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And He said,
Amen I say to you,
no prophet is *accepted*
in his own native place...

Elisha cured no other leper
than *Naaman the Syrian*.

Luke 4:24, 27

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.

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.



A Sincere Word of Thanks re: Catholic Appeal:

This week we receive word that \$101,402 has been donated from our parish to the Catholic Appeal! This represents 92.6 % of our goal! This is wonderful and thank you so much. The Archdiocese will be able to use this money well.

The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, January 29th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 7-10 of St. John's Gospel.

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.

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 in church on Sunday, January 28th, at 6:00 pm for interested students in grades 7 through high school and at 7:30 pm for parents. 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.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's readings we see that no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Have we fully accepted the teachings of Jesus as a means of increasing our vision to do well for others and live holy lives? Through our efforts one more person may hear the message of God, experience God's love and happiness and help others to true and eternal happiness.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: With the coming of Lent soon, it is appropriate that all of us think about receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of our preparation for Easter and to make this sacrament a regular part of our spiritual journey.

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 - Church in Latin America: There will be a second collection at all the Masses this week-end 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.

World Marriage Day and Renewal of Vows:

Sunday, February 11th, is World Marriage Day. This is a time to give thanks for all who by their example and faithfulness to their marriages reveal the loving presence of God to others. At the 9:45 am Mass that day couples will have a chance to renew their marriage vows.

Day of Prayer for the Sick

Sunday, February 11th, is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Boston Catholic Television Mass at 7:30 am will be offered for those who are sick or frail.

Anyone wishing to be anointed on that day after one of the Masses at St. Bartholomew is asked to speak to the pastor. This is also a day to give thanks and pray for all health care workers who give so much of themselves to help.

The 11:30 am Mass will include an anointing of the sick and prayers for caregivers. The anointing of the sick is not just for the dying but it is also for those who are ill in any way and could benefit from the special graces and attention from God that this sacrament brings with it.

An Evening with Thomas Groome

Join the parishioners of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 6:30-8:30 pm for an evening with Thomas Groome, author and professor of theology at Boston College. His presentation—"What Keeps Us Catholics" - will be followed by a question/answer period and light refreshments. Location: St. Bernard's Church, Fr. Moore Hall, lower level, 1529 Washington St., West Newton. Handicapped accessible. We welcome all!

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	January 29	9:00 am	Esther Codyer
Tuesday	January 30	9:00 am	
Wednesday	January 31	9:00 am	
Thursday	February 1	9:00 am	Rita Cirelli
Friday	February 2	9:00 am	Thomas D. Murray
Saturday	February 3	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus
Saturday	February 3	4:00 pm	Edward Nowak, Sr.
Sunday	February 4	8:00 am	Dorothy Brugger
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	

Scripture Readings

Week of January 28, 2007

- 28 Sun Jer 1:4-5,17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30
- 29 Mon Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
- 30 Tue Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
- 31 Wed Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
- 1 Thu Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
- 2 Fri Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- 3 Sat Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
- 4 Sun Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

 *Collections*

Weekend of Jan. 20-21

Amount collected	\$5,455.71
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 544.29)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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 3 following the 9:00 am Mass. Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.

Community Sunday and Free Blood Pressure Screening will take place next Sunday, February 4, following the 8:00 am and 9:45 am Masses.

Liturgy of the Word for Children 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.

Youth Choir:

The next rehearsal for Youth Choir is this coming Monday, January 29th, from 5:00- 5:45 PM in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on Feb 4th.

Adult Choir:

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

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 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.

AMY'S BOOK CLUB will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is “The Children of Men” by P. D. James.



Classes: On Monday, January 29th, there will be classes for grades K-6 only from 4:00-5:00 pm. All students should meet in the church before breaking into classes.

Words of the Wise... During last Monday evening's prayer service we discussed St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians that was read at Mass last Sunday. We also learned a little more about St. Paul and listened to one of our town officials speak on the subject of Paul's letter. The theme for the night was simply that every member of our church makes a difference and is an integral part of the whole. Here's what some of the 7th & 8th grade students picked up from the presentation:

"Today we learned that we are part of the body of the church; we all make up the church. When one person fails, everybody fails. When one person succeeds, everybody succeeds. Also, we should give back to the community what the community gives to us."

"Each one of us important and special in the community. We each add something good to the church, and without even one person, things can fall apart. Like a basketball hoop—without the hoop there is no point—and without the base, there is no hoop! Everyone can make a significant contribution to anyone, and can make a difference in someone's day—or possibly someone's life!"

"We learned that everyone is special, and each of us contributed toward creating a better community/church. We are all unique and have a purpose for being here. As well, we should cherish our bodies. You might think that eyes are more important than ears, but without ears, what could you hear?"

"In CCD, we learned that the church is like a body. Everyone is needed, as everything on your body is needed. The church wouldn't work without all that is needed."

"Today we learned about how we are the future. We all also have different talents. We learned how we all are part of the body of the church. We read how we are all needed in the church community."

"Today we learned about how every part of the church is important. Also we learned that everyone has a purpose in life. You can have two choices: you can sit back and relax, or you can take action and make a difference in the community."

This is a sampling of student responses. We wish we could print them all. If the future lies with these kids, I think we're all in good hands.

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

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

LOVE

Today's second reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13) is probably the most beautiful, spiritual expression of love written by man, for man and woman, inspired by the St. Paul's own love and knowledge of our Lord's teachings. Its shorter form is that which is chosen and read at many weddings. Its spiritual beauty is not without its practical lessons. Isn't it interesting that we read it in our Mass cycle during the season when we are most likely to be grumpy!

For New Englanders, winter is hard to live through, never mind enjoy or feel the love. It is the season when we are more isolated and home bound. We get sick more often. Travel is more difficult and even impossible at times. Ask any mother who daily is trying to dress several small children in multiple layers and wonders why she isn't living in southern California. Patience! Irritations! Days are shorter. The sun's warmth is harder to feel. Winter is cold, slippery, and dark. Are you feeling the love yet? You will if you pause to remember God the Father's smile, when He said..."Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..."(Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19) (today's first reading) Remembering and knowing we are all the result of His touch, design, and love is warmth enough for any season.

..."Love is patient, love is kind...It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.. Love never fails. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.. So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.." (St. Paul's Letter) Let us rise above seasonal irritations and seek the love St. Paul's Letter promises. Let us notice each other this winter. Let us smile more often and take note of another's needs. Let us "bear", "believe," and "endure all things," as we live a life of good stewardship. "...but the greatest of these is love." Love is not a solitary path. We need Him and we need each other to make it work. So let's make our own warmth, even if Mother Nature is a little slow getting here with the good part. "Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way..." (St. Paul)

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P.S. My apologies to St. Paul for breaking up his beautiful Letter into such small "sound bites."

CLASSIFIED NOTICE

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, a Corporation Sole, has prepared a Complaint for the Application of the Doctrine of *Cy Pres* to be filed with the Supreme Judicial Court of Suffolk County. The Complaint seeks to transfer restricted funds held by the Archdiocese on behalf of 58 closed parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston to the welcoming parish (the parish receiving the sacramental records) designated for the closed parish. The Complaint refers only to those restricted funds held in the name of the closed parish and identified as such by the closed parish. It does not reference any other assets of the closed parish. The Complaint deals solely with gifts given to the *Promise for Tomorrow Campaign*, restricted gifts given pursuant to a written instrument or given pursuant to an oral restriction. The purpose of the Complaint is to allow the welcoming parish to use the restricted funds for the same or a similar charitable purpose as was intended originally. For those parishes currently under canonical appeal and/or civil litigation, restricted funds under the *Cy Pres* process will not be forwarded to welcoming parishes unless and until any canonical appeal and/or civil litigation has been completed and then only if the parish involved in the appeal or litigation remains closed.

A copy of the Complaint and Exhibits can be viewed on the Archdiocese's website at <http://www.rcab.org>. Each parish also has a copy of the Complaint available.

Any questions you may have prior to the filing of this Complaint may be directed to the Archdiocese no later than February 27, 2007. Questions may be made in writing to 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, MA 02135, Attn: Cy Pres or by calling 617-746-5758, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

Benefit Programs and Resources for Needham Seniors

The Needham Social Work Department would like to notify you about a wide range of benefit programs and resources for seniors. If your annual income as a single individual is \$9,600.00-\$49,000.00 and \$26,000-\$56,000.00 for couples, this may apply to you. You may be eligible for the Water/Sewer Abatement, Fuel Assistance, and several Tax Assistance programs. The resources indicated are a very small portion of the services that are provided by the agency. For a confidential discussion and details please contact the Needham Council on Aging at 781-455-7555. The staff is available to help you get the assistance needed.

“Call for Alumni of 75 Years: The Charles Sumner Elementary School in Roslindale is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with a dinner on Saturday, May 19th.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the purchase of school computers and support Arts education. For more information and to get on the mailing list, contact Laura Gang at 617-312-7748 or email lgang2@comcast.net.

Marriage Encounter

Discover God's desire for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! Marriage Encounter is where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones... and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference the weekend can make. For more information call Dave & Karen Demers at 1-800-710-9963 or visit the webpage at www.wmeMA.org.

Day of Healing—Reducing Stress and Anxiety—Finding Peace and Health: The Espousal Retreat House in Waltham is offering this experience on Saturday, March 3, from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. with registration at 9:30 am. Dr. Joseph Coyle, a Christian Psychologist, is the presenter. Stress and anxiety are so very common in human life. We will look at and practice the effective ways of dealing with stress and anxiety from proven methods of Christian spirituality and Christian psychology. The cost is \$45—and the day will include teaching, inner healing prayer, Mass, reflection time, small groups and lunch. To register, call 781-209-3120. For more information you can also email the retreat house at admin@espousal.org.

THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS*

At Fatima, Our Blessed Mother promised, "...to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes, while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

The offenses and blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary for which we should make reparation are: **

Month 1: Against her Immaculate Conception;

Month 2: Against her virginity;

Month 3: Against her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as the Mother of all mankind;

Month 4: By those who try publicly to implant in the hearts of children indifference, contempt and even hate against this Immaculate Mother;

Month 5: By those who insult her directly in her sacred images.

In summary—on the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months: ***

1) go to confession within the week before or after the first Saturday;

2) receive Holy Communion on the first Saturday;

3) pray the 5 decades of the Rosary on the first Saturday;

4) meditate on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary for 15 minutes or more (See below);

5) do all these with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the offenses and blasphemies against her Immaculate Heart.

Here is my way of making the meditations -- Sr. Lucy

In this devotion, which is so simple and so easy, Sr. Lucy writes to her mother, "It seems to me that the 15 Minutes of meditation are what might give you some difficulty. But it is quite easy." We have said that it is not at all necessary to meditate on all 15 mysteries of the Rosary, but one or two can be chosen. In a letter quoted by Fr. Martins, Sr. Lucy writes, "*Here is my way of making the meditations of the Rosary on the First Saturdays: (starting with the Joyful Mysteries):*

First Mystery—the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Our Lady.

First Prelude: to imagine myself seeing the hearing the Angel greet Our Lady with these words:

" 'Hail Mary, full of grace.'

Second Prelude: I ask Our Lady to infuses into my soul a profound sentiment of humility.

1st point: I will meditate on the manner in which Heaven proclaims that the Most Holy Virgin is full of grace, blessed among all women and destined to become the Mother of God;

2nd point: The humility of Our Lady, recognizing Herself and declaring Herself to be the handmaid of the Lord;

3rd point: How I must imitate Our Lady, in Her humility, what are the faults of pride and arrogance through which I most often displease the Lord, and the means I must employ to avoid them, etc.;

"On the second month, I make the meditation on the Second Joyful Mystery; on the third month, I make it on the Third Joyful Mystery, etc., etc.

When I have finished the Five First Saturdays, I begin five others and meditate on the Sorrowful Mysteries, then the Luminous Mysteries, then the Glorious Mysteries; and when I have finished them I start over again with the Joyful ones.' "

*A good source is the pamphlet, "Treasure of Fatima" by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., published by Word Apostolate of Fatima/USA.

**Jesus listed these to Sr. Lucia in 1930.

***The Mass of Saturday evening, even if it is an "anticipated Sunday Mass", can be counted as Mass of the first Saturday of the month.