

*J*esus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

John 2:11 (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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

We are the beloved of God, and we belong to God. The ordinary signs of God's love are always around us. Today's gospel also shows us that Jesus is concerned about the everyday activities of each one of us. Jesus' first miracle shows that He wishes to be with people and rejoice with them as well. God is very much present in our world and His power can accomplish anything. Have we invited Jesus into our lives and our homes to help us discover our giftedness? When we search the gospels we discover that no person Jesus ever met remains the same after His visit. He always does something special as He comes to make all things new. Mary knew that her Son's time had come; and she was there to encourage Him. Our Blessed Mother Mary is always ready to assist us in our needs. At the wedding feast at Cana she was a good model for all believers: "Do whatever He tells you." The mission of every Catholic and Christian is to recognize the ways that Jesus and Mary assisted—and then be hopeful and look for opportunities to increase the honor of God.

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.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 88.7% of its goal. As a parish 220 people have contributed \$86,784 which is 96.4% of our goal. We are now within \$3,266 of reaching our goal. Thank you for all of your help. The needs of the poor in our Archdiocese are great. Any help is appreciated.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You to the members of the Adult & Youth Choirs for the wonderful Concert that they performed last Sunday!!! St. Bart's is blessed by their talent and contribution to the music ministry at our parish.

The new evangelization calls for followers of Christ who are unconditionally pro-life: who will proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life in every situation. A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil. Modern society has the means of protecting itself, without definitively denying criminals the chance to reform. I renew the appeal I made for a consensus to end the death penalty, which is both cruel and unnecessary.

-Pope John Paul II

Bible Classes will resume **on Monday, Jan. 25th, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm** 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.

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.

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other.

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



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
		Monday Jan. 18	
Tuesday	Jan. 19	9:00 am	Frank Masterson & James Buatez
Wednesday	Jan. 20	9:00 am	Harry McDonough
Thursday	Jan. 21	9:00 am	Agnes Hallinan and all deceased members of the Hallinan family
Saturday	Jan. 23	4:00 pm	Ann & Bill Curley
Sunday	Jan. 24	8:00 am	Pamela McKay
		9:45 am	Jane Marie McDonald
		11:30 am	Amy Malzone

Youth Choir

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be on **Sunday, Jan. 17th, from 5-6 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

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** Coter 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 Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Jan. 20th, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Jack Craig, a former music teacher, a singer and a pianist, will present a program of songs written by Irving Berlin and will share some interesting anecdotes about his life. Mr. Craig has created many "Music—with Class" programs that he presents throughout New England. We look forward to a great program and a chance to sing-a-long as we hear familiar music. Please join us for the program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

St. Bart's Skating Party

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

This is FREE for everyone!
Bring your skates and have a great time!

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.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 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

STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"**COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

Offertory Collections	\$21,198.90
Offertory Other	1,763.00
Offertory Electronic	2,998.00

Total Offertory	\$25,959.90
Offertory Budgeted:	\$29,000.00

Offertory Deficit	\$ 3,040.10
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Grand Annual to date	\$69,425.46
Grand Annual Goal	\$75,000.00

Percent of goal	92%
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Christmas Collection for the Clergy Benefit Trust	\$18,044.33
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Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

-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.

Sew What?

Those who came together to sew hats before Christmas had such a good time that they are ready for more! We'll sew items to be donated to those in need including hats, pillows for soldiers in the field, and other charitable projects. Bring sewing machine, scissors, ripper & notions.

3rd Tuesday of the Month
Jan 19th
7:00-9:00 pm

Please contact Patty Doyle for information 781-449-5652 or padoyle2002@yahoo.com

Lector Workshop

Sat., Feb. 6th, 2010 9:30am -12:30pm
(Snow Date: Sat. Mar 13th)

Bringing the Word to Life: A Workshop for Lectors and Other Proclaimers

Presenter: Douglas Leal

Location: 9 Lake St., STM Chapel, Brighton Campus
Free of charge, register online

Reading Scripture aloud is more than merely reading the words well; rather, we are called to proclaim fully all of the life within those words. This workshop will introduce practical techniques, borrowed from the time-tested work of professional actors, to turn reading into vibrant proclamation—but not performance. Opportunities to practice the skills presented will be provided, and participants will also learn how to make useful critiques that will help each other hone their skills. Anyone who proclaims Scripture to others—lectors, deacons, presiders, cantors, catechists, ministry leaders—will benefit from learning how to make a proclamation truly soar. This workshop is for experienced proclaimers as well as those new to the ministry, and is an excellent preparation for the liturgies of the Paschal Season.

Prayer Vigil for Life

Can't go to Washington DC for the Pro-Life March? Come to the Father Peyton Center as we gather in community with our brothers and sisters in Washington. Our Pro-life evening features three offerings: a film screening of Assumptions; Rosary Prayer with film *Rosary Stars*; and *Come Walk with Me*, meditations with music on **Thursday, January 21**, at Holy Cross Family Ministries. Participants can join in one or all three programs that will be repeated throughout the evening beginning at 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the **Father Peyton Center**, 518 Washington St., Easton, MA. This evening of prayer is free and open to the public. For additional information call 508-238- 4095, ext. 2027, or go to www.HCFM.org and click on News & Events.

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

- NO CLASSES Monday, Jan 18th, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, classes for **all grades** resume on Monday Jan 25th
- Next Community Service Activity: Circle of Comfort Jan 28th (9th & 10th grade only)
- Confirmation Retreat: Sunday, Jan 31st, 9:00am – 4:00pm (Snow date is Feb 7th)
- Catholic School Students preparing for Confirmation start classes Monday, Feb 8th, 7-8:30pm

Activities:

World Youth Day 2011 – Madrid

<http://boston.wydmadrid2011.net>

Any student who will be at least 16 years old by Aug. 2011 is invited to join us as we learn share and grow in faith with hundreds of thousands of Catholics from around the world. Fundraisers will be done to assist the students on this trip once students are registered.



Info meeting for teens and parents **Tuesday Jan 19th 7pm** in the O'Brien Room (rectory) For other information visit: <http://boston.wydmadrid2011.net>

Child Abuse Prevention Training for all Volunteers

There will be a CAP training session on **Sunday, January 24th 1:00 – 3:00pm** in the McCulloch Room of St. Seb's for any volunteer who has not yet done this training.

This is a mandatory component of our volunteer requirements which only needs to be completed once. To verify that we have a record of your attendance or to sign up, please contact the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR

Still in the throes of the New Year, its resolutions fresh in our mind, and hopefully our energies not yet diminished, it is a good time to reflect on exactly how quickly we make judgements and do we remain steadfast in first impressions or are we open to change. Even if we are comfortable in what we see or hear, things are not always as they appear. The following has been written about and probably read by many of you this Christmas. But for those who have not read it, this message is important as it was a teaching tool, going on around people, while most were totally unaware. Is it truth or just some clever writing by someone? Read and think about it.

"THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" (December 25- the birth of Jesus -to the Epiphany, January 6 on which we celebrate the arrival of the Magi-Wise Men- and the revelation of Christ as the light of the world.) The song had its origins in religious symbolism in a time of religious persecution. Catholics in England from 1558-1829 were prohibited from practicing their faith until Parliament finally emancipated the Catholics. It was a crime to be a Catholic. The song became a secret catechism. It could be sung in public with no fear of arrest.

A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE was Jesus Christ. TWO TURTLE DOVES were the Old and New Testaments. THREE FRENCH HENS stood for faith, hope, and love. FOUR CALLING BIRDS were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. FIVE GOLDEN RINGS recalls the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, which gives the history of man's fall from grace. SIX GEESE A-LAYING stood for the six days of creation. SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING represented the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit given in Confirmation. EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING were the eight Beatitudes. (From here on, the order is different from the original song.) NINE LADIES DANCING were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. TEN LORDS A-LEAPING were the Ten Commandments. ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING stood for the eleven faithful disciples. TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Song reprint from St. Matthew's bulletin



TOPIC: PARTICIPATION IN LITURGY

QUESTION: Sometimes I notice people leaving Mass before the blessing. What's up?

ANSWER: The rule is that the assembly has to finish the liturgy it begins. The cast doesn't slip out to the party until the curtain call (unless it's a really awful production). The timpanist doesn't leave the stage just because she's not playing in the final bars of the symphony. The team doesn't leave the gym until the final buzzer or the last out. At Mass, you are every bit as essential to the action as any musician, actor, or team member. It is a simple act of kindness to finish the liturgy before leaving. After all, we have just become what we have received, the presence of Christ in the world. Why not savor the energy that comes from being in such good company for a bit? Maybe when we learn to relish and not rush the end of things, we will start savoring the best parts of life, not rushing through meals, going for a leisurely walk, taking time to linger over a cup of coffee or sit by a sickbed telling stories of the blessings of days gone by.

~James Field, ©2005 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing

Email your questions about the Catholic Faith to Father-Field@stgeorgepublishing.com.

**Information Nights
Thursday, January 21st**

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).

Msgr. James J. Haddad Middle School will also have an Information Night on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 pm in the Middle School dining room. The Middle School is co-ed and serves 225 students in grades 6-8.

For a preview visit www.saintjoes.com

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.

**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.