An illuminated initial letter 'P' in a medieval manuscript style. The 'P' is rendered in blue with gold filigree. To its right is a purple Omega symbol (Ω). The background is dark green with intricate silver and gold scrollwork, floral motifs, and a string of gold beads. The entire design is set against a dark green background.

*All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him."*

Mark 1:27 (NAB)

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

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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 on 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus knew His people very well and greatly loved them. From the beginning of His public ministry Jesus dealt with a very difficult crowd. Anyone who listened to Jesus knew He was a special compassionate teacher who healed people. Embracing the life that God offers to us do we see the goodness of those closest to us? Do we see Jesus in our family members? Jesus taught by word and example.

**Importance of Music in Worship:** Recently we have experienced on several occasions the work of our choirs enhancing important events in the life of our parish. I would invite those who have been blessed with musical talents to consider saying thanks to God for such blessings by joining our choirs. Music adds so very much to prayer and worship.

**Bulletin Sponsors:** We are very blessed and thankful to have generous bulletin sponsors who make our beautiful weekly bulletins possible. Please thank them and patronize their services when possible.

**Bible Study:** Classes continue Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room. Please read St. Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

**Blessing of Throats:** In honor of St. Blaise throats will be blessed after all Masses this weekend and after Mass on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed for the cause of Pro-Life next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm following the 11:30 am Mass

**Extra Confessions:** Confessions will be heard after all the Masses next Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

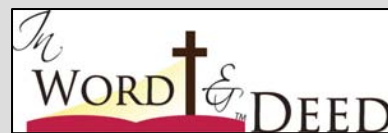
**Recommended Reading:** The Parish as Covenant by Thomas P. Sweetser, S.J. Sheed and Ward, New York, 2001.

### Vocation Information

A Vocation Day of Discernment and Reflection will be held on **Friday, February 6**, at Blessed John XXIII Seminary in Weston for men age forty and older who might be considering a vocation to the priesthood.

Cardinal Sean will lead a Discernment Retreat beginning on **Friday, February 6, to Sunday, February 8**, at Connors Family Retreat Center in Dover, MA for men age 18-40 years old who might be considering a vocation to the Priesthood. For more information about either of the experiences, please speak with Fr. Phil.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** 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.



What good is a great story unless someone tells it? What's a wonderful song unless someone sings it? How can an idea change the world unless someone makes it work? Ideas, songs and stories all need to be put into practice so their value will be seen, heard and known.

Jesus confronts and rebukes evil and then banishes it. People were amazed and began to ask the basic question of faith "who is this man?" The answer leads to a choice, sometimes called the leap of faith; is Jesus the Messiah? If the answer is yes, life is never the same.

Faith is not just a good idea. It must be lived and expressed, preached and accepted, taught and understood. By word and deed, Jesus shows us the power of faith: its ability to conquer sin and death, its power to change lives and its availability to everyone. In imitation of Jesus, when we reach out to others, and offer the love and mercy we have been given, faith is shown as a way of life, and an open invitation is given to everyone to hear the Good News. And our pursuit of holiness and eternal life begins.

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Saturday	January 31	4:00 pm	Rita Cirelli
Sunday	February 1	8:00 am	Sally & Jack Deegan
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	
Monday	February 2	9:00 am	Emilia M. Cirame
Tuesday	February 3	9:00 am	
Wednesday	February 4	9:00 am	
Thursday	February 5	9:00 am	
Friday	February 6	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 7	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 7	4:00 pm	Edward Nowak
Sunday	February 8	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Sean J. Caffrey
		11:30 am	Katherine Santos



**Weekend of January 24-25**


Amount collected      \$5,501.27  
 Amount needed        \$6,000.00  
 Amount over/under    (\$ 498.73)

**Church in Latin America Collection**

Amount collected      \$2,009.43

Thank you for your contribution.

**Adult Choir**

 The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

**Arise Together in Christ**

Season II will begin soon! All are welcome even if you did not participate in the Fall. \*\*New groups will be available. If you are interested in being a group Facilitator, please contact the rectory. A special training for all group leaders will take place on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center in Braintree (other training dates available, please contact the rectory.)

**\*\* Sign up this weekend \*\***

**Youth Choir**

The next regularly scheduled rehearsal will be on **Monday, February 2nd, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

**Community Sunday and Free Blood Pressure Screening** will be held this **Sunday, February 1**, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses.

**Amy's Book Club** will meet on **Tuesday, February 24th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book for discussion will be "Do you Believe? Conversations on God and Religion" by Antonio Monda. New members are always welcome!

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, February 4th**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

**Class Schedule:**

- K-6 have class on Feb 2nd
- Classes for all grades on Feb 9th
- Full Calendar is available online

**Confirmation for Catholic School Students** – sophomore students attending Catholic schools must register with the Religious Education Program for Confirmation preparation. Registration form is available on the website, [www.stbartholomew-needham.org](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org) under the children and youth page. Classes begin **Monday Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30pm** and continue every other week. Confirmation takes place on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm.

**Social Justice Calendar:** Thank you to all those who helped out at the Soup Kitchen!! Calendar is available online. The next activity is Valentine's Day cards and crafts with mentally challenged adults. Please email Melisa to sign up. All are welcome.

Please pray in a special way for our Confirmation students who will be on retreat Feb 6-7 in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

### St Patrick's Day is Coming!!

St Bartholomew's famous Irish Pizza Party for the whole family will be held this year on Saturday, March 14th from 5:00-7:00 pm

**Save the date for lots of fun!!  
More details to come!!**

**SAVE THE DATE!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH,  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S PARISHIONERS ARE  
INVITED TO A POWERFUL, MOVING  
PERFORMANCE OF THE PASSION.**

### STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

**THE SUPER BOWL**

The what? Oh, is it that time of year again? Who is playing? Didn't the Patriots beat them with a ridiculous score like 47 to 7, or something? Where's the justice! Oh, well, I don't know if I'll bother to watch this year. How times have changed.

In today's second reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, it says "Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." The Letter goes on to say that if either a man or woman is unmarried and anxious about how to please the Lord, each is free to work at pleasing the Lord in both body and spirit. But if either is married, then their concentrations are divided with their concerns more about things of the world than the Lord. St. Paul goes on "I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction."

The Patriot's past Super Bowls are only one of the distractions we Boston fans have had the privilege to indulge in. The Red Sox, the Celtics, and finally, the Bruins have all made come backs, much to the delight of fans living in this area. However, these "distractions" have become a way of life for many. According to St. Paul, maybe we should heed his warnings and reexamine our life's concentrations. Where is the Lord in our priority list? Does He only get our attention or time between seasons or between championships, if then? Sports are not the only things that become dictates to our time and attention. But they are certainly the obvious thing to pick on. Any self indulgences that affect our relationships and responsibilities to each other and our Lord certainly need reexamination. This is a good time of year to fit it in—a seasonal break? Is this a convenient time of the year to think about the Lord? I'm sure the Lord has a sense of humor, but I don't think we should push it too far. He probably is even a sports fan. But He has a whole world of teams to support. Our excuses can be endless. His patience with us may not be.

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

**Notice Regarding Mass Intentions:** Effective immediately all Mass Intentions must be scheduled at least **one week in advance.**

## Circle of Comfort

In an effort to foster the feeling of sharing, caring, stewardship, and community in our parish beyond the Christmas Season, a new program called Circle of Comfort will be launched in the New Year.

Just as many stories of Jesus surround meal times, the sharing of food can help to create a sense of welcome and comfort in difficult times. The goal of the Circle of Comfort is to have prepared meals available, so that food can be brought to those who need comfort. As needed, parishioners could go to the rectory and take a meal and pie and deliver to someone they know who is in need (people in mourning, post surgery, shut-ins, etc).

Once every two months volunteers will gather for an evening in the rectory kitchen to prepare meals (chicken pot pies, lasagna, casserole types, and apple pies). These would then be placed in a specific freezer in the rectory. We hope to have different groups to make the meals such as a women's night, men's night, father/child, senior night etc.

Certain items are needed in order to make the meals (deep pie tins, canned apples, pie crusts, lasagna, etc) and some things will need to be purchased for which we will need your help. A wish list will be created of specific needs once recipes have been selected.

At this time, we simply wanted to inform you of this developing program and to ask you to think about how you may be able to help. What a wonderful way to involve everyone: the parishioners who donate the food items, the volunteers who make the pies, the people reaching out to care for those in need by delivering the meals. A true Circle of Comfort.

Watch for more information in the months ahead including a calendar of scheduled nights and a wish list.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Feb. 1     Community Sunday and free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses  
SIGN UP WEEKEND for Arise Together in Christ Season II
- Mon., Feb. 2     Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 2     Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Feb. 2     Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 2     Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Feb. 3     Pastoral Council Mtg-7:30 pm
- Wed., Feb. 4     Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Feb. 5     Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Feb. 7     First Saturday Devotion following 9:00 am Mass (unless there is a funeral at 10:00 am)
- Sun., Feb. 8     Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet following the 11:30 am Mass
- Mon., Feb. 9     Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 9     Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Feb. 9     Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 9     Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues. Feb 10     Senior Social Club Board Mtg.-3 pm
- Wed., Feb. 11     Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., Feb. 12     Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

### Perpetual Food Drive

We have begun a new ministry to help Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are collecting non-perishable food, toiletry & paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry.

Contributions may be left in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf.

If you would like to help deliver the items (anytime after the 9:45 or 11:30 Masses, after Religious Ed, etc. and delivered any time the pantry is open), please contact Patty Doyle at 781-449-5652 or Kathy Ellison at 781-400-1093.

Thank you for your generosity!

**MARRIED COUPLES** – Scripture says about married people that **“Two shall live as one”**. How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are February 13-15, March 6-8, March 20-22, and April 17-19. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)



## Come see what your friends may already know ...

At the invitation of Cardinal Séan O'Malley, our parish has begun and is continuing the process of spiritual renewal through **ARISE: Together in Christ.**

**Season II Lent 2009 is entitled: *Change Our Hearts.*** All parishioners are invited and encouraged to participate in this process.

### What is *ARISE Together in Christ*?

- ARISE is a three year parish centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization.
- ARISE has been designed specifically for the Archdiocese of Boston by RENEW International

### How will *ARISE Together in Christ* help this parish?

- ARISE enables people:
- to deepen their faith
- develop a closer relationship with Christ
- grow in community
- reach out in service to others.

### Why are all parishes in the Archdiocese asked to participate in *ARISE Together in Christ*?

Cardinal Séan O'Malley has invited all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Boston to come together:

- to form a renewed community of faith,
- to welcome back those who may have been distanced from the Church
- to spread the good News through active commitment to charity and justice

## Family Skating Party

Saturday, February 28, 12:30-1:45 pm



Please join us at the St Bartholomew Family Skating party to be held at St Sebastian's School Skating rink on Saturday Feb 28th 12:30-1:45pm

There is no need to RSVP, just come along and enjoy some skating with your family and friends!

- Admission is free
- Please note: skate rentals are NOT available
- St Bart's strongly encourages the use of helmets especially for our youngest skaters

Questions? Call Susan Beranger 781-455-8081 or Jeanne D'Alleva 781-400-5083

Hope to see you there!!

Tuesday Feb 2, 2009

*Blessed are the children of parents who...*



1. Witness love for their spouse, their children, their neighbor, and the world.
2. Talk freely about the presence of God in the joys and sorrows of their lives.
3. Remind their children that they are loved by God and have been given gifts to serve others.
4. Lead their family in prayer.
5. Speak positively about priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons.
6. Participate in the lay ministries and activities of their parish and community.
7. Invite a deacon, brother, sister or priest to their home.
8. Encourage their children to consider priesthood and religious life, as well as marriage.