

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: 'You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.' "

Luke 4:8

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Sunday of Lent

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.



Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent: Each year the First Sunday of Lent is a significant moment in our lives. Each Lent we enter into a conversion process seeking clarity in our own faith journey. Every one of us looks for special meaning and purpose found only in worshipping God. We can all depend upon the grace of Jesus. What are the ways that we are tempted? Feeling tired, hungry or lonely, for instance, can lead us to temptations. Jesus in withstanding temptations not only for Himself, but also for us is able to set the example for us about fundamental decisions. Like Jesus we must resist the temptation to serve only ourselves. Jesus calls us to undertake the journey of faith with an undivided heart. Lent challenges and invites us to a better understanding of God and the call to build His kingdom of love, justice, and mercy. Lent calls us to join with God in building the kingdom today.

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.**

Holy Hour in Lent: Every Sunday in Lent from 3-4 pm there will be a Lenten program entitled "*Our Stories.*" There will also be a witness speaker. This Sunday we will have Hermina Hyanthine, founder of the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Houdation in Haiti, speak to us and lead us in the Stations of the Cross from the perspective of a lady who is close to the scene of the destruction in that country.

Come spend an hour with the Lord. God has greatly blessed each of us; and when we share our stories, we can enrich each other and be enriched by others. The Holy Hour will also have prayer and time for Adoration.

Recommended Reading: Daybreaks Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter by Nathan D. Mitchell, Liguori Press, Liguori, MO, 2010.

Daily Reflections for Lent 2010 by Daniel J. Harrington, S.J., St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, OH, 2010.

Lenten Schedule

The season of Lent which began this past Wednesday is a time of penance and renewal as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time to return to our roots and renew living a Catholic life. Do we give to our God a fair share of our time, talents, and treasures? This idea goes back to Sacred Scripture. Lent is a time to renew our appreciation for and love of the Sacraments. 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.

- 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. Every Catholic should seriously consider how this can make a major difference in our lives.

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



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
Monday	Feb. 22	9:00 am	Grace Mahoney
Tuesday	Feb. 23	9:00 am	Camella & Carl Salvatorelli
Wednesday	Feb. 24	9:00 am	Virginia Felkel
Thursday	Feb. 25	9:00 am	Francis Gillis
Friday	Feb. 26	9:00 am	Mary Vaccari
Saturday	Feb. 27	9:00 am	William J. Hardy—Month's Mind Mass
Saturday	Feb. 27	4:00 pm	Daniel J. McCarthy
Sunday	Feb. 28	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Philip Chiappisi and John Norris
		11:30 am	Jane Marie McDonald

Youth Choir


The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be this Sunday, February 21st, from 5-6 pm in the Church. New members are always welcome.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on Wed., Feb. 24th, 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.

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).

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"

The generosity of the people of St. Bartholomew never ceases to amaze me. Our project for Lent (and beyond) is to offer help and hope to the people of Petit-Goave. To do what needs to be done in this very poor and now devastated part of Haiti we are asking for your time (we are planning a trip to Haiti mid-May and are looking for volunteers to help), your talents (we are in need of your skills to help repair the only well and to rebuild the area) and especially your treasure (all donations for Haiti will now be forwarded to the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation.)

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I encourage you to come to our Lenten program *Our Stories* today (the First Sunday of Lent) from 3:00 – 4:00pm and hear Hermina Hyacinthe the founder and executive director of the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation, who was born in Petit-Goave, tell her story. The Holy Hour will also have prayer and time for Adoration. ~Barbara Dury

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Financial Report for January

Offertery - budgeted		\$27,500
Offertery – actual		
	Offertery Envelopes	\$29,710.00
	Mail in & online banking	865.00
	ParishPay	2,906.30
		\$33,481.30
Grand Annual – goal		\$75,000.00
	to-date	\$72,931.42
Special Collections	Latin America	\$ 2,369.73
	Haiti	10,425.53

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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.

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.

St. Joseph Elementary School in Needham is currently accepting applications for their **Full-Day Kindergarten Program**. The school offers a top-notch academic program, specialty classes in art, music, library, gym and state of the art technology, specifically designed for young students. The K-Program is housed in a newly renovated Kindergarten Facility next to the main school. For more information, please contact the office at 781-444-4459 or check out the website at www.saintjoes.com.

Come and Catch the Spirit!!!

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

- 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.

Betania II Spiritual Life Center in Medway has two wonderful events coming up. The first is a Lenten Day with Patrick Madrid on Saturday, March 13th from 9:00am-9:00pm. No cost except for lunch and dinner. Patrick Madrid has conducted thousands of seminars on Catholic themes across America and on EWTN and is the author or editor of many books on Catholic themes. The other event is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your love of the Eucharist. Fr. James Costigan, C.P.M. will be at our center for the weekend of April 23-25. He travels across the country promoting love of the Eucharist and establishment of adoration in chapels and churches. For further information on any of our programs, please visit our website: www.betania2.org

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

“JUST BECAUSE YOU WEAR A TEN GALLON HAT, IT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A TEXAN”

The Lenten journey has begun. We have had our thoughts about what we should give up and maybe even a thought about sacrifice. We might have even read the bulletin about the various services our parish is providing to enhance and encourage the Lenten journey, a journey that should bring us closer to God and change our lives forever. Now what?

This is not a New Year's resolution moment. We are not making decisions that are just good for our external bodies, healthy for us; and in the end we will lose weight. Giving up chocolate or a favorite dessert is not what this is all about. It is impossible to measure the weight of our spirituality. However, we know when it isn't present enough in our systems. The more deeply we develop our love of God, the lighter we become. Sacrifice is not just giving up something; but rather, it is pure love in action— doing something that we would rather NOT do at that moment. No parent wishes to get up in the middle of a cold night and lose desired sleep. But a new baby or a sick child makes the journey one of love and is done willingly. The journey of Lent is different every single day. The opportunities presented each day are unique; and God calls us in His name to respond with a smile and a willing heart. Certainly, we can plan to attend more Masses, the Stations of the Cross, and other religious services to increase our prayer life and deepen our relationship with God. These things are obvious and available to us because of someone else's efforts. But what do we see within ourselves that needs doing every day?

The Olympic telecasts are at the moment what most of us seem fixated on. The most spectacular aspect of these games has got to be the incredible dedication of every one of these athletes to try to become the best of the best in their individual sport. These athletes refuse to be side-tracked. There is so much temptation in the world to distract us from our goal in life as a Christian. We need this Lent, everyday, to recognize these unchristian-like offerings—to notice how much time we are spending in pursuits (like TV, computers, etc.) that are doing nothing to enrich our souls—and take our lives in such a direction that we don't even realize that God is not part of our daily living existence. Let this Lenten journey be the one when we separate the half-effort and develop the Olympic dedication to being one with the God who created us. An eternity with Jesus is a very nice “gold medal” for this loving, life-long dedication.

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Please contact me if you need a ride to any service, wish for a Communion visit, or have any other Lenten questions.



SAVE THE DATE!

St. Bartholomew's famous Irish Pizza Party will be back on Saturday, March 13th, from 5:00-7:00 pm. Always a sell-out - enjoy Irish step-dancers - singers - prizes - and pizza. Please contact Joan at 781-449-3991 for tickets.

Boston Catholic Women's Conference: A Great Choice for Lent

In this week's Pilot newspaper, Scot Landry writes:

"Lent is the time during which Catholics return to the fundamentals of their faith. For 40 days, it is an occasion to focus our attention more closely on certain aspects of our faith that we're encouraged to do well throughout the year." "Each Lent, Cardinal Seán and our Church leaders ask us to deepen our practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These practices are meant to help us to grow in holiness and to become more Christ-like. The resolutions we make this Lent are intended to help us keep this at the forefront of our minds."

"Perhaps you may want to attend weekday Mass more frequently, spend an additional five minutes per day in prayer, attend a parish's Lenten mission retreat, or pray that your friends and family members may also deepen their relationship with God. Further, if you have friends and family members who you hope will deepen their involvement in -- or simply return to -- the Church, please consider encouraging them to participate in "The Light Is On For You" initiative and the 2010 Boston Catholic Women's Conference. Of course, I encourage you to embrace these opportunities yourself as well!" "An important event in the life of our archdiocese occurs on Saturday, Feb. 27, when the 2010 Boston Catholic Women's Conference will take place at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The BCWC provides a 1-day retreat experience that can help focus us on the Lenten path. The conference offers great speakers, confession, adoration, and plenty of time to gather with 2,000 Catholic women who, like you, want to Connect more deeply with God and with others on their journey of faith. Please join us and bring along some relatives and friends. Tickets (**there are less than 500 left**) are available at www.CatholicBoston.com."

Boston Catholic Men's Conference: Join 2,000 other Catholic men at the annual Boston Catholic Men's conference on Saturday, April 17th, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. EWTN's Crossing the Goal team will speak and challenge men to deepen their faith. Go the their website at www.CatholicBoston.com, or email: info@CatholicBoston.com or phone 617-444-9950.

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.

