



Lord your God
The Lord your God, shall you worship and
him alone shall you serve. Matthew 4:10



St. Bartholomew Parish

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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 for the First Sunday of Lent: Notice that in today's Gospel Jesus was tempted; but by His choices He always remained obedient to His Father and showed His love for us. Since we have free will we, too, have the ability to choose and we will be tempted as well. We can choose to use our gifts to sin and serve ourselves or we use our gifts to serve God and neighbor. Not one of us is an island; and we all need each other. Lent is a time to look at ourselves to admit our limitations and sinfulness and to seek the help of God. May each of us ask God to be merciful to us for we have sinned. Lent is a good time to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well.

February 11th, 2008 - In Celebration of Lourdes 150 Anniversary His Holiness Pope Benedict the XVI has authorized a plenary indulgence for taking part in any public or private devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes. Please see the website of the 150th Celebration of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, February 11th, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room with the study of the prophet Jeremiah. Please read chapters 5-10 in preparation for the class.

Second Collection This Weekend: This collection is known as the Peter's Pence Collection. The purpose of this is to help the Holy Father respond with timely and effective assistance to the needy and suffering throughout the world.

Morning Prayer: During Lent we will be praying Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am—immediately preceding the 9:00 am Mass.

Lenten Project: During Advent we began the process of raising funds for a room in the new sick and retirement home for the Sisters of Notre Dame in honor of the many years that Sr. Julie has given in service to this parish. During Lent we would like to continue this effort. Please make checks out to St. Bartholomew Parish and mail them to the rectory indicating SND Room in the memo.

Lenten Retreat: There will be a Parish Lenten Retreat on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:00 pm each evening. Please see the bulletin in coming weeks for more details.

Fridays of Lent: Each Friday during Lent we will have different types of prayer services followed by a meager meal. This coming **Friday, Feb. 15th**, we will have a prayer service with the theme of Spiritual Gifts at 5:30 pm in the church followed by the simple meal.

Prayers for Married Couples: With the coming of Valentine's Day we think of married couples. Please pray for the married couples and their families that God will bring them much happiness and joy.

A Day of Prayer for the Sick: Monday, February 11th has been declared A Day of Prayer for the Sick. Therefore, I am suggesting the prayer of Pope Pius XII Consecration of the Sick to Mary and the Prayer of St. Augustine be said. At Mass on Tuesday, February 11th, I will also be offering a prayer for caregivers.

Consecration of the Sick to Mary

O kind and good Mother, whose own soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow, look upon us while, in our sickness, we arraign ourselves beside you on the Calvary where your Jesus hangs.

Dowered with the high grace of suffering, and hopeful of fulfilling in our own flesh what is wanting in our sharing of Christ's passion, on behalf of his Mystical Body, the Church, we consecrate to you ourselves and our pain. We pray that you will place them on that Altar of the Cross to which Jesus is affixed. May they be little victims of propitiation for our salvation, for the salvation of all peoples.

O Mother of Sorrows, accept this consecration. Strengthen our hopeful hearts, that as partakers of Christ's sufferings we may also share in his comfort now and evermore. Amen.

St. Augustine's Prayer for the Sick

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

Recommended Readings: Approaching Easter: Lenten Reflections by Jane Williams, Pauline Books and Media, Boston, 2006.

Lent and Easter Wisdom from Thomas Merton, The Merton Institute for Contemplative Living, Compiled by Jonathan Montaldo, Liguori, Missouri 2007.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 9	4:00 pm	Aldona Caffrey and Sean Caffrey
Sunday	February 10	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Robert Kennedy
		11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Monday	February 11	9:00 am	Rita Cannon—1st Anniversary and Herbert Cannon—10th Anniversary
Tuesday	February 12	9:00 am	Joseph Patti
Wednesday	February 13	9:00 am	Marie & Joseph Casey
Thursday	February 14	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Friday	February 15	9:00 am	Bertha McDonough
Saturday	February 16	9:00 am	John Thissell
Saturday	February 16	4:00 pm	Elsie Fitzgerald and Martha Dunleavy
Sunday	February 17	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Donald Barnes
		11:30 am	Katherine Santos

Scripture Readings

- 10 Sun Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- 11 Mon Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Mt 25:31-46
- 12 Tue Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- 13 Wed Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- 14 Thu Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- 15 Fri Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- 16 Sat Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
- 17 Sun Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Collections

Weekend of February 2-3

Amount collected	\$6,256.61
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 256.61

Thank you for your stewardship.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read is Inviting God In, by Joyce Rupp. In addition to this book, our February meeting will include a discussion on "Increasing Our Spirituality Through Reading." Other books/booklets to share during the Lenten period will be found in the library in a basket in the O'Brien Room. Please feel free to borrow these and then return them for others to share during Lent.

Youth Choir: Rehearsal this week is on **Monday, February 11th, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. New members, third grade through high school, are always welcome.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, February 13th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are always looking for new members. All are welcome!



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

LENT BEGINS

"If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went-
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay---
If, through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face---
No act most small
That helped some soul and nothing cost---
Then count that day as worse than lost."

George Eliot

We are 5 days into Lent. Hopefully, these have not been lost days.

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If anyone needs a ride to any Lenten service or Mass, please call me.

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Movie Night: On Tuesday, February 19th, we will be showing "I Am David" (rated PG) in the McCullough Room of the school at 7:00 pm. We invite children from 4th grade and up to attend with a parent. There is one scene with some violence; but it is an important part of the story. **Plot Synopsis:** It is the story of a 12-year-old boy, David, who escapes a Communist concentration camp with little more than a compass, a sealed letter, a loaf of bread, and instructions to carry the letter to Copenhagen, Denmark. David is thrust into the free world for the first time in his young life as he travels across Europe. It is a spiritual voyage of discovery, where David slowly loses his instinctual mistrust of humanity and begins to smile, share, trust and ultimately, love. "I Am David" addresses the cruelties, politics, and suffering of warfare while celebrating the resilience of youth and the unbreakable spirit of a child.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- Grades K-6 only have class on Feb 11th

Confirmation:

- Confirmation Information forms and Baptismal certificates are due to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. They may be mailed, dropped off, given to Melisa or to your child's catechist.
- Retreat:** Students participate in an overnight retreat in preparation for Confirmation, Fri. Feb 29th – Sat. Mar 1st at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham.

Social Justice –

- All students in 7th grade and up are expected to sign up for at least one opportunity for service this year, if you have not yet signed up, the calendar is posted on the parish website. The next activity is making Valentine's Day cards with mentally challenged adults on **Wednesday Feb 13th.**

Parent Workshop:

"Chastity: How to talk to your kids about it" – Tuesday Feb 12th 7-9 pm in the McCulloch Room. A video, resources and discussion to help parents talk openly and compassionately about waiting for marriage with teens and pre-teens in a meaningful, healthy and life affirming way.

Soccer!

As the snow melts, we are thinking again of our popular parish soccer program for 1st - 2nd graders *BUT* we cannot accept registrations until we have at least 8 adults to help with the many administrative tasks that make the program run. The time commitment is minimal: approx. 25 hrs March - November, most of which can be done from your home on your own schedule. Please contact Melisa Hughes 781-444-4343 or melisahughes@comcast.net

Lent for Families:

- Fridays in Lent** – each Friday in Lent St. Bart's celebrates with a prayer service followed by a "meager meal". You are invited to join us every week, but **Feb 22nd** will be Stations of the Cross for children.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Feb. 10 Afternoon of Reflection for
Lectors and Eucharistic
Ministers-12:30 pm
- Mon., Feb. 11 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 11 Rel. Ed. classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Feb. 11 Pre-school story hour-4:00 pm in
O'Brien Room in the rectory
- Mon., Feb. 11 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Feb. 12 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Tues., Feb. 12 Chastity Workshop-7:00 pm in
McCulloch Room in the school
- Wed., Feb. 13 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Feb. 14 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Fri., Feb. 15 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Fri., Feb. 15 Prayer Service followed by a
meager (simple) meal and a
Spiritual Inventory
- Mon., Feb. 18 Parish Office Closed
- Mon., Feb. 18 No Bible Study
- Mon., Feb. 18 No Religious Ed Classes
- Mon., Feb. 18 No Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues., Feb. 19 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Tues., Feb. 19 Movie Night-7 pm-McCulloch Rm.-
"I Am David" is the featured
presentation
- Wed., Feb. 20 Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Thurs., Feb. 21 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Fri., Feb. 22 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Fri., Feb. 22 Children and Family Stations of
the Cross-5:30 pm followed by a
simple meal

Communication Ministry: *We're looking for individuals to help with all forms of communication in the parish. This includes helping parish groups or event planners get news of their events published, keeping the parish calendar updated, working on the web site, writing articles for the local paper, informing local media about events and activities, and brainstorming about how to best keep all parishioners informed about what's happening.*

The time required can be anywhere from helping out occasionally to regular weekly commitments. Don't worry if you're not a professional writer or web designer, we have plenty of things to do! This is your chance to help with a very important activity!

If you are interested in helping, please contact the rectory.

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: **Saturday, March 8th, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm**

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children MUST be pre-registered by Tuesday, March 4th, if they wish to attend.

Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children, and your phone number.

The movie to be shown is "Meet the Robinsons", a Walt Disney movie rated "G". Join a brilliant young inventor named Lewis as he sets off on a time-traveling journey to find the family he never knew. The Robinsons help Lewis learn to keep moving forward and never stop believing in himself.

Come Get Your Tickets!!

Come and enjoy a fun evening on Saturday, March 15th, from 5:00-7:00 pm. There will be step dancers, music, and raffles. Fun for the whole family!! There will be pizza, salad, cake, ice cream, and soft drinks. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 7-15, and \$1 for children 6 and under. You may buy tickets in advance after the weekend Masses or call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Joan at 781-449-3991.

Don't miss out!!

Last year was a sell-out!!



Social Club

The Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 20th, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Our speaker will be Beverly Beckham who wrote columns and editorials for the Boston Herald for 19 years and who is currently writing for the Boston Globe. Her entertaining column appears each Sunday in the Globe West section.

In addition, she writes a bi-monthly column for Grandparents.com. As an advocate for people living with disabilities, she gives a voice to people who cannot speak for themselves. She is a gifted writer whose stories of everyday life help us recall similar events in our lives. Please join us to hear her thoughtful comments and for refreshments after the meeting.

Boston Bruins Faith & Family Night

The Boston Bruins NHL Hockey team is promoting Faith and Family Night on **Tuesday, March 4th**. The ticket incentive is buy one—get one free.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, call Walter Zaykowski at 617-624-1979 or email wzaykowski@bostonbruins.com

Handy?! The parish is looking to have 2 “A-Frame” signs built to help advertise parish events & activities. If you could make even one it would be appreciated. If you are not able to make a sign, but are interested in donating material to have it built, that would also be greatly welcomed. Please contact the rectory for dimensions and details.

Please pray this each day for the success of the Renew Program in the Archdiocese.

Bicentennial Prayer

All loving and gracious God, we thank you for the Gift of your son, Jesus Christ. For two hundred years we have journeyed together as members of his Church in the Archdiocese of Boston.

We have tried to live the Gospel message in service to one another. Continue to walk with us as we seek to be receptive to your grace in Word and Sacrament.

Send us your Spirit to enlighten our minds, strengthen our wills and open our hearts. By our witness may others know you.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, may the Church in Boston journey together in Christ with courage, joy and peace. Amen.

“Dear Faithful Parishioners of St. Bartholomew’s Parish:

Before the New Year gets any older, this letter of gratitude is being written. You and the awareness of your compassion, generosity and kindness have filled my heart and thoughts.

First, your numerous gifts, cards and spiritual remembrances for Christmas added much to the joy of that very special feast. May the Christ Child gift you accordingly.

Secondly, your many notes, Mass enrollments, and donations in memory of my dearly loved brother, Tom, were and are a source of comfort to me. How blessed am I to have such compassionate friends and a dedicated pastor, Fr. Phil, who has been most thoughtful.

The money contributed toward furnishing a room in our new Notre Dame facility for retired or infirm Sisters of Notre Dame is heart-warming, and I pray that the good God of Saint Julie may bless you abundantly for your generosity.

Finally, a big and sincere “Thank You” for your prayers these many months. Currently, I am beginning a new series of treatment. The biopsy report on a lymph node indicated this need.

So...my journey continues. Your prayerful support, the love and encouragement of my family and Notre Dame, and the grace of God will enable me to persevere.

To each of you for everything...thanks and God bless you.”

Sr. Julie

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The February meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, the thirteenth. Following the business meeting, we will honor the blessed virgin Mary by saying the Rosary for the intention of the end of terrorism in the world. A Valentine Tea will provide the social part of the evening. Come and enjoy the pastries.

Bikes—Not Bombs: There will be town-wide project taking place on **Saturday, March 8th**. Used bikes will be collected, then refurbished and sent to third world countries. More details will be given in upcoming bulletins.