

*And a voice came from
the heavens, "You
are my beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased."*

Mark 1:11 (NAB)

*St. Bartholomew Parish
Needham, MA
Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2009*

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 on the Baptism of the Lord: Jesus entered into human life because God loves us so much. By virtue of the Sacrament of Baptism, Christian existence is to participate in the life of Jesus. By virtue of our Baptisms we have a special relationship with God and God has a special relationship with us. In the Baptism of Jesus we have divine testimony of who Jesus is. By virtue of Baptism we are called to witness to the mercy of God. We are called by name to listen to Jesus and witness Him by our lives.

Extra Confessions: There will be extra Confessions after all the Masses Sunday, January 11, 2009.

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.

Bible Study: The next class will be on **Monday, January 12th**, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room. In preparation, please read St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

Thank You: Many wonderful things are happening in this parish. Thank you to all who are making this possible.

Spiritual Resolutions for the New Year: Do our New Year's Resolutions include anything spiritual? How do we live our Baptismal Promises everyday?

Recommended Reading: Meet John XXIII by Patricia Treece, Servant Books, Cincinnati Ohio, 2008

January 21, 2009 Holy Hours for Life: His Eminence Cardinal Sean has expressed a desire that we do this. From **7P.M to 9 P.M. on January 21st** we will have 2 Holy Hours for life in union with other parishes in this Archdiocese and throughout the country. This prayer vigil is being held on the Vigil of the National Day of Prayer and Penance. There will be a prayer service that begins at 7:30 P.M., which includes Exposition of the Holy Eucharist. The actual prayer is expected to last one hour. By starting earlier with quiet time for adoration and ending later it is hoped that all will have ample time for private prayer as well. All who believe that we are made in the image and likeness of God are invited to attend and participate.

St. John's Seminary offers the Master of Arts in Ministry (MAM) Program with the purpose of assisting the local Church in the formation of the laity for "the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world" (Lumen Gentium, 31). St. Bartholomew will be the host site this semester for a MAM elective *"Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Developments after Vatican II*. This course will be taught by Msgr. Peter Conley (former editor of the Pilot) on Wednesday evenings beginning January 14th from 7-9pm in the O'Brien Room. Please call Barbara (781-444-3434) for additional information or to register for the course.

Christmas Flower Memorials

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

- Edith & Ralph Germano
- The Chiappisi Family
- Deceased members of the Creeden & McAuliffe families
- Vincenzo Dicenso
- Joseph Herbert
- The Lodge family
- Judy Mullin
- John Settino
- Mary & Frank Zuzolo

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 10	4:00 pm	Nora Conroy—5th Anniversary
Sunday	January 11	8:00 am	Beatrice Wetherell & Ward E. Wetherell, Sr.
		9:45 am	“Called by Name” Mass for First Communicants
		11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge
Monday	January 12	9:00 am	
Tuesday	January 13	9:00 am	
Wednesday	January 14	9:00 am	Anne & Edith Campbell
Thursday	January 15	9:00 am	Frank Masterson
Friday	January 16	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Saturday	January 17	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 17	4:00 pm	Barbara Hurley
Sunday	January 18	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	James S. Fleming

 *Collections*

Christmas Day

Amount collected \$15,635.32

Weekend of December 27-28

Amount collected \$5,206.95
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 793.05)

Weekend of January 3-4

Amount collected \$5,828.15
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 171.85)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount to date \$65,115.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Adult Choir



The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

Youth Choir

Our next regularly scheduled rehearsal will be on **Monday, January 12th at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

Arise Together in Christ

Season II will begin soon! All are welcome even if you did not participate in the Fall. New groups will be available. If you are interested in being a group Facilitator, please contact the rectory. A special training for all group leaders will take place on Jan 20th at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Braintree (other training dates available, please contact the rectory.)

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, January 14th**, at 10:00 am.

Amy’s Book Club will resume on **Tuesday, January 27, 2009**. The book for discussion will be The Shack by William P. Young. New members are always welcome. If you have read the book and have not been to a discussion before, please join us!

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

- All students have class on Jan 12th 2009
- No classes on Jan. 19th
- Full Calendar is available online

Confirmation for Catholic School Students – sophomore students attending Catholic schools must register with the Religious Education Program for Confirmation preparation. Registration form is available on the website, www.stbartholomew-needham.org under the children and youth page. Classes begin Monday Feb 9th 7:00-8:30pm and continue every other week. Confirmation takes place on Sunday May 17th 3:00pm.

Social Justice Calendar: Calendar is available online. The next activity is serving dinner at the Soup Kitchen on **Friday Jan 30th**. Please email Melisa to sign up. All are welcome.

Notice Regarding Mass Intentions: Effective Monday, January 25th, all Mass Intentions must be scheduled at least **one week in advance**.

Senior Social Club

The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, January 21, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. We will have a very special guest speaker, Rev. William Neenan, S.J., Vice President and Special Assistant to the President of Boston College.

Fr. Neenan came to B.C. over twenty-five years ago as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He soon encouraged his students to love reading and created "The Dean's List", a group of 27 bookis that he has revised annually. The list is known nationally and Fr. Neenan has been a popular speaker throughout the country.

Members and guests are invited to join us for this very special program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

SAVE THE DATE!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH,
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISHIONERS ARE
INVITED TO A POWERFUL, MOVING
PERFORMANCE OF THE PASSION.**

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

GIFTS FOR THE KING

"We all have gifts that we may bring.
We all have songs that we may sing.
We all have kind words we may say.
We all have prayers that we may pray.

We all have love and joy to give.
And what a joy life is to live.
If we just scatter everywhere
The things God's given us to share.
If you have a gift—bring it.
If you have a song—sing it.
If you have a talent—use it.
If you have love—diffuse it.

If you have gladness—share it.
If you have happiness—give it.
If you have religion—live it.
If you have a prayer—pray it."
Author unknown

Let us all pray for each other that 2009 will be a healthy and happy new year all year long. Make this the year we truly learn to listen—to each other and our Lord. Lord, teach me to be quiet so that I may hear You, now and forever.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862

A Prayer for Married Couples

Bless our marriage, O God, as we continue our journey down the road of life together. We don't know what lies ahead for the road turns and bends. But help us to make the best of whatever comes our way. Most of all, dear God, help us to keep lit the torch of love so that no matter our situation, by our loving example we may pass on the light of love to our family for generations forever. Amen

Circle of Comfort

In an effort to foster the feeling of sharing, caring, stewardship, and community in our parish beyond the Christmas Season, a new program called Circle of Comfort will be launched in the New Year.

Just as many stories of Jesus surround meal times, the sharing of food can help to create a sense of welcome and comfort in difficult times. The goal of the Circle of Comfort is to have prepared meals available, so that food can be brought to those who need comfort. As needed, parishioners could go to the rectory and take a meal and pie and deliver to someone they know who is in need (people in mourning, post surgery, shut-ins, etc).

Once every two months volunteers will gather for an evening in the rectory kitchen to prepare meals (chicken pot pies, lasagna, casserole types, and apple pies). These would then be placed in a specific freezer in the rectory. We hope to have different groups to make the meals such as a women's night, men's night, father/child, senior night etc.

Certain items are needed in order to make the meals (deep pie tins, canned apples, pie crusts, lasagna, etc) and some things will need to be purchased for which we will need your help. A wish list will be created of specific needs once recipes have been selected.

At this time, we simply wanted to inform you of this developing program and to ask you to think about how you may be able to help. What a wonderful way to involve everyone: the parishioners who donate the food items, the volunteers who make the pies, the people reaching out to care for those in need by delivering the meals. A true Circle of Comfort.

Watch for more information in the months ahead including a calendar of scheduled nights and a wish list.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., Jan. 12 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 12 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Jan. 12 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 12 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Jan. 14 Prayer Group-10:00 am
- Thurs., Jan. 15 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Mon., Jan. 19 Parish Office Closed**
- Tues., Jan. 20 Movie Night-7:00 pm-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Jan. 21 Prayer Group-10:00 am
- Wed., Jan. 21 Senior Social Club Mtg.-2:30 pm in Ward Hall
- Thurs., Jan. 22 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Jan. 25 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet following the 11:30 am Mass
- Mon., Jan. 26 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 26 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Jan. 26 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 26 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm

Perpetual Food Drive

We are beginning a new ministry to help needy Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are collecting non-perishable food, toiletry & paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry.

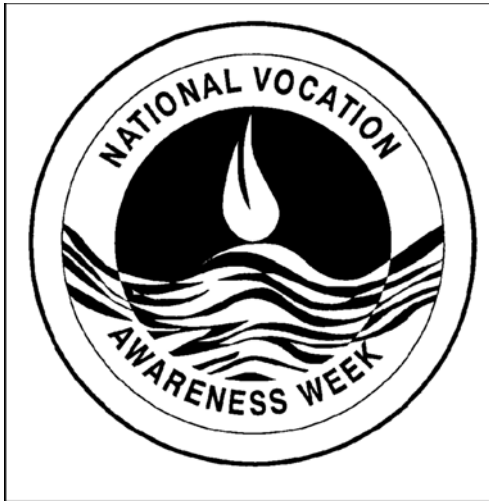
Please leave contributions in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf.

If you would like to help deliver the items (which can be collected anytime after the 9:45 or 11:30 Masses, after Religious Ed, etc. and delivered any time the pantry is open) , please contact Patty Doyle at 781-449-5652 or Kathy Ellison at 781-400-1093.

Thank you for the donations

Open Houses: St. Joseph Middle School will hold an open house on Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 pm in the middle school dining room. For more information, call 781-449-0133 x 211. St. Joseph Elementary School will hold its open house on Thursday, January 15, at 7:00 pm in the school library. For more information, call 781-44-4459 x 110.

ON VOCATIONS



The Second Vatican Council sought to bring about at all levels of the Church a profound renewal of faith which would provide all men and women, especially Catholics, with new hope and loving spirit of service in response to the needs of contemporary society. The first requirement for renewal is that each individual baptized person becomes aware that God, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, is calling him or her to make a personal commitment to follow Jesus on a pilgrimage of faith in fulfillment of the will of the Father and his plan for mankind. "God has called [each individual man and woman] to cleave with all their being to him in sharing forever a life that is divine... The dignity of man rests above all on the fact that he is called to communion with God," Pope Paul VI called this the new work of Evangelization. Pope John Paul II tells us that this new evangelization requires a new generation of saints.

Pastoral work for the renewal of vocations to church ministry (priesthood, and consecrated life) must always come back to the need of fostering among everyone a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a personal commitment to living according to his truth.

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Steps in Discernment:

- Step 1: Know that the Lord has created you for a Specific Mission
- Step 2: Accept His love and His Choice for you.
- Step 3: Make yourself available to listen to him
- Step 4: Cooperate with him in clearing away obstacles
- Step 5: Give yourself entirely to Him in love...be holy!
- Step 6: Distinguish the "four voices" of discernment

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PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Eric Bennett
 Frank Camp
 Shawn Carey
 John Cassani
 Steven Clemence
 Jose Maria Corena
 John Anthony D'Arpino
 Daniel D'Innocenzo
 Michael Farrell
 Andres Fernandez
 Daniel Ginnetty
 Huy Nguyen

Mammas Hebtgeorgis
 Thomas Harvey
 Karol Karandysz
 Kwang Hyun Lee
 Thomas MacDonald
 Sean Maher
 Francesco Martini-Varavesi
 Adrian Milik
 Jeffrey Barrantes-Morales
 Mark Murphy
 Huan Ngo

Michael Parr
 Jason Pascucci
 Emanuel Gonzalez-Perez
 Israel Rodriguez
 Guy Sciacca
 Carlos Suarez
 Fernando Supulveda
 Nicholas Twaalfhoven
 Gregory Vozzo
 Christopher Wallace
 David Gunter