

*So he went into their synagogues,
preaching and driving out demons
throughout the whole of Galilee.*

Mark 1:39 (NAB)

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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 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's readings we see two people who are driven to accomplish the mission to which God has entrusted them. Are we both individually and as a community of believers motivated to do God's purpose in our lives? Throughout Sacred Scripture we see people willing to make major sacrifices to do God's plan for them in working to save their people. In the New Testament we notice that people looked to Jesus to be healed. Why do we look to Jesus and what do we do to help others? How does our prayer life each day help us to experience Jesus working in our lives?

Bible Study: Classes continue **Monday, February 9th, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

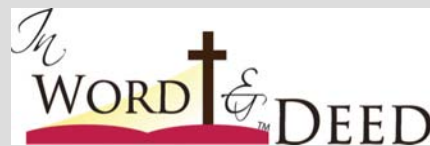
The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for the cause of Pro-Life this **Sunday, February 8th, at 12:30 pm** following the 11:30 am Mass.

Extra Confessions: Confessions will be heard after all the Masses **this Sunday, February 8th**.

2nd Collection: This week's second collection, The Peter's Pence, enables the Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to requests for aid to the needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

World Consecrated Life Day is celebrated this weekend. It is a nice opportunity for each of us and our parish community to think about and pray in thanksgiving for the gifts that consecrated life brings to the Church. Today is a most wonderful opportunity to pray for vocations. Today is also a good day to thank God for the men and women who give their lives to God in daily service to the Church.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick is Wednesday, February 11th. On this day, we as a Church commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the sick. We are reminded to pray for the ill and infirmed, reflect on the meaning of pain and suffering, and in a special way pray and honor those who serve as caregivers. In addition to praying for them a thank you and special praise for them is certainly helpful and appropriate.



A student presented an article to his class about things which successful people did to achieve their goals. Amazingly, almost every one of the famous people he researched had identified prayer and spiritual practices as an essential part of the day. It put life in perspective and values into practice.

Jesus needs time to pray and be one with the Father. In spite of the massive needs of the people and His desire to serve, Jesus still seeks time and the quiet solitude necessary for prayer. The more difficult the task, and the more challenging the work, the more time He prays. Jesus finds in prayer the grace and strength of His Father who guides and directs His mission. Prayer is essential to the success of Jesus and ultimately, the success of his Church.

Prayer strengthens our faith and renews our hope. It allows us to put our life in perspective, offering ourselves for the service of others. It is the Gospel of Christ we preach and the Kingdom of God we build. Don't lose contact with the Source of our life. Pray for wisdom, strength and courage. It's yours for the asking.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 7	4:00 pm	Edward Nowak
Sunday	February 8	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Sean Caffrey
		11:30 am	Katherine Santos
Monday	February 9	9:00 am	
Tuesday	February 10	9:00 am	
Wednesday	February 11	9:00 am	Herb & Rita Cannon
Thursday	February 12	9:00 am	Joseph Patti
Friday	February 13	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 14	9:00 am	Dominic Miscioscia
Saturday	February 14	4:00 pm	Leslie Madden, Sr. and Leslie Madden, Jr.
Sunday	February 15	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Robert Blakeney
		11:30 am	Donald Barnes


 *Collections*

Weekend of Jan. 31-Feb. 1

Amount collected \$5,477.42
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 522.58)

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.

Vacation Special: An Afternoon at the Movies
 We are trying something new!! We would like to make it easier for people to come to the monthly movie that we offer. A lot of people do not want to come out at night—so join us on **Tuesday, February 17th, at 3:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. It is school vacation week—so it is OK to bring children; but we ask that they be in middle school and up. We will be showing “Wall-E” which is an animated film, but meant for everyone—not just children. It is a movie that has meaning for all ages.

Youth Choir

The next regularly scheduled rehearsal will be on **Monday, February 9th, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, February 11th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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 joining a group, please contact the rectory.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

- 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 under the children and youth page. Classes begin **Monday Feb 9th 7:00-8:30pm** and continue every other week. Confirmation takes place on Sunday May 17th 3:00pm.

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!!**

The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Our program will be "Favorite Singers and Their Songs during World War II."

Dick Partridge, who will present this program, was a radio personality on WNEW, the most popular music station in New York, for many years. His background in radio and the original recordings he will bring featuring vocalists such as Peggy Lee, Perry Como, and the Mills Brothers will combine to produce a very enjoyable program.

We invite members and guests to join us for a trip down Memory Lane and for refreshments after the program.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"THE TRUTH DOESN'T CHANGE EVEN THOUGH DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT MIGHT"

TIME: As Father Phil deals with many more demands on his time, our parishioners are stepping up to the plate and helping out in many more ways. While this is extremely gratifying, more help is always welcome and needed. One program that is under way is the assembling of information regarding the homebound, home visiting, home Eucharistic visits, transportation needs, food pantry visits, etc. Who needs a service? (An elder, someone home from the hospital, or perhaps a new parent or new neighbor) What service is needed? And is that person currently getting what he or she needs. Identifying someone with a need is what we hope everyone in our parish will participate in. Confidentiality is a high priority. And we also need to update; who is visiting whom, and what services are being provided. The homebound and their needs, physical and spiritual, are considered by Father Phil to be an essential part of his ministry. Your assistance (call Father Phil or me) will be deeply appreciated by all, if you have any information that will help us in this mission. Another program—new—is being started to recognize and congratulate our wonderful senior citizens—you must be 80 or over to qualify. We would love to recognize you with a visit, a prayer card, and a special little gift. So please let me know—a name, address, and a birthday—month & day. (I won't ask the year unless you wish me to know!)

TALENT: We have a Prayer Line, liturgical service assistants, a choir, to name a few, and now a baking group to help provide food for persons with an immediate emergency or those with a more long term issue. As the Lord's stewards, we know we can find something for you to do, using your tapped and untapped talents. As that cute little cartoon says under the picture of a little ragamuffin boy, covered in dirt and bruises, "God didn't make no junk! So please read the bulletin and volunteer.

TREASURE: January was a tough month for our balance sheet. The Agreement: all plowing is paid for by St. Sebastian's School EXCEPT for storms that occur on the weekends. (Are you listening up there?) WE had a number of storms on the weekends to pay for last month. And as the storms were of some significance, attendance was down at Masses. Hence, the collections were off—envelopes not received and cash also down. The combined expense and losses amounted to approximately \$10,000! Discussing money these days is a particularly painful experience for us all. However, our parish suffers monetary pains, just as we do individually. We hope that no services will have to be cut. But we feel it necessary to remind you how important your envelopes are each week. Please know that you are always in the prayers of the parish as we all struggle in these trying times.

God bless" if I may borrow from Father Phil!

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

The Immaculate Heart Central School Mystery Players

This group from Watertown, New York, will present an unforgettable experience in our parish on **Saturday, March 28th, at 7:30 pm**. Through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings, this group of high school students and adults presents a moving, dramatic meditation that promises to be the highlight of our Lenten season.

Each year up to 1/3 or more of the senior class tries out for the 16-18 available positions. The group starts practicing in early October and remains together until their final performance on Good Friday.

The group is based on prayer and the players attempt to bring that spirit of prayer to those in attendance. The group spends up to 45 minutes in prayer before the performance. In no way is the group presenting a play as such; instead, the presentation is a powerful meditation on events in the life of Christ.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
7:30 PM**

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!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Mon., Feb. 16 **Parish office closed**
- Wed., Feb. 18 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Feb. 18 Senior Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Thurs., Feb. 19 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

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

Dealing with the Hurts and Stresses in Life:

The Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham is offering this day on **Sunday, February 15, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. Registration is at 9:30 am. The day will focus on the hurts we have experienced and on the common stresses in our lives. With psychological insights and healing prayer we will experience peace and deep healing. We will learn ways to find peace where we experience anger and guilt and we will discover practical and powerful ways to reduce stress. The day will include talks, small groups, private reflection time, inner healing prayer, and Mass. The presenter will be Fr. Bob Masciocchi, CSS. For more information, call 781-209-3120 or email: espousaladmin@gmail.com.

LIFT—Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation:

Join us for LIFT—an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Be with us on Tuesday, February 17th, as we welcome Cardinal Sean O’Malley as our speaker. The evening runs from 7-9 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions, along with more information, can be found on the website at: www.liftedhigher.com.

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!

The Art of Courage

The art of courage makes mountain-top men and women out of ordinary individuals. It is an essential ingredient in persons of outstanding achievement.

In the words of Sydney Smith: “A great deal of talent is lost for want of a little courage.”

The art of courage causes some men and women to keep on trying where others have failed, and in rising above failure, to accomplish mighty deeds.

“Courage is the human virtue that counts most,” wrote Robert Frost. It makes individuals venture into the unknown. It stretches their horizons. It enlarges their visions. Courage magnifies their capabilities.

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.

Persons of courage rise to the challenge, dare to try the untried and carry on in spite of defeat because they know it is only a temporary setback.

Persons of courage take over where others stop and they go on to win the important battles in sport, education, science, business...and life.