

*Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid;
from now on you will be catching men."*

Luke 5:10 (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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Each of us is called by God to a specific task in life through the grace of God. Jesus invites all of us in our particular walks in life to bring His word to His people. There are a wide variety of ways that God calls us. The readings today are calling us to expand our understanding of the ways that God may be calling us to work for His kingdom. Sinfulness is no excuse for not answering God's call. If we show God a willingness to serve Him, He will create an opportunity. Openness in prayer is essential as God speaks to us in many ways. God speaks to us in ways that we may not at first appreciate; but we must be willing to take risks for God. Such risks might include extending love and forgiveness or offering hope.

Bible Classes will continue **on Monday, Feb. 8th, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. We are studying the Book of Psalms which 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.**

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses next Sunday, February 14th.

This week's second collection, The Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17th. This is a very special time of penance and renewal as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

- On Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 5:30 pm. There will be a service at 4:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed at each of these times.
- We will have Morning Prayer at 8:45 am (prior to the 9:00 am Mass) on Tuesdays in Lent.
- Stations of the Cross will follow the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays in Lent.



The Light is On For You — On all the Wednesday's of Lent from **6:30-8:00pm**, St. Bart's and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. This is an invitation to all of us to consider the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our lives and the healing that can be experienced.

Pray for our Confirmation Candidates

As our 40 Confirmation Candidates enter the final stage of preparation, please pick a name from the basket in the back of the church to accompany them daily in prayer. They are Confirmed into a community surrounding them in love, support, and encouragement as they grow into strong, faithful, fearless witnesses of the Gospel.



All who have faith in Christ and are baptized have an obligation to deepen and broaden the community life of their parishes. Some pastoral roles are specifically defined, filled by priests, deacons, religious or laity. But even these roles exist to enable all parishioners to work toward this building of community.

The Parish: A People, A Mission, A Structure-USCCB

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



Sunday	Feb. 7	8:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		9:45 am	Joan Newell
		11:30 am	Patrick Forde
Monday	Feb. 8	9:00 am	Special Intention
Wednesday	Feb. 10	9:00 am	Geraldine Scarcella
Thursday	Feb. 11	9:00 am	Rita & Herbert Cannon
Friday	Feb. 12	9:00 am	Joseph Patti
Saturday	Feb. 14	4:00 pm	Leslie Madden, Sr. & Leslie Madden, Jr.
Sunday	Feb. 14	8:00 am	Theodore Tully & Pamela McKay
		9:45 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		11:30 am	Sally & Jack Deegan and Agnes & Joseph O'Driscoll

Youth Choir

There will be no Youth Choir practice on Sunday, February 7th, or Sunday, February 14th. Rehearsals will resume on February 21st at 5 PM in the church.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses this **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. Come and learn about how we can help her Foundation which provides many services to the poor in Haiti.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on Wed., Feb. 10, 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.

Arise Together in Christ

Sign-Up Weekend for new participants is Feb 6th & 7th 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).

Groups will start meeting the week of February 14th.

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

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"

This notice is for the women of the parish. (The men will have their turn in late March.)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13

This is the theme of this year's Boston Catholic Women's Conference.

If you can only do one thing for Lent this year might I suggest that you attend the 2010 Boston Catholic Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 27 from 9am – 5:30pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The featured speakers at this year's conference are Leah Darrow, Sr. Olga of the Eucharist, Patti Mansfield and Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle.

I have been fortunate to hear Sr. Olga speak on several occasions. She is a remarkable woman and excellent speaker. Her talk "**From Baghdad to Boston at the School of Mary: Journey of Trust and Obedience**" is a personal account of one woman's spiritual journey from Iraq to America and the significance of the Blessed Mother in her life.

Patti Mansfield in "**We belong to Mary,**" **understanding her role as Mother; following her example of faith,** will share the importance of discovering a renewed relationship with Jesus, through Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit and what it means for us and our lives when we say "yes" to God as Mary did at the Annunciation.

Leah Darrow, the first speaker of the day, will provide a personal testimony on how her awareness of God's presence in her life has allowed her to live a life of faith in "**The Lord is my Strength**", **Living My Life for Christ.**

Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle in her speech "**Taking Our Faith to the Streets: Mother Teresa's Lessons of Love.**" will provide a personal account of her own Journey with God as a wife, mother and lay person serving the Church and will share important life lessons learned from Mother Teresa, a long time personal friend.

The Conference also will include the opportunity for confession, adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and is a great opportunity to gather with other Catholic women of faith.

The cost to attend the conference is \$20 dollars (\$30 with lunch.) For tickets go to www.CatholicBoston.com or call 617-444-9950. If you are interested in carpooling please call the rectory.

-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.

Sew What?

This new ministry will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 16th, in Ward Hall in the school from 7-9 pm. We will be making cancer bags. All sew-ers are welcome. Bring a machine, thread, scissors, etc. for a night of cheerful camaraderie and sewing fun.

Please contact Patty Doyle for information at 781-449-5652 or email: pad Doyle2002@yahoo.com.

The Senior Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Joe Hunter of Olin College, a film maker, will present his new film, "Charles River: Headwaters of Invention".

You may recall how much we enjoyed his earlier films, "Return to Norumbega" and "Search for the USS Grunion." This new film deals with the Industrial Revolution in the late 19th and early 20th centuries with the Charles River serving as the Rte. 128 of that time. There are wonderful pictures of the old factories, especially in Waltham and Needham, and of the people who worked there.

Members and guests are invited to join us for this interesting history of our area and for a social hour at its conclusion.

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

- Next class for **all grades** Monday Feb 8th
- Catholic School Students preparing for Confirmation start classes **Monday Feb 8th 7-8:30pm**
- 1st – 7th grade **Personal Safety and Sexual abuse prevention** programs will be presented to the children starting on Monday Feb 22nd. This is an opt-out program, meaning that unless we are informed that you do not wish your child to hear this Information, all children present in the class will be part of the discussion.
 - * Grades 1-4 – We are using a new program this year called **Stay Safe**. Information is available on their website www.staysafe.ie or in person by contacting Melisa or Maryellen.
 - * Grades 5-7 – will use the Keeping Children Safe program developed by the Archdiocese of Boston. To preview it, please contact Melisa or Maryellen.

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 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.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

FEBRUARY: THE LOVE MONTH (How come it is the shortest month?)

Last Sunday we were treated to a re-reading of the beautiful first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (12:31-13:13) defining love. Usually we have to go to a wedding to hear these words. "Brothers and sisters: strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way." To paraphrase due to space limitations: "no matter who you are; no matter the talents you have been given; no matter the strength you possess; or the generosity you exhibit; if you do not have love, you are nothing." St. Paul continues with the most beautiful treatise ever written defining love. "Love is patient, kind, not jealous, not pompous, not inflated, not rude, not self-seeking, not quick-tempered, not brooding over injury, not rejoicing over wrongdoing. It rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails....so faith, hope, and love remain—these three, but the greatest is love."*

In this time we live in where so much of life is self-serving and in the interest of self-esteem development, we become so self-centered. Let us stop and reflect on God's love and its many dimensions. Love of God, love of neighbor, love of family, love of another special person, love of nation, love and thankfulness of the gifts that we have been given, love of church, love of faith. Our lists are long and personal. But how often do we really think about understanding love and the depth of commitment it requires? A valentine is a lovely remembrance. Just ask those who don't get any how important it is. But true love, as our Lord wishes us all to possess, is personal, internal, and requires constant attention. One size does not fit all. Love requires daily attention and a life-long commitment. Without it "I am nothing." And this God-given definition means "I am nothing," if I do not GIVE it. It does not mean "I am nothing," if I don't receive it! In seeking the "greatest spiritual gifts, I shall show you a still more excellent way." LOVE "It rejoices in the truth. Love never fails. It endures all things."

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*Please read St. Paul's whole Letter. It is with great regret that any adaptation or abbreviation is required here.

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, 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, email info@CatholicBoston.com, phone 617-444-9950.

SUPER BOWL PARTY!

This is hosted by the Fr. Dan Kennedy Needham Knights of Columbus Council #1611 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.

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.

Workshop on Visiting the Sick

Starting Thursday, March 11, and running for six weeks (no class on April 1), a workshop on *Pastoral Care to the Sick and Homebound* will be offered at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole from 1:00-3:00 pm. Elizabeth Couble, a Certified Chaplain and former Coordinator of Catholic Pastoral Services at Brockton Hospital, will teach the workshop.

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. Fee: \$40. Registration information is available in the Parish Office or call 617-746-5843. **Pre-registration is required.** Please register by March 3.