

*M*oved with pity, he
stretched out his hand, touched
him, and said to him, "I do
will it. Be made clean."

Mark 1:41 (NAB)

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.



At this time I pray that all of us will be reaching out in prayer, encouragement and other grace-filled ways to help those among us and around the world who are in great need.

Reflections on 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: An appropriate question to ask for each of us to ask ourselves at the start of each day is how am I going to bring God to others today. Seeking to live our lives in imitation of Jesus is a matter of virtue. Do we live on behalf of the Gospel? How do we think of the needs of others? Please notice that it was Jesus who changed the old world of sacrifice into the new world of self-sacrifice. Jesus offers the virtue of compassion. We are called to witness to the compassion of Jesus. We notice that during His ministry when Jesus healed the sick and afflicted this was a clear sign of God's presence and these acts of compassion was Jesus' way of saying that something greater was coming. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection give new meaning to all of life and offer a deeper insight into the meaning of suffering and the connection to all of life. By giving of Himself, Jesus shows us that we are not alone. Knowing that Jesus is on our side, suffering becomes an opportunity to prepare ourselves for new life. Jesus also invites us to help spread His message and invite people to Him.

Bible Study: Classes continue **Monday, February 23rd, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 11 to conclusion of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

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. 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.

Thank You: Last weekend I spoke at all the Masses highlighting the present financial concerns of this parish, which amounts to about a \$10,000 deficit for January, caused by several factors. As this is a time of struggle for all, any ways you are able to help are greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Ash Wednesday: The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 25th. Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 am and 5:30 pm Masses and the 4:00 pm Service. Attending daily Mass is one of the wonderful ways to truly enrich the spiritual journey during the season of Lent.

Recommended Reading: [A Pocket Guide to St. Paul](#) by Scott Hahn, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana 2008.

[Praying the Rosary with St. Paul](#) by Paul Thigpen, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana 2008.

The Pieta Ministry: A Spiritual Retreat for Parents who Have Lost a Child: Losing a child through illness, accident, or suicide is horrific, devastating, and unthinkable. But comfort, healing, and solace are possible. You are invited to join other parents who share your pain and the welcoming Franciscan Friars of St. Anthony Shrine in Downtown Crossing, Boston, for a retreat weekend away—to think, to talk, to feel, to pray, and to heal. This retreat will take place the weekend of **March 27-29**. Space is limited to ten couples or twenty people so please register as soon as possible. For more information, call Diane Monaghan at 617-542-6440, Ext. 116 or email her at: pietaministry@stsanthonyshrine.org.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 14	4:00 pm	Leslie Madden, Sr. and Leslie Madden, Jr.
Sunday	February 15	8:00 am	For employment
		9:45 am	Robert Blakeney
		11:30 am	Donald Barnes
Monday	February 16	9:00 am	
Tuesday	February 17	9:00 am	
Wednesday	February 18	9:00 am	
Thursday	February 19	9:00 am	
Friday	February 20	9:00 am	
Saturday	February 21	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Saturday	February 21	4:00 pm	Catherine Harrington—5th Anniversary
Sunday	February 22	8:00 am	Judy Mullin and Virginia Dahlem
		9:45 am	Grace Mahoney
		11:30 am	

 *Collections*

Weekend of Feb. 14-15

Amount collected \$7,240.77
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under \$1,240.77

Peter's Pence Collection


Amount collected \$2,110.00

Grand Annual Collection

Amount collected to date \$74,015.00

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.

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!

Youth Choir

There will be no choir rehearsal this week because of the school vacation. The next regularly scheduled rehearsal will be on **Monday, February 23rd, 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 18th**, 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:

- No classes on Feb. 16th
- Classes for all grades on Feb 23rd
- K-6 only have class on Mar. 2nd
- Full Calendar is available online

THANKS!! A big heartfelt thanks to those who participated and helped with the Confirmation retreat last weekend! Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in May.

Activities & Other News:

ARISE for youth – We are starting an Arise group for students in 11th & 12th grade. Meeting time and place is flexible depending on members. Please contact Melisa

Newsletter – Each week, many families receive an email newsletter with news/events, spiritual activities to do at home, and prayer that helps stay and be connected to the parish amid the busy-ness of family life. If you would like to join our mailing list, visit our webpage, www.stbartholomew-needham.org (the subscription link is near the bottom of the front page)

Ash Wednesday – Feb 25th – a service will be geared in a special way for families/children at 4pm in the church. All are welcome!

“The Way of the Cross” (see details on page 6) – In order for this performance to be a true parish wide event, help from students is needed:

Students in Middle School and up are needed to help **serve & clean up dinner** for the performers.

Students in 4th grade and up are needed to be **ushers** for the performance.

Artistic talent – Large Posters are needed to help us promote this event

Please contact Melisa to sign up, or for more information. This is a great way to share your talent and can be counted as R.E. or school required Community Service hours.

The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Dick Partridge, a former radio personality at WNEW, the foremost music station in New York during World War II and the post war years, will present our program. He will become a disc jockey once again as he recalls “the good old days” using original recordings of the Andrews Sisters, Jo Stafford, Dick Haymes and others.

We invite members and guests to join us for this program guaranteed to evoke many memories and for refreshments at its conclusion.

Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline

1-800-645-8333 TTY: 1-800-377-1292

With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth and more than 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, chances are that a friend or neighbor of yours is having difficulty making ends meet this winter. Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline can help. The Hotline is the only comprehensive information and referral service for the hungry in Massachusetts.

Counselors can provide information and screen callers for food stamp eligibility, connect them to school meal programs, and direct them to emergency food resources right in their neighborhood. Counselors can assist callers in 160 languages and the calls are both personalized and confidential. Extend your goodwill and reach out to those in need. A call to Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline may be all it takes to provide comfort to someone who is struggling. The hours to call are:

Monday—Friday, 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday from 10:00 am—2:00 pm

A Prayer to St. Valentine

Dear Saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and in God each other.
Amen.

**The Immaculate Heart Central School Mystery Players
“The Way of the Cross”**

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

- Mon., Feb. 16 **Parish office closed**
- Tues., Feb. 17 Movie in the Afternoon-3:00 pm- O’Brien Room at the rectory
- 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
- Mon., Feb. 23 Bible Study-10:00 am-O’Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 23 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Feb. 23 Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm in the O’Brien Room at the rectory
- Mon., Feb. 23 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Feb. 24 Amy’s Book Club-12:30 pm in the O’Brien Room
- Wed., Feb. 25 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Thurs., Feb. 26 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Feb. 28 Family Skating Party-12:30-1:45 pm- St. Sebastian’s Rink
- Sun., Mar. 1 Community Sunday and free blood Pressure screening following the 8 & 9:45 am Masses

**Transitions:
A Support Center for Employment and Careers**

Are you in need of employment and/or career support? Do you need a place to go to access the internet and office equipment, to find employment tools, do research or network?

Transitions is the place, and it's FREE! There is the café where you can take advantage of a comfortable seating area. Stay focused and energized with free healthy beverages and snacks. There is the office which has access free WI-FI, office equipment, and supplies. There is the library where you can utilize available reference materials for your research. Read up on the latest trends, and gain access to employment listings, training, and local businesses. There is the conference room where you can network in the group space, schedule meetings, training sessions, and presentations for larger groups.

Transitions is open Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00 am to 12 at the Presbyterian Church, 1458 Great Plain Ave. at Central Ave.

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. ~ Pope John XXIII

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

A NEGLECTED LOVE

Ah, February. Who loves this month except skiers, ice fishers, and maybe snow birds on their way to Florida. We have Presidents' Day for Lincoln lovers. But the one holiday that truly can warm us up is Valentine's Day. When we see those big red hearts, we smile and think of someone special. Old or young, it doesn't matter. We react in a unique way to that special someone. We think, feel, and behave differently. Our thoughts of "special" in our lives can also go to things, such as our homes, to some their cars, favorite clothes, physical exercise (sports), our kitchens, vacation homes, etc. Certain things, places, relationships, are gifts to us that we nurture and take care of. This caring affects our bodies, our minds, our comfort levels, our spirits. Life without these positive relationships and feelings would be very difficult to live. Love, whether lasting or momentary, is as necessary to our survival as breathing. If we neglect to respond or participate in this love interaction, we will feel something akin to a big hole in our lives.

A NEGLECTED LOVE, as referred to above, is that of our spiritual home. Our church buildings are over 50 years old. We have invited our Sisters, our Brothers, our Fathers, and their invited guests, who became our new friends, to live here. And much to our dismay, little, if anything, except a temporary band aid to a break down, has been done to create an environment that is "homey", spiritually rewarding, and comfortable to live and work in. Imagine your home 50 years old, lots of "family" using it, and no improvements made!

Our parish has survived the so called "CUT", but not the building aging process. We are physically and spiritually alive and here to grow. We were not invited to leave the island. We have survived! But our buildings are another story. They have not felt any love in a long time. And the consequence, as discussed by our Buildings and Grounds Committee, is that we now have a very serious situation—a broken building (Rector), office and meeting spaces that are inadequate, costly maintenance inefficiencies, embarrassing conditions for our permanent residents and also for our invited visiting guests to occupy, and quite frankly, spaces and facilities that are broken and unsafe to use. Regarding improvements, for a variety of reasons down through the years, either our hands were tied by issues or our future church-school relations demanded patience and a wait and see attitude during our negotiations. It is now time to move forward into our future. Our Church building has its hidden leaks and problems as well, no matter how hard we work to make it look good. Now what!

Setting priorities in any renovation project is mandatory. One would always love to do everything at once. But that's impossible in this case. The Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to talk to some experts, to pick their brains regarding the seriousness of these problems. We know that our parish has many plumbers, electricians, contractors, etc. who might help us in the diagnosis. We would love to talk with you. Time TALENT Treasure----we are asking for you, who have been blessed with these talents, to share them with us. Please call Father Phil. He and we need you. NOW, please. Can we talk?

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