

Let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need.

HEBREWS 4:16

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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 for what you would like prayers said.



Reflection for Third Sunday of Ordinary Time:

In these challenging times it is important to remember that the ordinary signs of God's love are always around us. The events of two weeks ago in Haiti remind us of how much we need God and each other and a strong spiritual life to deal with the difficult events in life. Sometimes we discover there might be no deeper explanations as to why things happen the way they do. The readings today are reminding us that we all need Jesus' healing; and the readings are asking us how we bring glad tidings to the poor and the marginalized. How do we respond to God's call to each of us? Jesus comes to each of us as we acknowledge our needs. Each of us can make a difference individually and collectively. As we hear Jesus' word to us we give glory and praise to God when we respond with you. We spread a message about Jesus by the example we set.

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 five books within it. It 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 that focuses on the various moments of life. It is hoped that the study of the Book of Psalms will enhance the prayer life of all of us. **Please read the first five psalms.**

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 93.1% 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.

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.

St. Bartholomew Parish NEW Mission Statement

At our meeting in January, your Parish Pastoral Council adopted a new Mission Statement for our Parish. It is the culmination of a more than two year process of contemplation, discussion and prayer by and among the members of the Council. As stated by Msgr. Vincent J. Grimalia, "every community has a purpose for its existence" and, he continued, "the parish mission statement will give a succinct focus, direction and motivation to the parish community". In addition, we strove to capture in our Mission Statement what Pope Benedict XVI has described as our Church's "three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God..., celebrating the sacraments..., and exercising the ministry of charity".

Our new Mission Statement is set forth below. We think it captures the essence of our Parish and what we try to be and do as a community. We believe that it will guide us well as we move forward and grow this year and in the coming years. As always, Fr. Phil, our Parish staff and your Council members appreciate your comments.

Our mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
 - To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
 - To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
 - To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.
- To be welcoming and helpful to all, regardless of whom it is that "knocks on our door" or why.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.

Adopted January 5, 2010

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



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
Wednesday	Jan. 27	9:00 am	Special Intention
Saturday	Jan. 30	4:00 pm	Nora & Frank Conroy and Timothy & Margaret Foley
Sunday	Jan. 31	9:45 am	Mary DeGeorge

Youth Choir

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be on **Sunday, Jan. 24th, from 5-6 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 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


Recommended Reading: The Gift of the Psalms by Roland E. Murphy, Hendrickson Publishers, Peabody, MA, 2000. Praying the Psalms with the Early Christians by Mike Aquilina and Christopher Bailey, The Word Among Us Press, Ijamsville, MD, 2009.

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 Carter 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



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.



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!

STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"

Thank you for your generous response to the crisis in Haiti. We were able to send a check for **\$7,795.53** after last weekend's collection. It is still not too late to contribute. Checks should be made out to St. Bartholomew with Haiti Collection written on the memo line.

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I'm not sure that we really appreciate what a remarkable priest we have as our Pastor. He not only gladly serves the needs of our parish and our parishioners with dedication, regardless of the self-sacrifice this often entails, he is also Chaplain of the Needham Police and Fire Departments and has shared his expertise and time with many community committees. Earlier, in this Year of the Priest, Chief Buckley of the Needham Fire Department offered to share some brief thoughts about Fr. Phil:

Dear Parishioners of Saint Bartholomew's:

As we prepare to begin the Year of the Priest, I wanted to share my thoughts with you in regards to Father Philip McGaugh, your Pastor, and our Chaplain here at the Needham Fire Department.

Having personally interacted with Father Phil for over five years, I felt that you, the members of Saint Bartholomew's Parish would appreciate learning about some of his activities outside of the church. As our Chaplain, Father Phil is actually on-call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Fortunately, we have never had to call on him during an emergency situation, however, we have requested his spiritual guidance on many occasions, during sad and challenging times, as well as in times of celebration. Of special interest, is the fact that if we don't call him, he calls us. Many times over the years when Father Phil has heard of tragic news in the fire service, he has reached out to us to offer his friendship and his gifted ability to listen and help heal. All of this is done out of kindness, and benevolence, regardless of faith.

I would like to share one quick story with you:

A couple of years ago Father Phil accompanied me to a funeral in Boston for a Firefighter who had been killed while fighting a fire. When we arrived at the church the crowd was overflowing into the neighborhood, and there were literally thousands of firefighters lining the street. I advised Father Phil, that because he was a priest, and I was the Chief, there would be plenty of reserved seating inside the church for us. Well, he wanted no part of that, and promptly told me that he would feel just as comfortable being outside with his friends and colleagues from around the country who were all wearing their dress firefighter uniforms (by the way, Father Phil was wearing his dress firefighter uniform as well). So we set out to find the contingent of Needham Firefighters who we knew were there somewhere, and once we found them, we stood with them, often times at attention, for two hours in the direct sunshine on a day that must have been around ninety degrees. But that didn't matter to Father Phil, what was more important to him, was that he had the opportunity to spend some time with his firefighter friends and that he was able to participate as one of them, in a true firefighter's funeral.

Speaking on behalf of the members of the Needham Fire Department, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to the entire Saint Bartholomew's Parish for your willingness to share your Pastor with us. Father Phil is certainly a gift to all of us, a true person of God, who bestows his faith in Jesus Christ in a kind and caring way.

We wish you a peaceful and spiritual future as you celebrate the Year of the Priest, and congratulate our friend and Chaplain, the Reverend Pastor Philip McGaugh.

Warmest regards,

*Paul F. Buckley
Chief of Department*

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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.

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

- Next class for **all grades** Monday, Jan 25th.
- 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

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.

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

STEWARDSHIP, ALIVE AND WELL IN OUR PARISH

Back in March of 2009, a program to reach the home bound in our parish was begun in earnest to first identify those at home and to then identify their needs. The homebound are defined as those who are restricted to home for a short term or those who cannot leave their homes without assistance or not at all. Short term confinement might be a recovery from surgery or possibly the birth of a child, for example. Others might be confined for health reasons, age restrictions, mobility issues, etc. Whatever the reason, we as a parish are always truly concerned for all our parishioners, whether we see each other on a regular basis or not. All our parishioners are remembered in our daily prayers at Mass and in our prayers individually and in our prayer groups.

As we began this program, we asked for everyone's cooperation to identify those who have needs; spiritually, physically, socially, shopping, medical appointments, etc. So many of you have notified me of issues, that I wish to express a profound thank you for your care and concern for one another. We are truly our brothers' (and sisters') keeper. I encourage you all to keep up this vigilance, especially in these winter months. So many are still out there needing aid, but unwilling to ask or "put anyone out". We still need to know of those who have decided to go to an assisted living situation, a rehab trip from a fall or surgery, a move to a nursing home, a hospitalization, or those who are just living alone. Not only are we prepared to visit or to arrange for other needs and concerns, but especially we are ready to answer the desire to connect more closely with our Lord through the Sacraments. We cannot act, if we don't know who is out there needing assistance. Not including Father Phil's house and hospital calls and sacramental visits, it is with great excitement and humility that I can report that since March, when this initiative began and volunteers to be Eucharistic Ministers stepped forward to be trained, we have shared the Lord in communion 1,256 times! Truly, Stewardship has become "the way of life" here in St. Bartholomew parish.

2010 has begun; new resolutions made; enthusiastic attitudes prevail; but old unsolved issues remain for some. Help us to help each other. These visits, sharing the Sacraments, are very precious. Make a difference. Continue to pray for us. Pray for each other. And act to assist us in this spiritual mission, so important to those who have been physically separated from Him. Remember too those who are giving so generously of their time to share our Lord. And to them we say a big thank you and God bless. The contact numbers are below. Thank you all again.

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
E-mail: kreilly15@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.

Douglas Leal is a professional actor and minister who most recently served as the Director of Ministries at a parish in Los Angeles. His skill-building book for lectors, "Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!" is published by Resource Publications, Inc. He is currently pursuing the Master of Arts Degree in Pastoral Ministry at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry.

Spring Semester Gerontology Classes at U

Mass Boston: U Mass Boston is accepting applications for its Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology. The program is designed to give students the skills and resources they need to plan for an aging society, work or volunteer in the aging network, and advocate for elders. We offer daytime, evening and online classes. Classes begin the week of January 26. Credits from this program can be applied towards the bachelor's degree program in Gerontology. The program is approved for financial aid for eligible students. For more information call Mary St. Jean at 617-287-7330 or email mary.stjean@umb.edu.

Please Pray for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests
to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls.
Amen.

Retrouvaille.....a Lifeline

Rediscover a loving marriage with the Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. Look us up on the web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend is April 16-18, 2010.

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Starting Thursday, March 11, and running for six weeks (no class on April 1), a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound* will be offered at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole from 1:00-3:00 pm. Elizabeth Couble, a Certified Chaplain and former Coordinator of Catholic Pastoral Services at Brockton Hospital, will teach the workshop.

The workshop will include a review of communication skills, the basics of pastoral visitation, key illness issues, spiritual needs and concerns, grief, loss and dying, and caregiving issues. Eucharistic ministers, pastoral visitors, parish nurses and others are encouraged to attend. Fee: \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. **Pre-registration is required.** Please register by March 3.