

*Behold,
the Lamb of God,
who takes away the
sin of the world.*

John 1:29

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 Second Sunday of the Year:

John the Baptist was a wonderful missionary and a model of missionary spirit for each of us. He prepared the way for Jesus just like each of us is called to do. When the time came John the Baptist was even willing to put aside his plans to let Jesus continue and also expand His ministry. Each of us is also called to be a missionary which translated means that each of us is called to give witness to Jesus and His kingdom of love, justice and mercy. At the end of Mass each weekend we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord and one another. We are called to learn from those who have gone before us and to do the same for others. The Word of God is truly preached through example. To receive the Body and Blood of Christ is the food and drink that gives us the grace of God to be missionaries for Jesus.

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 Class will resume on **Monday, January 28th** 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.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for the intention of Pro-Life on Sunday, January 27th, at 12:30 pm. Please come and join us in prayer. May each of us do our part to promote a culture of renewed reverence and respect for all life.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Church in Latin America. This collection is used to support and develop the work of Catholic faith communities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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.

The Day of Recollection for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors of the parish that was scheduled for this weekend must be moved to another date because a number of people were going to be away. We will let you know what the new date is shortly.



Congratulations To:
Sarah Kathryn Oliver
daughter of Kevin & Erin,
as this child is claimed by
Jesus Christ in the
Sacrament of Baptism
this weekend.

St. Bartholomew Retreat Team

We are looking for people to help plan and lead active retreats for our students. Anyone who has been Confirmed is welcome, no experience is necessary; together we will come up with creative themes and resources to help our students experience their faith.

This is not a job for one person!

Please contact Melisa Hughes for information, melisa-hughes@comcast.net or at the rectory, 781-444-4343.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 19	4:00 pm	The Ramrath Family
Sunday	January 20	8:00 am	Frank Masterson
		9:45 am	Ann S. Curley
		11:30 am	Carolina Inoa Lopez-having open heart surgery
Monday	January 21	9:00 am	Agnes Hallinan
Tuesday	January 22	9:00 am	Roberta Williams Sullivan—1st Anniversary
Wednesday	January 23	9:00 am	Rose Cioppa
Thursday	January 24	9:00 am	
Friday	January 25	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 26	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 26	4:00 pm	Ward E. Wetherell, Sr., & Beatrice M. Wetherell
Sunday	January 27	8:00 am	Amy Malzone
		9:45 am	William Finucane & Jean Finucane-Sullivan
		11:30 am	Patrick C. Forde

Scripture Readings

- 20 Sun Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
- 21 Mon 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
- 22 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
- 23 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
- 24 Thu 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
- 25 Fri Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/
Mk 16:15-18
- 26 Sat 2 Tm 1:1-8* or Ti 1:1-5* /Mk 3:20-21
- 27 Sun Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

 *Collections*

Weekend of January 12-13

Amount collected	\$5,054.25
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 945.75)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.

Youth Choir: There will be no rehearsal this week due to the Martin Luther King holiday. Our next rehearsal will be on **Monday, January 28th, from**

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, January 23rd, 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!

Communication Ministry: We're looking for individuals to help with all forms of communication in the parish. This includes helping parish groups or event planners get news of their events published, keeping the parish calendar updated, working on the web site, writing articles for the local paper, informing local media about events and activities, and brainstorming about how to best keep all parishioners informed about what's happening.

The time required can be anywhere from helping out occasionally to regular weekly commitments. Don't worry if you're not a professional writer or web designer, we have plenty of things to do! This is your chance to help with a very important activity!

If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

From God's mouth to the ad makers for the U.S. Army recruiting, "Be all that you can be!" Is this not what Jesus asked of each of us in His Father's name? It sounds so simple, yet it is so hard to live up to. But the Army will be there to assist you in reaching this goal, if you are eligible.

Having your Catholic eligibility, we at St. Bartholomew's are ready to also assist you in reaching this goal. In today's Gospel, John "moves from not knowing to seeing clearly who Jesus is." When John witnesses the descent of the Holy Spirit at the Baptism of Jesus, he makes it known that "Now I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God." While we may never have the privilege of witnessing such a miracle, this experience shows us that being involved is a necessary part of the growth in deepening our relationship with our Lord. Not from the sidelines or lack of involvement will our faith increase.

Often in the Bulletin, activities are mentioned and requests are made for volunteers to assist in some capacity in our parish. We hope that 2008 will be the year that you will find a match for yourself in some activity where your help is needed. The above-mentioned Parish Council will be looking for new members this Spring. Are you interested?

The PPC is an advisory board to the Pastor. They are mandated to be the visionaries for the parish. What future directions should the parish take to live out its Mission? How should this be accomplished? The PPC is not the group that must carry out these proposed actions. This is the job of the various committees. Rather, the PPC is the guiding star for the parish on its journey towards a more intimate and active relationship with our Lord for us all. Eligibility? You must be a registered and participating member of our parish. We wish to have all ages of our parish members represented on the Council. The term is three years. We meet once a month for ten months. (no July or August) Other meetings could be called at the request of the Pastor for special issues. If you would like more information or are interested, please talk to Father Phil, a staff member or myself. It is a wonderful and exciting journey being a visionary.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
 e-mail: kreilly15@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., Jan. 21 Parish Office Closed
- Mon., Jan. 21 No Bible Study
- Mon., Jan. 21 No Religious Ed classes
- Mon., Jan. 21 No Pre-school story hour
- Mon., Jan. 21 No Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Wed., Jan. 23 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Jan. 24 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Jan. 27 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet-12:30 pm-Church
- Mon., Jan. 28 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Jan. 28 Rel. Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Jan. 28 Pre-school story hour-4: pm in O'Brien Room in the rectory
- Mon., Jan. 28 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Jan. 30 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Jan. 31 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Feb. 2 First Saturday Devotion-following 9:00 am Mass

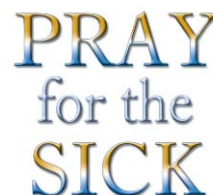
St. Patrick's Day is Coming!

St. Bartholomew's famous Irish Pizza Party for the whole family will be held this year on **Saturday, March 15**, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Tickets will be on sale in February. Save the date for lots of fun.



Mom's Night Out

Please join us on **Thursday, January 31st**, for a fun night with great food and conversation. Come catch up with old friends and meet new ones. We'll meet at Bertucci's in Needham at 7:30 pm. RSVP to Jeanne D'Alleva at jeannedalleva@comcast.net or Mary Garber at mfpizz@yahoo.com by January 29th. We look forward to hearing from you!



Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

No Class – Jan 21st – Martin Luther King Day

Confirmation:

Catholic School students intending to receive Confirmation through St. Bartholomew's must be registered by **Jan 30th**. If you missed the parents meeting in the Fall we will have a "recap" meeting on **Monday Jan 28th** 7:30 pm in the Church. Any parents with questions are also welcome.

Social Justice – all students in 7th grade and up are expected to sign up for at least one opportunity for service this year, if you have not yet signed up, the calendar is posted on the parish website.

Parent Workshop:

"Chastity: How to talk to your kids about it" – Tuesday, Feb 12th 7-9 pm in the McCulloch Room. A video, resources and discussion to help parents talk openly and compassionately about waiting for marriage with teens and pre-teens in a meaningful, healthy and life affirming way.

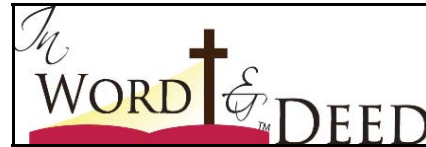
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Diaper Drive

CHIME Little Flowers are collecting diapers (sizes 1, 2, 3, 4) for babies and moms serviced by *A Woman's Concern*, Pregnancy Health Services, starting on Sanctity to Human Life Sunday, January 20th, until Sunday, February 3rd, for a St. Valentine's Day delivery. Please bring donations of diapers to choir members Alice or Elizabeth Flanagan at 196 Valley Road or call them at 781-444-3081 for pickup. Thank you for supporting our effort!

Thank You: "Thank you to those individuals who took the time to write us to request expanded carriage of Catholic TV on Comcast Cable. We wanted to let you know that they and Catholic TV representatives are currently in discussion to determine how we might accomplish this. We thank you again for sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,
Comcast Cable



A popular television commercial not only highlights people helping someone, but how others who witness their kindness are inspired to do the same. As one person helps another, still others spread the kind acts that have a ripple effect of touching many lives and changing social standards and concerns.

Good deeds are an example of how we put into action our belief that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God. We recognize in them the Divine imprint of the Creator who brands each of us with an indelible mark of dignity and destiny. So it is no surprise that John should recognize Jesus as the chosen One, the Anointed, the Messiah. He sees with the eyes of faith the mark that sets Jesus apart and he announces it to all who would listen.

Our life of faith includes not only bold acts of kindness, but also the bold announcement that Jesus is present among us as Lord and Messiah. We cannot hide our faith, nor deny we have it. Our words and deeds must both proclaim our faith and hope that Jesus is Lord.

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Thank You: "Dear Friends, On behalf of the many men, women and children who left this office with new hats, gloves, mittens, sweaters, jackets, scarves and boots, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity this holiday season. Just this morning, I distributed the last of the hats and gloves to some very chilly individuals who came in completely unprepared for this cold snap. They were smiling as they left, and I only have the people of St. Bartholomew's to thank for it! You truly did make a difference in the lives of those we serve here at Catholic Charities.

Sincerely,
Beth Chambers, MSW
Directory of Community Services

An Open House will take place on Wednesday, January 30, from 8:30 am-12 Noon, at the Jackson School, 200 Jackson Rd., Newton, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, serving students in grades K-6. You are welcome to tour the school, see students in their learning environment, and speak with parents. Please call 617-969-1537 if you have any questions.



FAITH FACTS

The reading is from the gospel of Saint John.

Saint John tells us that the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove. He also calls Jesus "the Lamb of God."

Artists who have wanted to represent the three persons of the Trinity have often used these symbols. The drawing shown here has been taken from a carving on a medieval church. God the Father is in the center. God the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, at the top. God the Son is shown as a lamb, at the bottom.



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CODE - BREAKER!

Crossword solution from last week

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The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence?

Here are two clues:
A = O and X = L.

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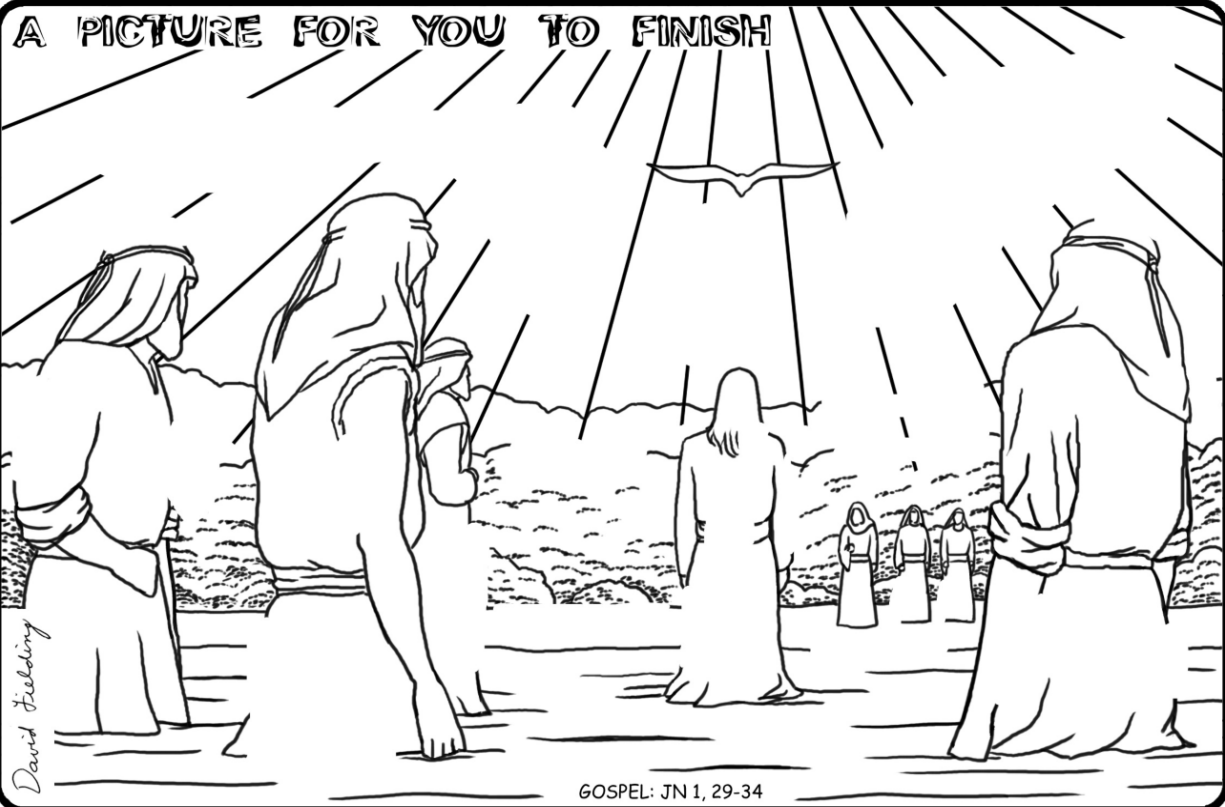
AR SAP ITA FMWQE MIMK

FTQ EUZ AR FTQ IADXP!

ANSWER

Look there! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH



David Tiedling

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