

one thing i ask of the

LORD; THIS I SEEK:

to dwell in the LORD'S

HOUSE ALL THE DAYS

of my life, to gaze on the

LORD'S BEAUTY, TO VISIT

his temple.

PSALM 27:4

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 Third Sunday of Ordinary

Time: Please notice how today's gospel speaks about light and darkness. There are many times we lose our way in darkness and we all experience missed opportunities to do good. We all wonder at times why we did not see things differently. There seems to be sin and darkness all over the world. Jesus brings His message into the darkness of the world. Jesus started to save the world one step at a time. Notice also that the four disciples Jesus called to follow Him in today's gospel were all fishermen. They all had responsibilities which they left to follow Jesus. Jesus calls everyone to follow Him by how we live our lives and share His message with others. Much preaching is done by how we live our lives. He calls each of us to be fishers of people one step at a time. He tells us not to be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem. He loves us and He will help us.

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 that book.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for the intention of Pro-Life this **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 this 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 Season of Lent begins
Wednesday, February 6th.

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.

Beginning Experience Weekend: Has your marriage ended by death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? Consider attending a Beginning Experience Weekend to be held April 18-20, 2008 at the Marist House in Framingham, MA. The weekend is designed for those beyond the initial stages of grieving who desire to begin again. For information about the weekend, please contact Arthur at 978-342-0818; Ray at 603-627-2543; Joann at 413-789-6164; or Isabel at 617-569-5406. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 11. The cost of \$185 includes the program, 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), materials, and food. Space is limited.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

At the conclusion of our year (June) several positions will open on the PPC Board for the following year. We are looking for interested persons who will share in our role as a "Visionary" for St. Bartholomew's. The Board acts as advisors to the Pastor in planning how our parish can live out its mission. The term is 3 years. The Board meets once a month, for 10 months. (no July or August) Qualifications: a registered, active member of the parish willing to serve the parish. If interested, please contact Father Phil or Kathy Reilly.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 26	4:00 pm	Ward E. Wetherell, Sr. and 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
Monday	January 28	9:00 am	
Tuesday	January 29	9:00 am	
Wednesday	January 30	9:00 am	
Thursday	January 31	9:00 am	Thomas & Alice Murray
Friday	February 1	9:00 am	Rita Cirelli
Saturday	February 2	9:00 am	Thomas Connolly
Saturday	February 2	4:00 pm	Edward Nowak, Sr.
Sunday	February 3	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		11:30 am	James Shaughnessy—active duty in Iraq

Scripture Readings

- 27 Sun Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/
Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- 28 Mon 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30
- 29 Tue 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35
- 30 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
- 31 Thu 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
- 1 Fri 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
- 2 Sat Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22-32
- 3 Sun Zep 2:3;3:12-13/1Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Collections

Weekend of January 19-20

Amount collected	\$5,402.33
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 597.67)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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

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**Youth Choir:** Rehearsal this week is on **Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please try to be on time as we have much work to do, thanks to the snow cancellation and the recent holiday.

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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.

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

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

“While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, “Are you a cop?” “Yes,” I answered as I continued writing my report. “My mother said if I ever needed help, I should ask the police. Is that right?” “Yes, that’s right,” I told her. “Well, then,” she said as she extended her foot toward me, “Would you please tie my shoe?”

We never know when or where or how the opportunity will arise through which we are fortunate enough to be a servant of the Lord in our efforts to serve each other in His Name. We may smile at this little girl’s request; but these little opportunities arise every day, if only we will notice them. We need to open our eyes and ears and hearts to what is happening around us and become involved; even if it is to only ‘tie my shoes’. Jesus on bended knee washed the feet of His disciples. Is this not the example that we should follow, illustrating that no service, favor, or job is too insignificant or demeaning for us to do? There will never be peace in this world or in our own lives, if we do not notice each other and then give of ourselves freely in the way of “kindness”. Lent is coming soon and in that period we tend to focus on denial as a means of penance. While penance is necessary, so too is the every day practice of giving. Every day in His public life, Jesus prayed to His Father and reached out to all, especially those who struggled with life’s issues. What more perfect example do we have to follow in this life—pray to the Father and reach out to each other in kindness.

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.” Psalm 128

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

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 mpizz@yahoo.com by January 29th. We look forward to hearing from you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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-4:00 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
- Sun., Feb. 3 Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sat. & Sun., Feb. 2 & 3 Blessing of the Throats at all Masses
- Sun., Feb. 3 Baptisms-12:30 pm
- Mon., Feb. 4 Bible Study-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 4 Rel. Ed. classes for all grades
- Mon., Feb. 4 Pre-School story hour-4:00 pm in O’Brien Room in the rectory
- Mon., Feb. 4 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Feb. 6 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Rm.
- Wed., Feb. 6 Ash Wednesday: Mass-9 am; Service-4 pm; Mass-5:30 pm**
- Fri., Feb. 8 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Fri., Feb. 8 5:30 pm Mass followed by a meager (simple) meal
- Sun., Feb. 10 Afternoon of Reflection for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers-12:30 pm

First Saturday Devotion

“Mary promised at Fatima each time that she appeared to help us if we pray to her to banish war and fear. “ In response to her promises First Saturday Devotion will take place on **February 2nd, following the 9:00 am Mass**. Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.



Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on **Sunday, February 3rd**, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses. Come down for coffee and donuts—visit acquaintances and welcome new families!!

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- All classes resume on Jan 28th

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. The next activity is cooking and serving for the Soup Kitchen in Waltham (Jan 31st 3-6pm), space is still available, planning meeting after class on Jan 28th in the church.

Parent Workshop:

"Chastity: How to talk to your kids about it" – **Tuesday Feb 12th 7-9pm** 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.

Lent for Families:

We enter the season of Lent by receiving ashes, a sign of humility and penance as we prepare for Christ's death and resurrection. Some dates to note:

- **Ash Wednesday** (Feb 6th) – **4:00 pm** service is specifically geared to children and families.
- **Fridays in Lent** – each Friday in Lent, St. Bart's celebrates with a prayer service followed by a "meager meal". You are invited to join us every week, but **Feb 22nd** will be Stations of the Cross for children.
- **Keep watch for more family oriented**

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!

Espousal Retreat House Upcoming Programs Waltham, MA

Healing Anxiety and Depression: This day of healing will take place on **Sunday, February 10, from 10 am to 5 pm with registration at 9:30 am**. Dr. Joseph Coyle, Christian Psychologist, will be the presenter. Whether mild or severe, anxiety and depression affect both mind and spirit and can be a significant barrier to health and wholeness. This day will focus on a better understanding of anxiety and depression, on alleviating symptoms through psychological means, and on healing root causes through prayer. The day will include teaching, inner healing prayer, reflection time, Mass, small groups and lunch.

Dealing with Hurts, Anger and Sadness: This day will take place on **Sunday, February 17, from 10 am to 5 pm with registration at 9:30 am**. Jacqueline M. Sitte, RN, CARN, LADC 1, psychotherapist in private practice, author, retreat leader, member of the Association of Christian Therapists, will be the presenter. We all experience hurts in our lives. This results in sadness, anger, and unforgiveness that can control and paralyze us. This day will focus on how we can move onward, beyond these feelings, to experience healing and peace through God's guidance, grace and healing love. The day will include talks, small groups, inner healing prayer, private reflection time, Mass and lunch.

Come and Be Filled with Living Water: This day will take place on **Sunday, February 24, from 1 pm to 7 pm with registration at 12:30 pm**. Fr. James Dressman, SJ will be the presenter. The day will focus on the gift of "Living Water" and its promise to quench our thirst for love and truth and its promise of eternal life. Come to experience the gift of God in adoration, healing and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The day will include teachings, reflection time, prayer for healing, dinner, and Mass.

For information on any of the above programs, call the retreat house at 781-209-3120 or email at admin@espousal.org.





BIBLE DETECTIVE

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The Church has always seen this passage from Isaiah as a reference to the coming of Jesus. (He was the "great light.")

Can you find where the "land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali" were?

The passage refers to "the day of Midian." That event had happened long before, when an enemy nation known as Midian had been oppressing the Israelites. An Israelite hero called Gideon had, with a tiny force, managed to defeat the Midianite army. The story of Gideon is in the Book of Judges in the Bible. See what you can find out about him.

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

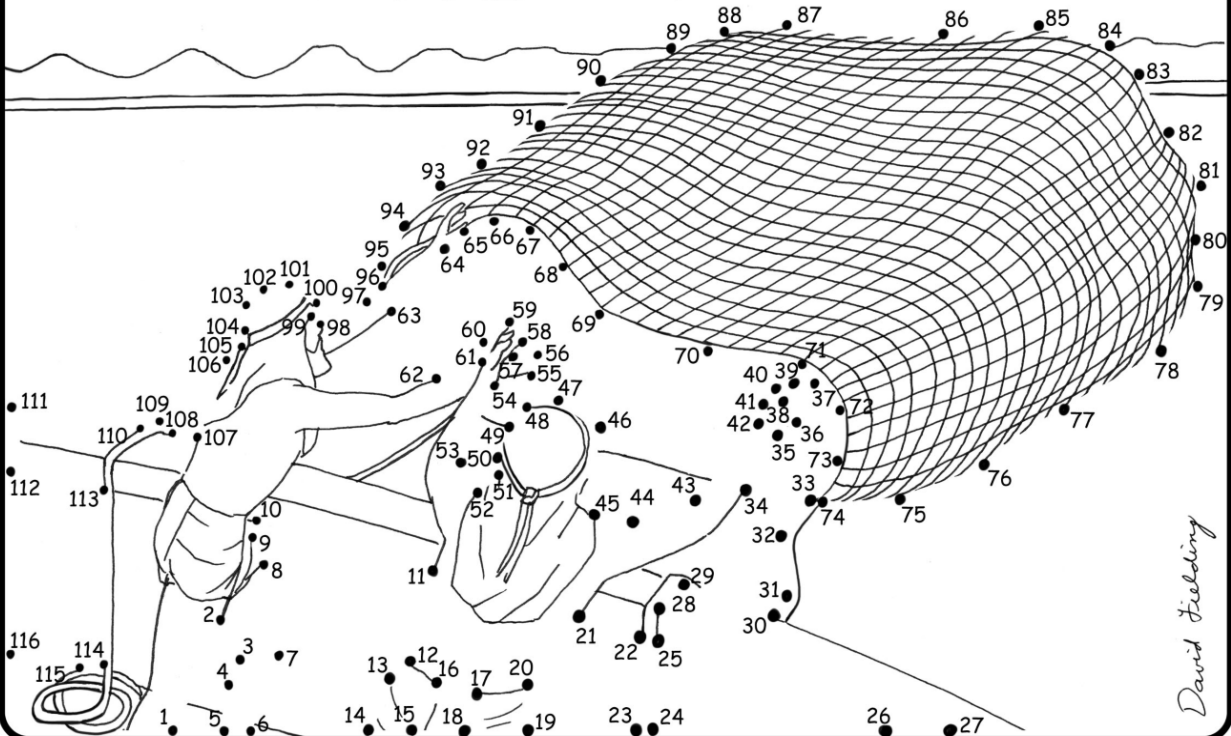
- The _____ who walked in _____ have seen a great _____.
- The _____ is my light and my _____; whom should I _____?
- _____ did not send me to _____ but to preach the _____.
- When Jesus heard that John had been _____, he _____ to _____.
- _____ your lives! The _____ of heaven is at _____.

ANSWERS

1. people, darkness, light 2. Lord, salvation, fear
 3. Christ, baptize, gospel 4. arrested, withdrew, Galilee
 5. Reform, kingdom, hand

CONNECT THE DOTS

READING: MT 4, 12-23 or 4, 12-17



David Tiedling