

BLESSED *are you who are poor,*
for the Kingdom of God is **YOURS.**

LUKE 6:20 (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.



Ash Wednesday And Lenten Schedule

Reflection for the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time:

The Beatitudes of today's Gospel announce God's pleasure and relationship to the poor, hungry, sorrowful and the needy. The word "blessed" first meant that someone is fortunate because he or she is the recipient of divine favor. Blessedness is a matter of keeping our eyes on Jesus. Most of us do not have enough time, money or energy to do all that we would like to do. How do we keep our eyes on Jesus; and how do we react to our neediness? The Beatitudes wake us up to the fact that our possessions, our gifts and talents are to be put to the service of others. Success is good; but people are more important. What do we do with the ways that God has blessed us? Have you nourished and encouraged your dreams or the dreams of someone else today or even lately? With the readings of this day and the coming of Lent, this is a good time to ask such questions.

Bible Classes will meet next **on Monday, Feb. 22nd, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. This semester we are studying the Book of Psalms. It is hoped that the study of the Book of Psalms will enhance the prayer life for all of us. **Please read the first five psalms.**

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

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.

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. Lent is a time to renew living a Catholic life. It is a time to renew our appreciation for and love of the Sacraments. Ash Wednesday is but the beginning of a special season of renewal of living the dreams and ideals of following Jesus. Attending daily Mass during Lent is a wonderful way to invite God into our lives as He is always waiting and eager to be a big part of our lives. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful way to renew and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Please consider bringing someone with you to Mass or to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- 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 unless there is a funeral at 10:00 am.

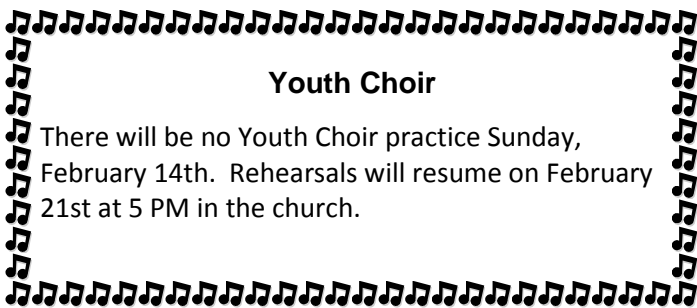
The Light is On For You — Beginning on Wed., Feb. 24, Confession will be heard from 6:30-8:00 pm each Wednesday evening in Lent. St. Bartholomew and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. "The Light is on for You" is an invitation to all of us to consider the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our lives and the healing that can be experienced.

- This year our Lenten program will be offered on Sunday afternoons. Please see page 5 of this bulletin for details.

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



Saturday	Feb. 13	4:00 pm	Leslie Madden, Sr. & Leslie Madden, Jr.
Sunday	Feb. 14	8:00 am	Theodore Tully and Pamela McKay
		9:45 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		11:30 am	Sally & Jack Deegan and Agnes & Joseph O'Driscoll
Monday	Feb. 15	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	Feb. 16	9:00 am	Donald Barnes
Wednesday	Feb. 17	9:00 am	No Intention
Thursday	Feb. 18	9:00 am	Elizabeth Boyle
Friday	Feb. 19	9:00 am	Kathy Santos
Saturday	Feb. 20	9:00 am	Dominic Misciosia
Saturday	Feb. 20	4:00 pm	Sean Caffrey
Sunday	Feb. 21	8:00 am	Fr. Ken LeBlanc—Month's Mind Mass
		9:45 am	Annie Harrington
		11:30 am	Catherine & Elizabeth Harrington and John & Ellen McCarthy



Youth Choir

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

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on Wed., Feb. 17, 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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15th, in observance of President's Day.

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

Arise Together in Christ

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.

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"

Thank you to all who so warmly welcomed Hermina this weekend. We look forward to partnering with her and the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation to offer both short and long-term hope and assistance to the people of Petit-Goave, Haiti. Monies that are received for Haiti will now be forwarded to the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation and will be used for the benefit of poorest of the poor in Petit-Goave. (See the box below that has the website, email address and phone number) One of the most urgent needs is to repair the well which provides the people with clean water. A working trip to Petit-Goave is being planned for mid May. We would be leaving on May 17th. Do have the necessary skills to help? We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please call Barbara or Melisa at the rectory, 781-444-3434. We need to make our plane reservations very soon.

Lent happens to be one of my favorite times of year. It is when I try to set aside time for self-evaluation – what are my gifts and talents and how do I choose to use them, how does my faith inform my decisions, do I set aside enough time for prayer, do I know what my priorities are and what are the changes I should be working on in the way I choose to live my life? The major obstacles I face each and every Lent are finding the time in an already too full schedule and, if and when I do, having the self-discipline to use it wisely.

The parish will be offering programs during Lent which will help me do just that.

This year's Lenten program, "Our Stories", will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Each afternoon will have communal and private prayer, a witness talk on the role faith has played in the life of the speaker, and time for Adoration and personal reflection. Hermina will be the first speaker.

The ARISE program is beginning its fourth season this week. It is not too late to join one of our small, faith-sharing communities. Call the rectory if you are interested.

There is Bible study on Mondays at 10:00 am and again at 7:00pm (we are just beginning the Book of Psalms), Morning Prayer on Tuesday at 8:45am (just before the 9 o'clock Mass), Prayer Group (GIFT) at 10:00am on Wednesdays, and Stations of the Cross on Fridays after the 9:00am Mass.

One of the most important steps in my own spiritual journey was my return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after many, many years away. We are all in need God's grace and forgiveness and Reconciliation offers to each of us a special opportunity for God's healing love to act in our lives. If you can only do one thing this would be a good one. In addition to regularly scheduled confessions every Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 and after all the Masses the second Sunday of the month, St. Bartholomew will be participating in the Archdiocesan initiative "The Light Is On For You" Wednesday evenings from Feb 24th through the Wednesday of Holy Week from 6:30 to 8:00pm (visit www.thelightisonforyou.org for more information.)

I wish you a blessed, holy and fruitful Lent.

-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.

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Children and Youth

Religious Education:

- No classes on Monday, Feb. 15th, in observance of President's Day and vacation. Enjoy!
- Next class for **all grades** Monday, Feb. 22nd
- 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.
- 8th grade **Chastity Unit Parent meeting - Tuesday, Feb 23rd, 7:30pm** in the McCulloch Room of the school to discuss and preview materials for this session of the curriculum.

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".

We greatly enjoyed his two prior films, "Return to Norumbega" and "Search for the USS Grunion." His films are carefully made with attention to historical accuracy and with the inclusion of wonderful old photos. Of special interest is the way in which he uses the Charles River as the Rte. 128 of the Industrial Revolution in this area.

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

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

"PREACH THE GOSPEL AT ALL TIMES AND WHEN NECESSARY USE WORDS" (St. Francis of Assisi)

"Actions speak louder than words." "Don't judge me by my words, but rather by my actions." Etc., Etc. Most of us were brought up with phrases like this. If the speaker was especially good, we might actually have had a moment of guilt. But that, too, shall pass.

Perhaps, we are all worn out with listening or reading too many words. Perhaps, even in our prayers to God we've said enough words. Aha. Therein lies some of the issue. We talk to God and that's all. We don't hang in there long enough to listen. Talking with God is prayer; but it should be talking in conversation. Conversation is a two-way action. I talk. I listen to God. Conversations are not passive, but require action.

Lent starts this week on Ash Wednesday. If we are the believers of His Word, then we must also be the doers. Lent is the time set aside in the church year for us to re-examine our relationship with the Lord and re-focus our prayer life and our action life in the church. Words, no matter how profound or holy, are weak without actions. Jesus did not come and sit on a throne and just speak of His Father's wishes. He lived and died for them and for us. Our parish is providing many opportunities this Lent for us all to come to the Lord. Lent is a journey which we must take. Jesus took it, knowing full well that the ending was His torture and death; but also the salvation for all His people. Is it too much to ask that we, who know His Words, take some action this Lent? The blind were often mentioned in the Gospels. Are we the one who wasn't given the miracle of sight; or do we truly see what Jesus was, is, and always will be? St. Francis told us so beautifully that we must live the Gospels. Our time for just mouthing the words is over.

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Please contact me if you need a ride to any service or have any other Lenten questions.

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: padoyle2002@yahoo.com.

Circle of Comfort

Just a reminder - there are frozen prepared meals (lasagna & apple crisp) available for parishioners to extend care for those you know who may have just come back from the hospital, are in mourning, in need, or any time a warm meal would be a welcome source of comfort.

Meals can be picked up in the rectory during regular business hours or by calling to be sure someone is around to let you in.

RESURRECTION IN NEWTON: Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish of Newton will host "**RESURRECTION**" on **Friday, March 5 at 8:00 pm in Corpus Christi Church (41 Ash Street, Auburndale)**. This musical cantata is performed by the **St. Patrick's Family Players of Watertown**, a multi-denominational musical group featuring over 100 performers (ages 4-79). "**RESURRECTION**" is the inspirational story of Simon Peter and the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Peter recalls his own experiences with Christ as well as those he shared with the other disciples as they followed Jesus. In moving song, Peter shows the anguish for his denial of Christ and the joy that comes from resurrection and forgiveness. All are invited to share this incredible experience of forgiveness, love, and joy that has left audiences feeling renewed in their faith. **The performance is free and is 70 minutes long.** Free-will donations will be accepted. Refreshments will be served following the performance.

Project Rachel Retreats: Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. **Project Rachel** will offer three "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreats this spring: Sunday, February 28, Saturday, March 13, and Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration for the date of your choice, contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life: The Boston College Alumni Association and its partners cordially invite you to this day-long conference on campus Saturday, April 10, featuring Jennie Chin Hansen '70, H'08, President of AARP. This conference, focused on life after 40, will include experts from the fields of theology, ministry, and health. Conference presenters will identify and examine the different spiritual and psychological challenges that women and men encounter as they move into the second half of life and the unique resources faith offers to make this a time of deep purpose. The cost is \$45 before or on March 15, \$55 after March 15, \$25 for Boston College students. If you have any questions or would like to register, call Camille Markey, Conference Coordinator at 617-552-4753 or email: Camille.fitzpatrick@bc.edu.

