

“Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the
kingdom of
God
is yours.”

Luke 6:20



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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.



The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, February 12th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 11-14 of St. John's Gospel. All are welcome to come.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: Any person who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, including high school age, is eligible to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor.

CYO: Students and parents met on Sunday evening, January 28th, 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.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: To be in God's kingdom we must realize that with all of the material things that we have there is still a need to know and live that God is our number one priority. If our material possessions get in the way of this, then we are truly poor. How do we share what we have with others in terms of time, talent and treasures? The more that we share with others the more we have and the greater we are blessed. How awesome our God is and how greatly blessed we are to be loved by God!

World Marriage Day and Renewal of Vows: This Sunday 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 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. We as a parish are so blessed to have so many wonderful families!

Lent: Next Wednesday, February 21st, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. What aspects of our lives need the greatest attention this Lent? This could include relationships, prayer, habits and thoughts to mention just a few things. The Lenten calendar is being mailed along with the list of all the activities that are planned. Please take part in as much as you are able to. I hope that this is a spiritually renewing Lent for all of us.

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

Today, February 11th, 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. The liturgy will include an anointing of the sick. Anyone wishing to be anointed on that day after one of the Masses 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.

We as a parish are so blessed to have people who by their example have been so faithful to God even in the midst of suffering and pain.

Recommended Reading: "The Power of Small Choices" by Hilary Brand, Pauline Books and Media, Boston 2004.

"Chocolate for Lent" by Hilary Brand, Pauline Books and Media, Boston 2002.

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!



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
Monday	February 12	9:00 am	Joseph Patti
Tuesday	February 13	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Wednesday	February 14	9:00 am	The Harrington, McCarthy & Igo Families
Thursday	February 15	9:00 am	Donald Barnes
Friday	February 16	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 17	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 17	4:00 pm	Leslie I. Madden, Sr. and Leslie I. Madden, Jr.
Sunday	February 18	8:00 am	Jack & Sally Deegan
		9:45 am	Ronald Andrews
		11:30 am	Katherine Ann Santos



Week of February 11, 2007

- 11 Sun** Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26
- 12 Mon** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13
- 13 Tue** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21
- 14 Wed** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26
- 15 Thu** Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33
- 16 Fri** Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1
- 17 Sat** Heb 11:1-7/Mk 9:2-13
- 18 Sun** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Weekend of Feb. 3-4, 2007
 (The report for the above weekend will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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.

Youth Choir:
 There will be no rehearsal on Monday, Feb. 12, or Monday, Feb. 19. 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!



Classes: On Monday, February 12, there will be classes for grades K-6 only from 4:00-5:00 pm. All students should meet in the church before breaking into classes.

February at a (Liturgical) Glance:

- The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family;
- The liturgical colors are: green until Lent begins, signifying hope and life; and purple starting on Ash Wednesday which symbolizes penance and sacrifice;
- Some of the patron saints in February are:
St. Bridget, patron saint of scholars and dairy workers;
St. Blaise, patron of those with throat conditions;
St. Agatha, patron of nurses and single women;
St. Jerome, patron of orphans.
- Other feast days to celebrate are: Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11; St. Valentine on February 14; and Ash Wednesday on February 21.

Family Prayer for Valentine's Day:

"On Valentine's Day we celebrate the love God has for us and the love we have for others. Dear Jesus, we thank you for the greatest gift of all—love. We thank our families, teachers and friends who have shown us how to love. Help us to remember on Valentine's Day and every day that love is the greatest gift we can give or receive. Amen"

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

Social Club: The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Robert Larsen, cartoonist for the Needham Times, will be our speaker. His cartoons have been shown nationally by organizations such as the Academic Artists Association and the Copley Society. The program he will present will cover major happenings in Needham during the past seven years as seen through cartoons. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

Webster: **COMPLACENCY:** self satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual danger

Boston Globe 2-6-07: ".cold takes toll on homeless: one man dies who is found wrapped in blankets on a basketball court.. 3 others found and brought in will survive.

Today's Gospel:...But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation . Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry...(Luke)

Is being "rich" a sin? Most of us have worked very hard to get where we are providing for our families and want to enjoy some of the fruits of our labors! Do we have to be made to feel guilty all the time? We have made personal sacrifices in time and labor to achieve. So why the constant warnings?

STEWARDSHIP: recognizing that all blessings come from God...

Yes, we work hard. Yes, we have made acquisitions. Yes, it is no sin to enjoy them. And yes, our labors have found favor with God. But others have worked hard too , maybe harder, and their success is not comparable to ours. What does this mean in the eyes of God? Have we become complacent with what we Believe is "our right" to reward? Simply said, God has asked us to love Him above all else and to love each other as He loves us.

Today's Gospel warns us that our immediate satisfactions may result in immediate consolations, but not necessarily our eternal salvation. Why, because God has asked us to share our "first fruits", not just our leftovers. "When one is given much, much is expected." The more we have, Jesus said, proportionally the more we are expected to share. Remember the Gospel story of the widow in the temple giving her few coins..?

This is a very complicated, difficult world we live in. Priorities vs. complacency, a choice. It's ours to make. God's judgment will come for us all at the end, not during the process. "Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.." How hungry are we to live the life asked of us all? February 21 is the beginning of Lent. Let's take this time to reflect on our priorities; our complacency. Let's not find ourselves "unaware of actual danger" in our relationship with God. Let's get hungry. Let's find a way to help others out of the cold...

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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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.

Dear Fr. Phil and All the Wonderful Parishioners at St. Bartholomew

"I can't tell you how wonderful it was to come to St. Bartholomew's during the days before Christmas and load up my car with the Christmas Warmth gifts. From the beautiful wrapping, to the kind messages, to the many gifts, the spirit of Christmas was abundant.

Thanks to the generosity, hundreds of men, women and children were given something to keep them warm this winter. We made sure that no one left without a bag or box just for them. It truly does a person good to know that someone is thinking of them during the holidays.

Thanks also for the monetary donation from the Pancake Breakfast. We were able to purchase food at the Greater Boston FoodBank for sixteen cents a pound. Needless to say, a great deal was purchased for families in need with that money."

Best Wishes for a wonderful new year,
God Bless,

Beth Chambers, MSW
Director of Community Services

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.

"The world will never be the dwelling place of peace till peace has found a home in the heart of each and every person, till every person preserves in himself the order ordained by God to be preserved."

(Pacem in Terris—Pope John XXIII)

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.

"LIFT"

Join us for LIFT—an exciting new 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. Come on Tuesday, February 13, as we welcome Catholic speaker Lisa Epperson! The evening runs from 7:00-9:00 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on our website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Tax Counseling at the Needham Senior Center: For a confidential appointment with a trained counselor, call the Needham Council on Aging and Senior Center at 781-455-7555. Counselors are trained by the IRS. On the day of your appointment, please bring: 1) a copy of your 2005 tax return; 2) all income statements received including Social Security; 3) any state or federal tax forms you received in the mail. **There is no fee for this service.**

Open House

The Montrose School is hosting *Tuesday Mornings* on Feb. 13 & 27 and March 6 & 20 from 7:15—8:00 am at 29 North St., Medfield. Tour our new campus and learn about our programs. Montrose is an independent, college preparatory school for girls in grades 6-12. For more information, contact the school at 508-359-2423 or visit www.MontroseSchool.org.



TRUE or FALSE ?

1. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.
2. Cursed is the one who trusts human beings.
3. The one whose heart turns away from the Lord is like a barren bush in the desert.
4. The one whose hope is in the Lord is like a tree planted in the middle of the desert.
5. If Christ has not been raised, it makes no difference to us and our sins.
6. Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a steep hillside.
7. A huge crowd of people heard Jesus speak.
8. Jesus said that the poor are blessed.
9. Jesus said that those who are hated and insulted because of him are blessed.
10. Jesus said that you are fortunate if everyone speaks well of you.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 true, 3 true, 4 false, 5 false, 6 false, 7 true, 8 true, 9 true, 10 false.

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

CLUES ACROSS

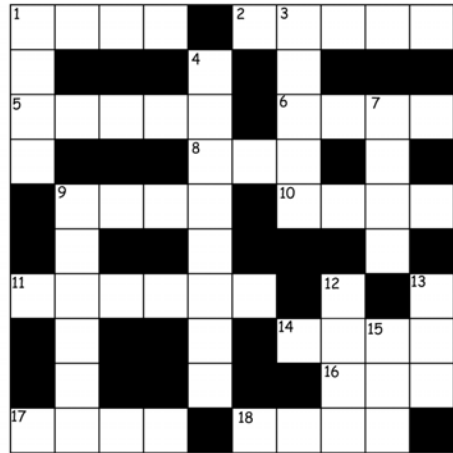
1. Another word for 'talks'
2. A tree yields this in due season
5. Opposite of 'day'
6. Similar to 'alone'
8. What happens to fruit when it stays on the ground a long time
9. It yields fruit
10. Opposite of 'spend'
11. Goes after 'human'
14. Similar to a tree but smaller
16. Our eyes do this
17. Not alive
18. Opposite of love

Last week's wordsearch

B	L	K	U	V	L	A	V	L	R	S	A
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CLUES DOWN

1. Christ saves us from these
3. Trees have these
4. Opposite of weakness
7. A volcanic waste
9. The number of apostles
12. The Lord watches over these
13. A word that comes before many words; the definite article
15. Same as 16 across

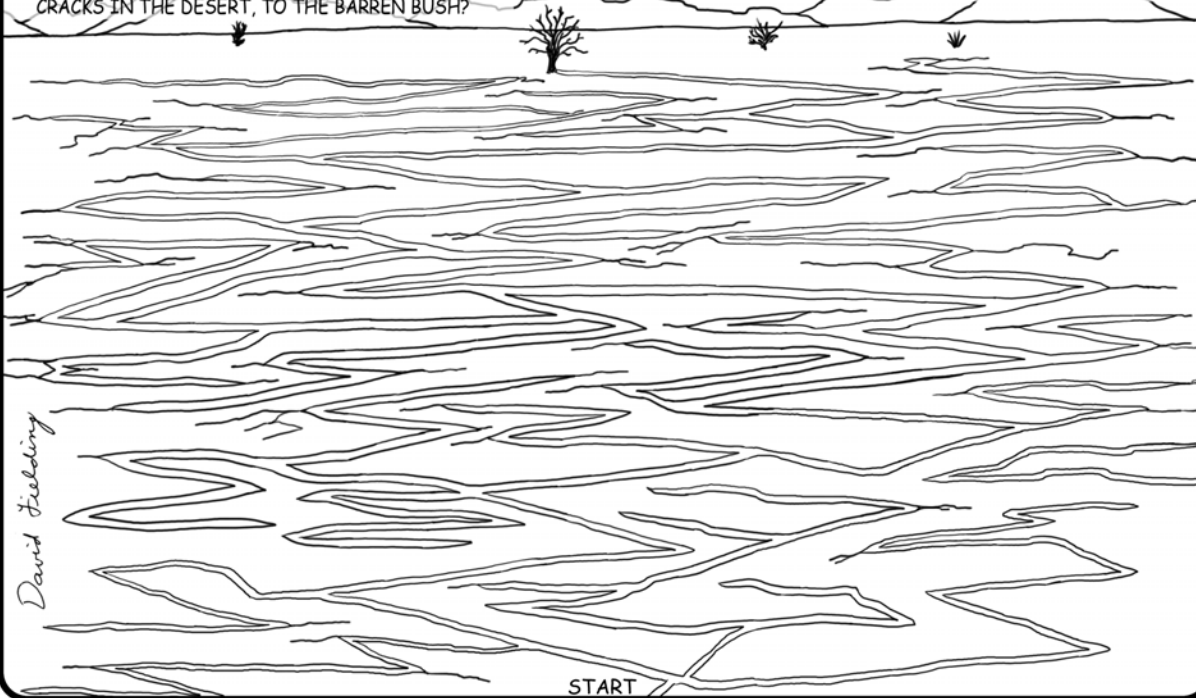


PICTURE PUZZLE

CAN YOU FIND A WAY FROM 'START' THROUGH THE CRACKS IN THE DESERT, TO THE BARREN BUSH?

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-8

A BARREN BUSH IN THE DESERT



David Fielding

START