



*He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Luke 4:21 (NAB)

**St. Bartholomew Parish**

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**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.

**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)

**Mission Statement**

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.

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.



### Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

We spread a message about Jesus by the example we set. This gospel today contains Jesus' teachings in the synagogues and He speaks words of truth. Today we are invited and challenged to state our lives on the words of the gospel. Jesus is a model of perseverance for us. By Baptism we are committed to live the words of the gospels. God wishes salvation for all people. It is God's word and God's ways that are always enduring. How do we help others to appreciate all of the above and develop their God-given gifts and talents? How many people of great potential are there around us who need to be encouraged? God often sends people into our lives to help us and He sends us to others to help them. Jesus gives us the strength to live and be a positive force just like He. Each of us can spread the truth of Jesus and make a difference.

**Blessing of the Throats:** Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, is the day we remember St. Blasé. Throats will be blessed after all the Masses this weekend and on Feb. 3rd at the 9:00 am Mass.

**Bible Classes** will continue **on Monday, Feb. 1st, 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. 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.**

**Next week's second collection** supports the Holy Father in providing emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter's Pence collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

**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.

### 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.*

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  - 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. 30	4:00 pm	Nora & Frank Conroy and Timothy & Margaret Foley
Sunday	Jan. 31	9:45 am	Mary DeGeorge
		11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Monday	Feb. 1	9:00 am	Rita Cirelli
Sunday	Feb. 7	8:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		9:45 am	Joan Newell
		11:30 am	Patrick Forde

**Youth Choir**

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be on **Sunday, Jan. 31st, from 5-6 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

**Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening** will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses next **Sunday, Feb. 7th**. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship...and meet our special guest, Hermina Hyacinthe, who is a native of Haiti.

**The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.)** will meet on Wed., Feb. 3, 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

**First Saturday Devotion** will be prayed after the 9:00 am Mass on **February 6th** (unless there is a funeral at 10 am).

**Amy's Book Club** will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 23rd, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is Strength in What Remains by Tracy Kidder. We always welcome new members. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862 or e-mail [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

**Arise Together in Christ**


**Sign-Up Weekend for new participants is Feb 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> after all Masses**



We continue our faith journey of learning and sharing about faith. If you have never participated on a group, **NOW IS YOUR TIME!** Those who have begun have found encouragement in living their faith day to day, the courage to enter more deeply than before, and the opportunity to reflect on their faith in new ways.

Please consider this your personal invitation, come try it out. (Some have found that now they have begun, cannot imagine their life without it)

**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.

**STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"**

By doing just one thing we can change the world. Today I want to introduce you to my classmate and friend, Hermina Hyacinthe. A native of Haiti, she felt God calling her to do something to help the people of her birthplace who are truly the poorest of the poor. What started out as one person's effort to provide food for the poor and homeless of Petit-Goave, a town just west of Port-Au-Prince has evolved into the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation, a tax-deductible charity, which not only runs a Soup Kitchen which provides nutritious meals for 200 of the poorest of our brothers and sisters, but also provides clothing, clean water to help reduce the rate of water-borne diseases and access to proper medical care. The foundation also provides mentoring services that support healthy young adults' development.

For this year's Lenten Project St. Bartholomew Parish will be partnering with the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Foundation to help provide for the immediate needs of the people of Petit-Goave. Hermina writes the following in regards to earthquake relief: "Many buildings including schools collapsed in Petit-Goave. Many teachers and children are among the dead. The situation in Petit-Goave is desperate. All relief efforts have been focused on Port-Au-Prince. The next few months are almost as difficult as the earthquake itself, with little food, water, and healthcare. I am begging for your support. Through our combined efforts, we can rescue the weak and needy of Petit-Goave."

St. Bartholomew Parish has been given the opportunity to partner with the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Foundation, not just for this Lenten season and immediate earthquake relief, but as a way to make a difference for the long-term in the lives of these poorest of the poor. The needs in Petit-Goave are many and we can help. Visit [www.stejeannedarchaitifoundation.org](http://www.stejeannedarchaitifoundation.org) to read about some of the needs of the people and the projects of the Foundation.

Hermina will be here next Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, during Community Sunday. I encourage everyone to come and meet this remarkable woman and learn about how we can help.

-Barbara Dury

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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.*

**A Retreat for All Young Adults:** Young Adults need Jesus Christ today! If you are seeking truth, joy and love, they are found in the heart of Jesus. Join with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a weekend to open up, rekindle or deepen your relationship with Christ. The retreat will combine Mass and Adoration, inspiring talks and witnesses, personal prayer and many opportunities to meet other young adults throughout the Greater Boston area. The retreat is co-presented by the Antioch Retreat Group and y.H.o.p.e (Young Heralds of Pauline Evangelization) and will be held at the beautiful Daughters of St. Paul Retreat House in Billerica. **It begins on Friday evening, March 5, and ends Sunday afternoon, March 7th.** For more information or to register email Bernadette Michaud at [Bmich777@hotmail.com](mailto:Bmich777@hotmail.com) or Fr. Michael Harrington at [Mharrington527@gmail.com](mailto:Mharrington527@gmail.com).

**SUPER BOWL PARTY!**

This is hosted by the Fr. Dan Kennedy Needham Knights of Columbus Council #1661 at the K of C Hall at 1211 Highland Ave. The date is Sunday, February 7th, and the doors open at 4:00 pm. The donation of \$25 will be donated to the seminarians that the Council sponsors!

Come watch the big game on some HD TV's! Call Mike Fraini at 781-858-1098 with any questions.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education:

- Next class for **K-6<sup>th</sup> grade** Monday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- Catholic School Students preparing for Confirmation start classes Monday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm

### Lector Workshop

**Sat., Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 9:30am -12:30pm**  
(Snow Date: Sat. Mar 13<sup>th</sup>)

#### ***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.

### **STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**

#### **Sharing: Time Talent Treasure**

WELCOME THE YELLOW LIGHT: PARK AT THE END OF THE LOT

Have you ever noticed the ads at this time of year? Health clubs, diet programs, cruises galore, exercise machines; all manner of self-improvement and pressure to be better than the best you can be. If quizzed, we could all give the correct answers to the questions about healthy living: exercise, proper balanced meals, good sleep, reduce stress, socialize, take care of your personal health issues, etc. We know how, but the ad world is trying to tell us and sell us that their particular program is THE BEST AND ONLY WAY to achieve these goals and will do so quickly and with little or no effort. God forbid that we could have to expend effort or give extra time to achieve any goal!

Nowhere in any of these ads or programs is mentioned the power of prayer or religion. Why? Because it is free and the one who benefits is the one who does it. "Welcome the yellow light" because it gives us time to pause. "Park at the end of the lot" because it gives us time to slow down, walk a few extra healthy steps, and think, relax, and become aware of the environment around you. See, smell, hear, and feel God's world. Reducing stress, sleeping better, socializing, lowering your pulse and blood pressure, seeing things more clearly, enjoying and recognizing life's purpose—are just some of the benefits of embracing God, your religion, your prayer. Don't race through the light. Don't get mad because someone just edged you out of that spot in the front row. Welcome any opportunity to back off a little and give you a moment alone and be quiet. Learn to enjoy life at a pace that you and God can really hear each other and take any moment to be at peace. It is truly a blessing to turn your issues over to God, talk to Him about your life, and learn to smile at things out of your control.

The FunTheory.com recently presented a clip on the computer entitled "The Piano Stairway". In a subway in Sweden nearly all the people who needed to exit took the escalator. A company took the stairway next to the escalator, wired it, and painted it to look like a piano keyboard. The stairs, when you stepped on them made musical notes. Very quickly everyone was jumping, running, up and down the stairs, smiling and laughing. Stair climbing was fun. I can't imagine anyone who would love fun more than the Creator. Let God into your life. Relax and have fun. Join in the joy at your church. Find comfort and meaning and be peaceful in God's "work". The Welcome sign is always there.

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

**Boston Catholic Women’s Conference** – Please join many women who will be attending the 5th Annual Boston Catholic Women’s Conference on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the beautiful Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Speakers will include Cardinal Sean O’Malley (Mass Celebrant), Patti Mansfield (popular international women’s speaker), Leah Darrow (former model turned speaker for chastity), Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle (author who was transformed by friendship with Mother Teresa) and Sr. Olga Yaqob (religious sister from Iraq, who ministers on the campus of Boston University). For more information, please contact [INSERT PARISH CONTACT NAME & PHONE & EMAIL] or visit [www.CatholicBoston.com](http://www.CatholicBoston.com), email info@CatholicBoston.com, phone 617-444-9950.

**Boston Catholic Men’s Conference** – Please join many men who will be attending the 6th Annual Boston Catholic Men’s Conference on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Speakers will include Cardinal Sean O’Malley (Mass Celebrant) and the EWTN Crossing the Goal team of Danny Abramowicz (former NFL player), Curtis Martin (founder of the FOCUS campus ministry), Peter Herbeck (Catholic renewal speaker), and Brian Patrick (host of a Catholic syndicated radio program). For more information, please contact [INSERT YOUR NAME & PHONE & EMAIL] or [www.CatholicBoston.com](http://www.CatholicBoston.com), email info@CatholicBoston.com, phone 617-444-9950.

**Habitat for Humanity**

We are looking for a few volunteers to help out at a Habitat for Humanity build day on Tuesday, Feb 9, at the Habitat House in Needham. The hours are 9-3; no experience is necessary. The build days are assigned to groups who helped out with fundraising. A group of women from St. Bart’s and St. Joe’s held a fundraiser 3 years ago and were given several opportunities to build. We have had a number successful build days and are looking for a couple of extra volunteers for the upcoming build on Tues. 2/9. As we had a lot of support from St. Bart’s parishioners, we would like to offer the opportunity to the parish.

Those interested should contact Noreen Kavanaugh at [kavy@comcast.com](mailto:kavy@comcast.com) or 781-449-5232.

All habitat builds are both fun and rewarding , but it is especially rewarding ( not to mention convenient) working on the house in Needham. Let me know if you have any questions.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Thanks to all who have donated to our collections for the Needham Food Pantry. Donations overall in town are down and the pantry is really in need of food to help Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are still collecting non-perishable food and toiletry and paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council’s Food Pantry. Please bring anything you would like to donate and leave it in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf. Thank you for your help.

**Volunteer Needed**

We are very much in need of a nurse to volunteer to help out with the free blood pressure screening that is done during Community Sunday on the first Sunday of every month from October through June. We need coverage following the 9:45 am Mass. Please call the parish office if you are able to assist us.

**Pregnancy Help:** This program of the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston offers free guidance and counseling for pregnant women who seek a solution other than abortion. For help, call toll free 1-800-649-0999. Local address and phone number: 5 Wilson St., Natick, MA 01760, 508-651-1900.

**Domestic Violence:** Do you or someone you know need help? Call 1-800-992-2600—a 24 hour hotline.