



# 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.  
Benediction is at 7:30 pm.

## 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.



**The Next Scripture Class** will be held on Monday, January 22nd, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 2-6 of St. John's Gospel. How do the miracles of Jesus speak to us today?

**Grand Annual Collection:** Once again I write to say thank you for your overwhelming generosity as is most often the scenario. We have gone over our goal again. May the good Lord continue to bless each of us during the coming year of 2007. Again thank you for your generosity.

**Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conference:** Anyone interested in information about attending the Catholic Men's Conference on March 17, 2007 or Catholic Women's Conference on March 18, 2007 is asked to speak with the pastor.

**Retreat Day for Women Contemplating Religious Life:** His Eminence Cardinal Sean O.F.M. Cap will be offering a day of recollection for women thinking about entering religious life on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at Mt. Alvernia Academy, Chestnut Hill Mass. Anyone woman interested is asked to speak with the pastor.

**Retreat Days for Men Contemplating the Priesthood:** His Eminence Cardinal Sean O.F.M. Cap will lead a Day of Discernment and Reflection on Thursday, February 1, 2007 at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for men age 40 or older. From Friday, February 2, 2007 to Sunday February 4, 2007 Cardinal Sean O.F.M. Cap will lead a Discernment Retreat at St. John's Seminary for men age 18- 40.

**CYO:** Any parent who is interested in serving on an advisory committee for CYO is asked to let the pastor know. Any CYO age student who would like to share ideas or thoughts is asked to speak with the pastor. Please pray for the success of this. A meeting will be planned for the end of January for parents and interested students in grades 7 through high school.

**Altar Servers:** We are desperately in need of young altar servers and adult altar servers. Any interested persons in fourth grade or older are asked to speak with Fr. Phil. Please encourage people who would be good servers to speak with me.

**Legion of Mary:** Anyone interested in forming or joining the Legion of Mary here at St. Bartholomew is asked to speak with the pastor. Anyone interested in more information is asked to speak with the pastor.

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet:** The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 P.M. On this particular day it is so appropriate to offer prayer for the cause of Pro-Life.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** There are many important and interesting themes in today's readings. "Do whatever He tells you" is Mary's way of telling the stewards to have faith in the power of Jesus. When we have faith in the power of Jesus great things happen in our lives. When we accept Jesus Christ as Our Lord and Savior we experience God's love for us and we experience so powerfully the connection between praying at Mass and all of life. We are in the ordinary time of the church year to live our faith in an extraordinary way.

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**"Pennies for the Unborn" Collection:** The Catholic Daughters of America, Court of Our Lady of Knock, will have their collection of "Pennies for the Unborn" the weekend of January 20-21—so save your coins for this important endeavor.

**Social Club**

The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Stanley Macht, a pianist who has become an expert on the American music that is familiar to us, will present "Memories in Melodies." This is a program of Broadway and Tin Pan Alley songs featuring piano as well as a vocalist. Interesting anecdotes about the composers and performers are included. We will surely enjoy this program of "our music." Refreshments will be served after the program.

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	January 13	4:00 pm	Joseph & Florence Festa
Sunday	January 14	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	“Called by Name” Mass for First Communicants
		11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge—1st Anniversary
Monday	January 15	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	January 16	9:00 am	Frank Masterson—10th Anniversary
Wednesday	January 17	9:00 am	Barbara Hurley
Thursday	January 18	9:00 am	David Campbell
Friday	January 19	9:00 am	The Gillis and Thissell Families
Saturday	January 20	9:00 am	The Chisholm and Lydon Families
Saturday	January 20	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	January 21	8:00 am	Barbara Goodman
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Ann F. Curley

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of January 14, 2007**

- 14 **Sun** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
- 15 **Mon** Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
- 16 **Tue** Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
- 17 **Wed** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
- 18 **Thu** Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
- 19 **Fri** Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
- 20 **Sat** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
- 21 **SUN** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30  
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

 *Collections*

**Weekend of Jan. 6-7**

Amount collected	\$6,187.45
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 187.45

**Thank you for your stewardship.**

**G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together):** The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 10:00 am in the O’Brien Room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. We are most eager to have new members join us. This special time enables us to stop...listen...and grow closer to the Lord. It can be wonderful food for the soul!

**AMY’S BOOK CLUB**

The next gathering of Amy’s Book Club will be on Tuesday, January 23, at 12:30 pm in the O’Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is Father Brown of the Church of Rome by G. K. Chesterton, Ignatius Press.

**Youth Choir:**  
There will be no Youth Choir on Monday, January 15, due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Rehearsals will resume on Monday, January 22, at 5:00 pm in the Church.

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



**Classes:** There will be no classes this Monday, January 15, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Peace to All,  
Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings  
Religious Education Coordinators

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word is for all children, not just those who attend our Religious Ed classes. All are welcome to join us at the 9:45 am Mass each week during the school year.

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### LIFT—Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation:

Join us for LIFT—an exciting new monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages. Be with us on Tuesday, January 16, as we welcome Catholic speaker Chris Faddis! The evening runs from 7:00-9:00 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions and for information can be found on the website: [www.liftedhigher.com](http://www.liftedhigher.com).

**St. Joseph Elementary & Middle School** will have an Information Night on Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 pm in the school library. For more information visit the website: [www.saintjoes.com](http://www.saintjoes.com).

**Briarwood Outreach Program:** Join members of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 20, from 2:00-3:00 pm at Briarwood Nursing Home. They will be celebrating the birthdays of those residents born in January by singing old songs and serving cake and punch. The residents really appreciate these visits. You can have fun while doing good. For more information, call Marty Cunniffe at 781-444-9033.

### Breakfast at Briarwood

You are invited for breakfast and an opportunity to meet their special guest Suzanne Gauthier, Vice President for Health Education, Arthritis Foundation. Learn about pain management, fatigue and energy conservation. The breakfast will take place on Thursday, January 25, from 9:00-10:00 am. Please RSVP by calling 781-449-4040.

### STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time, Talent & Treasure

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO IN 15 MINUTES?

This is the lead cover story in the magazine, REAL SIMPLE. If you then read the sub-titles, you will learn how to "cook a healthy dinner-speed clean your house-banish a bad mood-declutter your car-get some exercise-etc." It seems life solutions are quick and easier than one might have thought. All kidding aside, much can be accomplished in just 15 minutes, if one puts his/her mind and efforts into this "exercise."

In today's second reading, the wonderful first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he states "Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit..." etc.. If each of us could periodically take 15 minutes and think about some of these ideas, oh, how our relationship with the Lord could change and deepen. Focus on just one idea-spiritual gifts-same Spirit-different forms of service-some gift from the Spirit is given to me for some benefit-same Lord. etc. What does mean for me? I am a child of God as are we all. But He made me unique. How? And for what purpose? Different workings-but the same God. How can I know what He gave me that is different and what should I do with it when I figure it out? And where am I going to get that spare 15 minutes?

What do you do when you are waiting for a car pool to gather? What do you do when you are waiting for the bus/train? What do you do on a ride to work or home? How many times have you sat in the car and waited for someone to finish an errand? Or maybe you are sitting in the doctor's office. This list goes on and on of times we spend waiting. Could we not close our eyes, calm down, refocus, and think about this reading of St. Paul. If we first think about various unproductive moments we have had during the day, we will realize that 15 minutes is nothing in the total scheme of things; but it is everything if we use it to improve our relationship with the Lord. So WHAT CAN YOU DO IN 15 MINUTES? I can change my life forever. I can learn to love the Lord more, know what He has planned for me, and live the life of the good steward. Soon 15 minutes will not be enough for all you can discover about the Lord and yourself. But start small and grow. That's the best part of the journey.

P.S. Read the whole Letter of St. Paul. It is magnificent! "But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as He wishes."

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### NEW FEDERAL TAX GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to changes in the federal tax laws for charitable contributions, beginning **in 2007**, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record **or** receive a written contribution statement from the parish. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year-end contribution statement.

To ensure tax deductibility for 2007 contributions to our parish, the following payment methods are recommended:

1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish;
2. Written check made payable to the parish;
3. Direct deposit from your bank account (**will be available in the near future**)

Our parish will track contributions made using the parish envelope system, and will, upon request, produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007. This information will include the name of the parish, name of parishioner, date of each individual contribution, and the dollar amount. Our parish cannot track cash contributions, regardless of the amount, that are NOT part of our parish envelope system.

If you have any additional questions, please consult with your tax advisor or Barbara Dury, our Business Manager.

### The Jackson School of Newton,

a sponsored ministry of the sisters of St. Joseph,  
serving students in grades K-6 is having an

#### Open House on

Wednesday, January 31, from 9:00 am—12 Noon.

You are welcome to tour the school, see students in their learning environment, and speak with parents.

The school is located at 200 Jackson Rd., Newton.

For further information, call 617-969-1537.



**The Parish Nurse Ministry of St. Bartholomew/ St. Joseph Churches** conducts Blood Pressure Screening monthly on the second Tuesday at 9:30 am in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's. We invite part-time nurses, retired professional nurses, and student nurses to join this ministry for these clinics.

Osteoporosis Prevention Exercises are held every Thursday at 9:30 am in the Linse Room. **Men also are subject to develop osteoporosis post-retirement**—so would benefit from this type of prevention exercise. Make an early 2007 resolution to attend this class!

### If You are Celebrating Your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2007, Save the Date: Sunday, May 27!

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2007 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross at the 11:30 am Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please watch the bulletin in April for more information!

**Young Adults in Their 20's and 30's** are invited to come to an information meeting for World Youth Day, 2008 in Sydney, Australia. Join Anastacia Stornetta to learn more about World Youth Day. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 pm at Bishop Peterson Hall, 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton (the building at the back of the property with the two white lions at the entrance). For more information call 617-746-5850.

### Retrouvaille

Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 1-800-470-2230.



**TRUE or FALSE ?**

1. For Zion's sake, the Prophet Isaiah swore to be silent.
2. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, produced by different spirits.
3. There are different forms of service, but just one lord.
4. Jesus attended a wedding at Cana in Galilee.
5. Jesus' mother was at the wedding, but his disciples had not been invited.
6. There were six stone water jars.
7. Each jar held twenty to thirty pints of water.
8. The water jars were there for the Jewish ceremonial washings.
9. The servants filled the stone jars with water.
10. The headwaiter said that the wine from the jars was the best wine.

**ANSWERS**

1 false, 2 false, 3 true, 4 true, 5 false, 6 true, 7 false, 8 true, 9 true, 10 true.

**CROSSWORD**

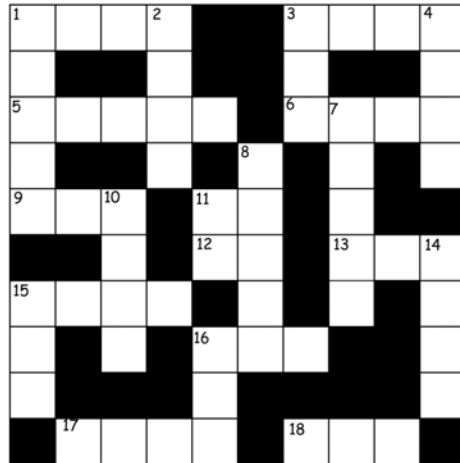
(Most answers are in today's readings)  
CLUES ACROSS

1. Water became this
3. Not bad
5. Burns to give light
6. To take out of; remove from
9. Faster than 'walk'
11. A very short word standing for something; a pronoun
12. Opposite of 'Yes'
13. The whole lot
15. Not different
16. Feminine of 'his'
17. Water was held in these
18. The present moment

Last week's wordsearch

B	C	P	L	E	N	D	O	R	A	A	H
U	M	E	I	D	W	E	G	M	W	E	
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CLUES DOWN

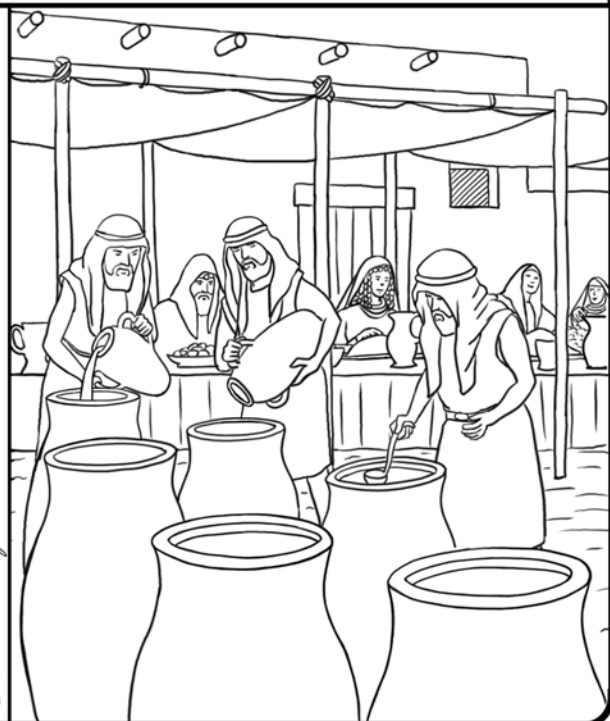


1. It was turned into wine
2. Like 'every'
3. The Lord
4. Beginning of the day
7. Belonging to a king
8. The jars were made of this
10. What a person is called
11. Opposite of 'our'
14. God
15. The number of jars
16. Belonging to him

**PICTURE PUZZLE**

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 2:1-11 THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

THE PICTURE ON THE RIGHT IS MISSING TEN THINGS FROM THE PICTURE ON THE LEFT. CAN YOU FIND AND CIRCLE THEM?



David Fielding