

Sing to the

LORD

a new song;

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all the earth

Psalms 19:9

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?

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 held on Sunday January 28th at 7:30 P.M for parents and at 6 P.M. for interested students in grades 7 through high school. If you are unable to attend the meetings or would like to share ideas, please let me know. There will be other meetings as well.

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.

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.

2nd Collection Next Sunday January 28th - Church in Latin America. There will be a second collection next Sunday for the Church in Latin America. For over thirty-five years the bishops of the United States have been trying in a special way to give attention to the needs of the church in Latin America and through many special projects have been able to make a lasting impact on these people. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for all that you do.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Sunday January 21st at 12:30 P.M. On this particular day it is so appropriate to offer prayer for the cause of Pro-Life. Mindful of the anniversary of the Row vs Wade decision it is appropriate and necessary to pray for the cause of greater respect for life everywhere.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's Gospel is all about hope. We are to be the hope of the future if we take seriously what Jesus has invited us to become both as individuals and as a church. The words of Isaiah in the gospel today and the way Jesus highlighted and read them give us a big clue in his mission and how we are to carry it on. By virtue of our baptisms when we carry on the work of Jesus we can be a powerful force for the positive.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 20	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson.
Sunday	January 21	8:00 am	Barbara Goodman
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Ann S. Curley
Monday	January 22	9:00 am	Anne Campbell
Tuesday	January 23	9:00 am	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	January 24	9:00 am	Intentions of Steve Adams (Living)
Thursday	January 25	9:00 am	
Friday	January 26	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 27	9:00 am	
Saturday	January 27	4:00 pm	Patrick Forde
Sunday	January 28	8:00 am	Ward Wetherell, Sr. & Beatrice M. Wetherell
		9:45 am	The LaRose and Nowak Families
		11:30 am	Amy Malzone—1st Anniversary

Scripture Readings

Week of January 21, 2007

- 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
- 22 Mon Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30
- 23 Tue Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35
- 24 Wed Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20
- 25 Thu Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
- 26 Fri 2 Tm 1:1-8* or Ti 1:1-5* (520)/Mk 4:26-34
- 27 Sat Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
- 28 Sun Jer 1:4-5,17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or
1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Collections

Weekend of Jan. 13-14

Amount collected	\$5,393.35
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 606.65)

Thank you for your stewardship.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 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:
The next rehearsal for Youth Choir is this coming Monday, January 22nd, from 5 to 5:45 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 classes for all grades on Monday, January 22:

K-6	4:00-5:00 pm
7-10	7:00-8:30 pm

All students should meet in the Church before breaking into classes.

PARENTS:

Kids are always fascinated when they learn about the lives of saints. We try to make this a regular feature in our weekly curriculum. In particular, patron saints can bring comfort and inspiration to all who seek special intercession. A patron saint can be one's name saint, or a saint to emulate and pray to because of a particular occupation, virtue, ability or even geographic locality.

St. Louis IX was a French nobleman who is the patron saint of parents. He lived in the 13th century and was canonized because of his exemplary parenting skills (he had eleven children) and because of his fair and moral managing of his kingdom. If you're ever in need of divine assistance with parenting issues, maybe say a prayer to St. Louis would be of help:

St. Louis, parent and king, I ask for your prayers as I raise this child. Ask the Lord for courage, wisdom, strength and peace as I make important decisions that affect this child's life. As our gracious Lord to guide me so that I never act out of anger or spite, and that I guide my child with the loving hands of a wise and caring parent. Pray that all mothers and fathers parent in God's light. Amen.

(From *Saintly Advice* produced by the Philip Lief Group, Inc.)

Together, let's pray for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of all the children in the St. Bartholomew community.

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

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

REACHING OUT

How can we reach out and implore those who have NOT lost their FAITH to come back and share in the Body and Blood of our Savior? The candle burns continually as we enter the church building to welcome us to the real presence of our Lord. How they must miss It! How much they especially need It! Do those who don't come to Mass, really know what they have given up? Let us pray this new year and encourage those who spoke out to come back to their real FAITH-the HOLY EUCHARIST!

.. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joys.." And as just part of this last quote from St. Paul's Letter illustrates, today's second reading must be read and reread. ..." Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it..." (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) As we struggle with each other and our "parts" roles, let us all never forget that we are one with Him and in Him in the Eucharist. Please come back. You need Him and we are the church, and we want you back. The light is on in welcome always.

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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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.

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.

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.

**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!

**"Come to the Waters of Healing" Day of Post-
Abortion Prayer and Healing.**

On Saturday, Feb. 3, the Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston will sponsor a one-day retreat to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. The format will offer a loving and confidential environment to share Scriptural stories of Christ's healing love; spend quiet time in prayer before God; and to hear stories of post-abortion healing. Confession will be available. The program begins at 9:00 am and concludes with a 4:00 pm Mass. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

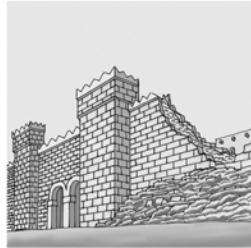
St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is only two months away!! Did you enjoy last year's Irish Pizza Party? Can you help to make it better this year? An organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. Anyone interested in helping with this year's party is invited to attend.



FAITH FACTS

The reading from the Book of Nehemiah
 In about 450 BC, many Jews were in exile in Persia, far from their own land.



One of them, Nehemiah, was a trusted servant of the Persian king, Artaxerxes. Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem, the main city of the Jews, had fallen into disrepair. He obtained permission to return to Jerusalem. He organized the rebuilding of the defensive walls. Another Jew called Ezra returned from Persia to Jerusalem. He set about restoring the religious life of the people, by instructing them in God's law.

CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: I = E and M = I.

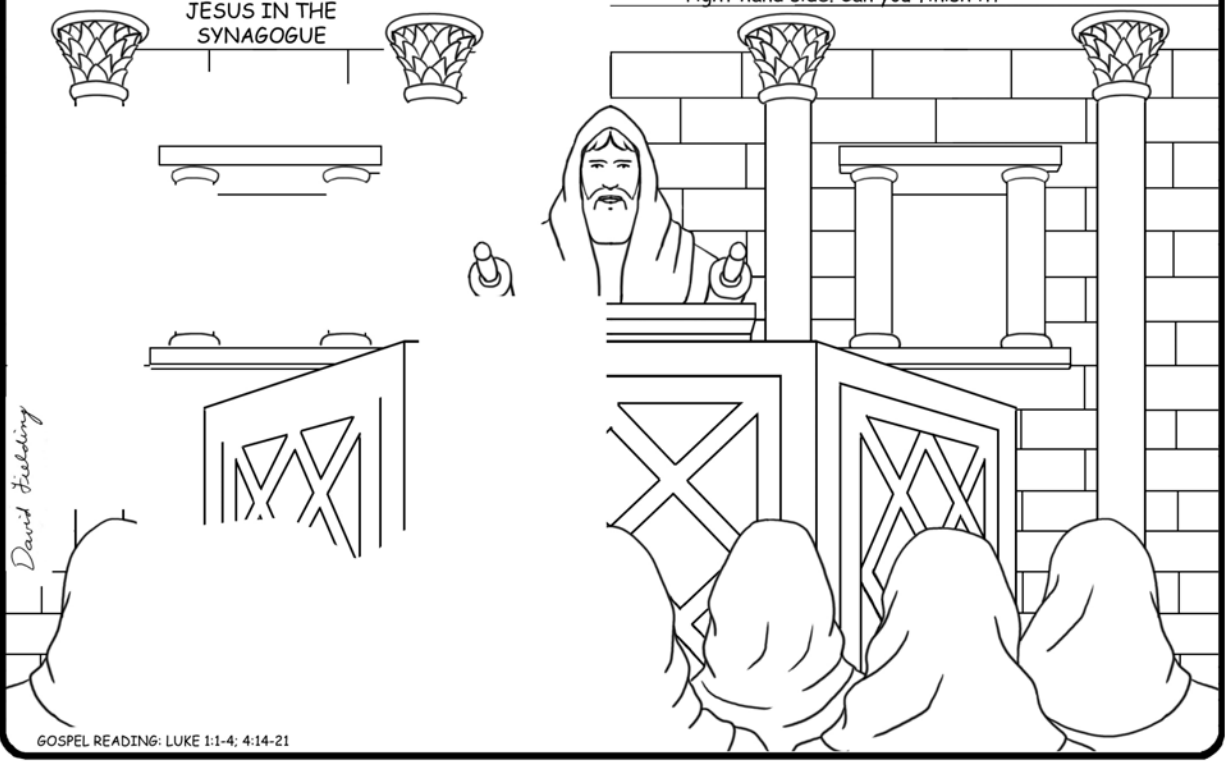


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 MW YTSR QI, FIGEYWI LI
 LEW ERSMRXIH QI XS
 FVMRK KPEH XMHMRKW
 XS XLI TSSV.

ANSWER: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

The left hand side should be a mirror image of the right hand side. Can you finish it?



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 1:1-4; 4:14-21