or adopting, there are eight week (one night a week) training courses that are held periodically in our area. For more information or to get in touch with a social worker from Mass. Department of Children and Families, call Richard Carey at 781-449-0495.
In the meantime, please continue to pray for all children, born and unborn. Thank you.

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

Classes for **all grades** on January 11th.

Confirmation Parents meeting (10th grade) – Important meeting for all parents of students preparing for Confirmation in 2010 - **Monday, Jan 11th, 7:30** in the Church.

Catholic School Students – Sophomore Students in Catholic Schools are invited to register for Confirmation Preparation classes. Classes are every other Monday starting Feb 8th please contact the parish for information. Registration form available online.

Activities:

World Youth Day 2011 – Madrid

World Youth Day (WYD) is the world's largest gathering of young people who gather for a week-long pilgrimage. This Catholic celebration of our faith includes many forms of prayer, dramas, concerts, praise and worship, catechesis, all culminating in an awe-inspiring overnight vigil & closing Mass with Pope Benedict XVI.

Youth Track ages 16-21 (at time of departure)
Young Adult Track ages 21-35 (at time of departure)

Information Meetings about World Youth Day

Sunday Jan 10th 1pm in the McCulloch Room (upstairs in the School)

Tuesday Jan 19th 7pm in the O'Brien Room (basement of rectory)

For other information visit: <http://boston.wydmadrid2011.net>



Information Night

St. Joseph Elementary School in Needham is having an Information Night on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 pm in the school library (May St. entrance)

For a preview visit www.saintjoes.com

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

STEWARDSHIP 2010

TIME TALENT TREASURE How are you going to use yours in 2010? New Year's resolutions come and go despite our best efforts. But living the life of the good steward is "a way of life." God never intended it to come and go at our will: if it is convenient, if we remember it...if, if, if.

Years ago, we all were annoyed or even laughed at the infamous "tree huggers." They don't seem so funny now. We have come to respect people who have a good belief and put themselves out: in times of bad weather, at times when they are exhausted from their normal day, at times when it is inconvenient but most effective—even though we don't always agree with them and they know it. How do we show our Catholic beliefs to ourselves, to our families, to the world around us? Will we in some way make a difference in 2010? Or will 2010 be the same old, same old? As we often have seen in print or heard spoken around us "Life is not a rehearsal." This is it. The main event. There are no guaranteed practices or do-overs. Each moment is precious and should make a difference in our lives. Will you remember to treasure yours in 2010? Will you give thanks? Will you notice others around you and their needs? Will you do anything about the needs of the world (THE CREATOR'S WORLD) or even the needs of just one person? Stewardship is joy. It is not a burden that God has asked us to tolerate when we would rather be doing something else.

"It's OK to be angry with God. He can take it." Life is good even if it is not fair. He doesn't expect perfection from us, only effort. He loves us in spite of ourselves. Try to forgive. Try to love unconditionally. Try to really live joyously. Life truly is the gift that keeps on giving. Be happy. This is what God wants for us. Jesus said so. We are His children after all, now and forever, even when we forget. In 2010—BELIEVE!

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Christmas Flower Memorials

The following names were submitted after the Christmas bulletin was printed:

Urban & Alice Belval
 Bob Blakeney
 Margaret & Joseph Caufield
 The Chiappisi & Norris Families
 John Chizauslas
 Arthur Cummings
 Henry D'Alelio
 The Daly Family
 Al Dandor
 Margaret Dandor
 The Donovan & Schmidlein Families
 Joseph Doolin
 Robert Doolin
 Thomas Doolin, Jr.
 Mary & Thomas Doolin
 Martha Dunleavy
 Richard Eisentraudt
 Anne & Joseph Feeley
 Helen & John Finnigan
 Elsie Fitzgerald
 Joseph W Ford
 Margaret Ford
 The Gentile Family
 Helen Grimaldi
 Alice V Hennigan
 Robert A. Jennings
 Tom & Alice Keating
 Alfred W Leclair
 Daniel J. McCarthy
 Gene McPherson
 The Mecagni Family
 The O'Connell Family
 The O'Leary Family
 The Reilly & Eastman families
 Robert J Romon
 Thomas Sampson
 Joseph J Saulen
 Natale & Geraldine Scarcella
 Peggy Sullivan
 Bill Whitney
 Georgie Whitney
 Marie Williams

Needham Parents Invited to Safe Surf Parent

Night: The High Rock/Pollard PTC and Needham Youth Services will host an informative presentation by Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating's office on **Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 pm** in the Pollard Middle School auditorium. The program is open to all Needham parents/guardians at no cost and is not intended for children. This presentation will address how identifying information about children may be obtained from social networking and interactive gaming sites, how certain online situations may have legal and public safety implications, and the importance of common sense precautions and informed decisions regarding the use of personal technology.

For more information about the Safe Surf program, please visit: www.needhamma.gov/youth/safesurf or contact Katy Colthart at 781-455-7518, ext. 264 or email her at Kcolthart@needhamma.gov.

