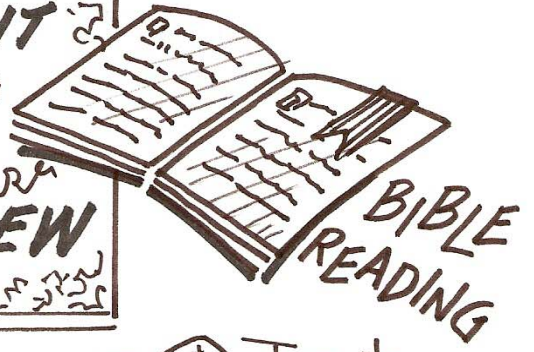
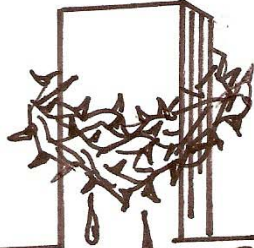


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AT
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FASTING AND PENANCE



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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 26th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 13-17 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: The new CYO will formally begin with a Sunday evening Mass in March followed by a social. This will be exciting.

Movie Night: On Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 pm we will be showing the movie "The Illusionist". This is one of the most powerful movies of the past year and a discussion will follow.

Extra Masses for Lent: There will be an extra Mass for Lent on Monday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm. We regret that we are not able to do it each weekday this Lent.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our God will not be outdone in generosity. We could never earn or deserve the love that God has for each of us. Forgiveness is one way we can say thank you to God. The readings today show how forgiveness leads to new life. When Jesus tells us to love our enemies He is inviting us to follow in His footsteps. We might even help to make the world better. How awesome our God is and how greatly blessed we are to be loved by God.

2nd Collection: Next Sunday February 25th there will be a second collection called Peter's Pence which aids the Holy Father in his various projects and works to help peoples all over the world. Thank you for whatever you can do to help.

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.

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.

Lent: Wednesday, February 21st is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. (Please see the Ash Wednesday schedule below.) 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 has been 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. A letter and calendar has been sent to registered parishioners. If you would like to be on that list, please call the rectory.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

On Ash Wednesday, February 21st, Masses 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 all services.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Catholic over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence meat cannot be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to be obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting where only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs; but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Diabetes Clinic: The parish nurses are pleased to have Mary Paschal, R.N., Diabetes Nurse Educator from Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital, come to speak about diabetes, its treatments, and complications on Thursday, March 1st, at 11:00 am in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's Church, Needham. Sandwiches and coffee will follow. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	February 19	9:00 am	
Tuesday	February 20	9:00 am	Mary A. Coughlin
Wednesday	February 21	9:00 am	
Thursday	February 22	9:00 am	Grace Mahoney
Friday	February 23	9:00 am	Camille Salvatorelli
Saturday	February 24	9:00 am	Frederick Muir—1st Anniversary
Saturday	February 24	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	February 25	8:00 am	Elsie Fitzgerald—5th Anniversary
		9:45 am	James McElaney
		11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge

Scripture Readings

Week of February 18, 2007

- 18 Sun 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
- 19 Mon Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29
- 20 Tue Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37
- 21 Wed Jl 2:12-18/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- 22 Thu 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- 23 Fri Is 58:1-9a/ Mt 9:14-15
- 24 Sat Is 58:9b-14/ Lk 5:27-32 (222)
- 25 Sun Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

 *Collections*

Weekend of Feb. 3-4, 2007

Amount collected \$5,650.95
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 349.05)

Weekend of Feb. 10-11, 2007

Amount collected \$5,777.90
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 222.10)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Youth Choir:
 There will be no rehearsal on Monday, February 19th. The next rehearsal will take place on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th, 10:45-11:45 am** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. The next regularly scheduled rehearsal will be held on Monday, February 26th, in Ward Hall at St. Sebastian's from 5:00-5:45 pm.

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

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. 21, 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.



Classes: There will be no Religious Education classes this week due to the school vacation. Enjoy and keep safe.

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

Irish Pizza Party!!!

- Tickets for St. Bartholomew's famous Irish Pizza Party are on sale at the back of the church after all Masses. (Or see Marianne at the organ.)
- Come and enjoy a fun evening on Saturday, March 17th, from 5:00-7:30 pm.
- There will be pizza, salad, cake, ice cream, soft drinks, Step Dancers, music, fun, and raffles.
- Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 7-15 and \$1 for children 6 and under.
- Buy tickets in advance at the back of the church or call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Joan at 781-449-3991.

Social Club: The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Our speaker, Robert Larsen who is a cartoonist for the Needham Times, has also illustrated greeting cards for the Washington National Cathedral and prints offered by the U. S. S. Constitution Museum. His program will review important events in Needham during the past seven years using cartoons to do so. This will be a unique look at our recent history. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"SAPPY HAPPY"

In her essay entitled "Sappy Happy", Marilyn Meberg states that there are certain things in life that make her "sappy happy"----a great book, homemade lemon pie, fudge, innovative soul-talk, etc. She goes on to say that if some element is off, this euphoric state is immediately lost. One can easily move on, however. Read another book; eat chocolate bit cookies instead; etc... However, if I, Marilyn, add the element of joy, the whole equation is different. "I feel more secure in joy. Joy is not as changeable as happy is. Why? Because joy is a state of being; it's steady and dependable. It has a spiritual foundation. Joy comes from the fact of God's presence in me through the Holy Spirit. Joy comes from knowing He will never leave me under any circumstances. Joy is the assurance of His intimate availability to me: 'Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.' (Psalm 73:23) Joy is not even remotely related to fudge."

What make us "sappy happy"? Red Sox tickets, a good tennis/golf game, (maybe just one good shot!), Hazel's Bakery, the sound of our children giggling, a well told joke, etc. It is important to distinguish what makes us temporarily, but truly happy versus the feeling of being deeply joyful. Why analyze now? Because LENT is coming! And, heaven forbid that we should be happy in Lent! There must be some place in the Catechism that states that this would be a sin of some kind. Is being happy out of order for 40 days and nights? Or do our attitudes toward Lent need some rethinking.

God has always wished happiness and joy for us all the days of our lives. Just look around and see His miracles. There would be something seriously wrong, if we could not be in a state of wonder and awe at His creations every day. And as a result, happy and joyful. Perhaps this Lent we can approach our "sacrifices" differently. Maybe our slight cases of martyrdom need an overhaul. Maybe Jesus' sacrifice should be the focus, not ours. At the end of each day, maybe we should remember all those little gifts that made us happy today and thank God. Maybe we should smile more; greet each other with genuine love; and give aid when necessary without being asked. Maybe each day we will make time for Him and not just ourselves. Maybe we will find time to go to Mass or read the Bible and think about His life, and really pay attention to His words. Maybe this Lent we will pause in our moments of being "sappy happy" and thank God. Maybe this Lent we will realize that anything we do in His name can never be called a sacrifice. And maybe this Lent we will work on developing an inner joy that is so God oriented that we will wonder how we could have ever lived without it. And we will never again sacrifice this relationship and compare it to giving up fudge.

THE POWER OF SMALL CHOICES: A LENTEN JOURNEY

Food for thought: Everyday we make hundreds of tiny choices which, for the most part, seem rather insignificant. Have you ever considered that our small choices might matter a great deal, that every one of those millions of tiny decisions we make in a lifetime has that potential to change the world; that the consequences of our actions are often much more far-reaching than we are aware of and possibly much greater than we have the power to imagine?

This Lenten program is a journey that asks us to explore the choices we make and how we can turn our small daily choices into occasions for personal growth and conversion.

A pre-requisite to the beginning of this two part journey is the viewing of two powerful movies: *Babette's Feast* and *The Shawshank Redemption**. Although these two movies are quite different in style and subject matter, both illustrate the possibilities that come from choice, even those choices which are made in the most limited of circumstances. For your convenience we will be showing both these films this Sunday (February 18th) in the McCulloch Room of the school. The first film, *Babette's Feast*, will begin at 1:00 pm. *The Shawshank Redemption** will begin at approximately 3:30 pm. There will be a short intermission between the two movies. Refreshments will be provided.

- Set in a prison, *The Shawshank Redemption* includes some scenes of violence and the sort of strong language you would expect prisoners to use. Neither the violence nor the language is superfluous but is an important and integral part of the story.

**The first presentation/discussion will be next Sunday, February 25th from 1:00-4:00 pm.
The follow up presentation/discussion will be Sunday, March 25th.**

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It has come to our attention that the Notre Dame Sisters Home for retired and convalescing sisters, which has been Sr. Julie's home-away-from home these past several weeks, is in need of many items. As our almsgiving project we have adopted the Mother St. Joseph Home in Wakefield.

Some of the needed items include:

Bedding : twin bed sheet sets, twin bed mattress covers, twin bed blankets, "bed in a bag" sets, simple bedspreads, pillows, and towels.

Toiletries: Dove Body Wash, Dove Body Lotion, Ivory Soap & Lotion products (The sisters are frail and need gentle soap/lotion)

Personal Items: Long sleeve brushed cotton or flannel nightgowns and robes in sizes small, medium, or large. (The sisters are older and usually are cold – so please, no sleeveless items.)

Your donations can be dropped off at the back of the church, in the sacristy or at the rectory.

To receive a tax receipt for your donation(s) you will need to bring your purchase(s) along with relevant sales receipts to the rectory.

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.**

Breakfast at Briarwood

Join us for breakfast and meet our special guest, Claire Weiss, Ph.D., who will be presenting "Mourning Time." Learn about available help with the grieving process and beginning family conversations. The breakfast will take place on Thursday, February 22nd, from 9:00-10:00 am at Briarwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, 150 Lincoln St., Needham. Please RSVP by calling 781-449-4040. (Cancellation decision due to weather will be made by 4:00 pm Wednesday, February 21

Annual Boston Catholic Conference

Boston Convention Center
Men's Conference - Saturday, March 17th
Women's Conference - Sunday, March 18th

What are you doing for Lent this year? If you're like many, then you've started to think about what you'll do for Lent. As opposed to "giving up something," consider receiving something! Receive a day of spiritual nourishment at the Boston Catholic Men's or Women's Conference. Come be in the company of over 5,000 other Catholic men or women and enjoy hearing from inspirational speakers addressing real-life issues and topics. Mass will be celebrated both days by Cardinal Sean O'Malley.

A limited number of tickets are available for \$25 (door price is \$40). There will be bus transportation available for the Women's Conference from St. Joseph's in Needham. Please call Jackie Rose at 508-359-7408 to purchase tickets for the Women's Conference or Michael Gillis at 781-251-9494 to purchase tickets for the Men's Conference. Both Michael and Jackie can be contacted for more detailed information or you may go online at www.bostoncatholicmen.org or www.bostoncatholicwomen.org.

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves: "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?"

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

-Maryann Williamson

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.