

*Do not be afraid;  
from now on  
you will be catching men.*

*~ Luke 5:1*



# 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.  
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.

**Blessing of Throats:** In honor of St Blaise throats will be blessed at all the Masses this weekend.

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The three readings today all deal with individuals called by God for a specific task or mission. We see today that God can do great things with almost nothing. God fills all of our nets with His grace. May we in turn help others to understand this so that God can fill the lives of others with joy and happiness.

**The Next Scripture Class** will be held on Monday, February 5th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 9-12 of St. John's Gospel. All are welcome to come.

**CYO:** Students and parents met on Sunday evening and some nice ideas were generated. It is not too late to share more ideas. The new CYO will formally begin with a Sunday evening Mass in March followed by a social. This will be exciting.

**World Marriage Day and Renewal of Vows:** Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. This is a day to truly celebrate how married couples living out the sacrament of Matrimony are answering a call to follow the Lord in who they are for others.

**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. Staying close to God has benefits we can never imagine.

**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.

**Day of Prayer for the Sick**

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Following the homily anyone wishing to be anointed will have a chance to receive this sacrament of healing. This sacrament has made a difference in the lives of so many people who have received it as it strengthens them in time of illness and uncertainty to focus on God's healing love for them.

**Congratulations To:**

Chloe Olivia Hogardt,  
daughter of Matthew & Joanna;  
as this child is claimed  
by Jesus Christ in the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend.



**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	February 3	4:00 pm	Edward Nowak, Sr.
Sunday	February 4	8:00 am	Dorothy Brugger
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Mildred Powell
Monday	February 5	9:00 am	
Tuesday	February 6	9:00 am	Marie & Joseph Casey
Wednesday	February 7	9:00 am	Bertha McDonough
Thursday	February 8	9:00 am	
Friday	February 9	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 10	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 10	4:00 pm	Sean Caffrey & Grandparents
Sunday	February 11	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Irene McNally
		11:30 am	Thelonious Freitas

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of February 4, 2007**

- 4 **Sun** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11
- 5 **Mon** Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
- 6 **Tue** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
- 7 **Wed** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
- 8 **Thu** Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
- 9 **Fri** Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
- 10 **Sat** Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
- 11 **Sun** Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

 *Collections*

**Weekend of Jan. 27-28**

Amount collected	\$5,192.47
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 807.53)

**Latin American Collection**

Amount collected	\$1,688.43
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**Thank you for your stewardship.**

**Community Sunday and Free Blood Pressure Screening** will take place this 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:**  
There will be no rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 5, or Monday, Feb. 12. The next rehearsal will take place on **SUNDAY, FEB. 18, at 10:45 am** in the O'Brien Room of the rectory.

**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, Feb. 7, 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:** There will be classes for all grades on Monday, February 5th:

K-6 4:00-5:00 pm  
7-10 7:00-8:30 pm

All students should meet in the church before breaking into classes.

**Parents:** Last week we printed some thoughts submitted by 7th and 8th graders in our Religious Education Program. They were commenting on one of the readings from Mass and our subsequent prayer service that centered on the message St. Paul was delivering. Also submitted that night were specific prayer intentions that we would like to share with you. Please keep the students' requests in your prayers. Thank you.

*"I think we should pray for all the seniors who are applying to school and for all the troops fighting in Iraq."*

*"I think as a community we should pray for people who are down and out and need to be cheered up."*

*"This week pray for alcoholics and their families so that this horrible disease can be cured and also everyone who has died as a result of drunk driving."*

*"We should pray for those unnoticed in our parish."*

*"Let's pray for Sr. Julie and for continued efforts to save the environment."*

*"This week pray for the homeless people in the cold."*

*I want to pray for Grandpa because he recently fell down the stairs and hurt himself."*

*"Please pray for Nana."*

*"Pray for the needy and for the people in Darfur."*

*"Pray for the less fortunate, the sick and the lonely."*

These prayer requests remind us that all members of our parish community, regardless of age, have compassion for others and want to share their hopes and fears with us. Let us all commit to taking the time to truly listen to each other's needs and lend whatever support we can.

Peace to All,  
Elizabeth Healy & Maryellen Jennings  
Religious Education Coordinators

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

**STEWARDSHIP**

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'" Erma Bombeck

For those of us who remember Erma Bombeck's writings, we know what a great sense of humor she had about daily living issues that plague us. She could always make us laugh and see the joy and fun in just living. She also tried to give us a perspective about those things that we thought would drive us crazy. In the scheme of things, these irritations were usually not worth getting all that upset about, she continued to point out. Too often we sweat the small stuff and lose the big picture. What would we hope to say when we stand before God at the end of our lives? Erma nailed Stewardship-A Way of Life. "I used everything you gave me ."

Every week in this Stewardship bulletin column, we share a perspective on how to live the life of the good steward, as Jesus has taught us and has asked of us. How can each of us live up to the idea and ideal of good stewardship-recognizing that all we have comes from God-using His gifts to make ourselves, each other and the world a better place-thanking Him for our individual gifts, and using and returning them with love at the end of our lives. "I used everything you gave me." Father Phil, the St. Bartholomew' staff, and various committee volunteers are dedicated to providing the opportunities to further understand Our Lord's message and therefore, assist us in living a more spiritual, giving life. We are currently updating our Stewardship Committee and would love to have more parishioners involved. If you are interested, and we hope some of you are, please call Kathy or Father Phil.

"Having invited some guests to dinner, Mom turned to her six year old and asked her to give the blessing. 'I don't know what to say' was the reply. Mom responded, 'Just say what you hear Mommy say'. 'Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner!'"

We know why we are inviting you. Please come.

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

**Save the Date!!**

On Saturday, March 17, we will once again have the St. Patrick's Day Irish Pizza party from 5:00-7:30 pm. Fun for the whole family: pizza, salad, cake, ice cream, soft drinks, Irish step dancers, music, singing, raffle prizes!!! Buy your tickets in advance when they go on sale in mid-February.

**Workshop in Visiting the Sick:** Starting Tuesday, March 6, and running for six weeks, a workshop on **Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound** will be offered at Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish in Waltham from 7:00-9:00 pm in the school, 1st floor, Room 113. (Participants may enter at the door near the playground.) Kelly Dunn, a Certified Chaplain and former Health Care Ministry Director for the Archdiocese, presently serving as Coordinator of Parish Home Ministry at Holy Family Parish in Concord, will teach the course. 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. **Space is limited.** Fee: \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. Please pre-register by March 1.

**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](mailto:admin@espousal.org).

**Super Bowl Party!!**

The Needham Knights of Columbus—Council 1611 is hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 4th, at 1211 Highland Ave., Needham. Festivities begin at 4:00 pm with Kick-off at 6:00 pm. Come watch the game on 3 big screen TV's!

A \$25 donation will get you...raffles, door prizes, football squares, appetizers and a full-course meal. All proceeds benefit St. John's Seminarians.

Donations will also be gladly accepted for raffles and for St. John's Seminarians. For more information, or to make a donation, contact Mike Fraini at 781-455-0099.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas:** On Wednesday, February 14th, the Court of Our Lady of Knock will meet at 7:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

After the business meeting there will be a Valentine party to celebrate this special day of love.

Keep in mind that at the March meeting we will be having a baby shower and donating the gifts to Pregnancy Help—a charitable agency in Natick.

**Bereavement Support Group:** The VNA Care Hospice in Needham is having this support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one due to death. Healing from grief takes time. That process can be helped by joining a bereavement support group. Find friends and comfort from 1:00-3:00 pm on alternate Thursdays on the following dates: February 8 and 22; March 8 and 22; April 5 and 19; May 3, 17 and 31; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26; August 9 and 23; September 8 and 20.

Sessions will be held at the Tippet Home, 920 South St., Needham. The group meets on the third floor. There is no fee for participating in this group. A second group meets 6:00-8:00 pm alternate Thursdays in Cambridge. For more information, please contact Ms. Webb Brown, Hospice Chaplain, at 781-455-6661, ext. 4263.

# SUNDAY FUNDAY

## QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Isaiah saw the Lord on a throne surrounded by:
  - angels
  - seraphim
  - cherubim?
- Isaiah's mouth was touched by:
  - an angel's hand
  - an ember
  - God?
- Saint Paul's letter says that the risen Jesus appeared first to:
  - Cephas
  - James
  - Paul?
- In the Gospel reading, Jesus was standing by:
  - the Temple in Jerusalem
  - the town of Nazareth
  - the Lake of Gennesaret?
- The size of the catch of fish caused Peter to:
  - fall at the knees of Jesus
  - complain that the nets were breaking
  - plan for a second catch?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(b); 3(a); 4(c); 5(a)

## WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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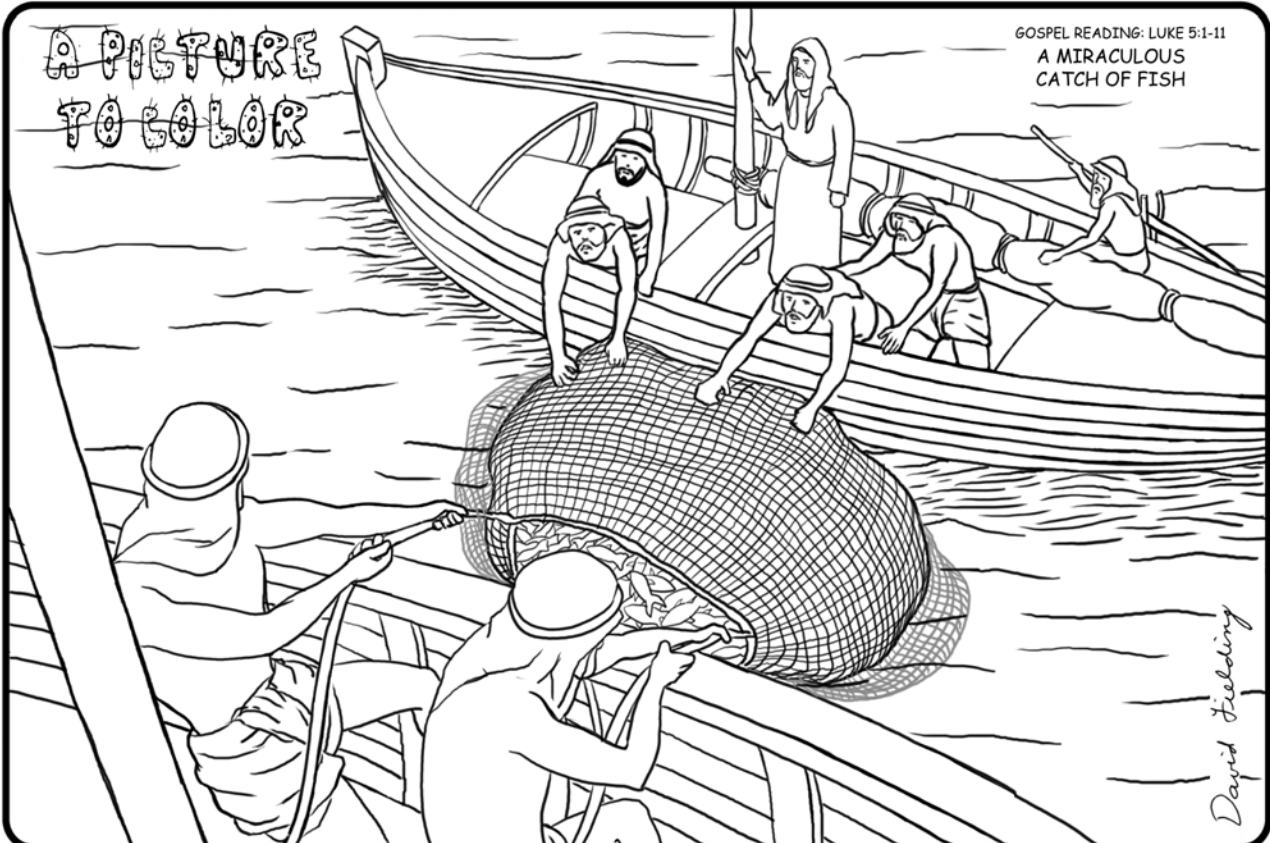
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LOFTY

## A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 5:1-11  
A MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH



David Treloar