



...but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

Eternal Life



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.



Reflection for the Third Sunday of Lent: What are the things in life that we long for or thirst for? Lent is a time when we pay attention to the deeper thirsts we have in life. We are rapidly reaching the halfway point of Lent and it is time to take spiritual stock of how things are going. We notice in the Gospels that Jesus' journeys take Him to unlikely places and encounters. Jesus is in physical need for water in today's Gospel but the Samaritan woman is in a greater spiritual need. Notice how Jesus heals her and shows that the love of God and the message of the Good News has the power to transform people and communities of people. Jesus had more faith in her abilities than she had in herself. She was able to tell others about Jesus. With faith differences can become moments of grace and enrichment. Jesus wishes this for all of us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During Lent please take advantage of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please consult the Lenten bulletin for the extra times for this sacrament and also each Saturday this sacrament is offered from 3:15 - 3:45 pm.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed this **Sunday, February 24th, at 12:30 pm** for the Pro Life movement and a renewed reverence and respect for human life. Please come and join us in prayer for this most worthy intention.

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, Feb. 25th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 5-10 in the Book of Jeremiah. We always welcome new people to these classes. Please note: classes will not take place if there is a funeral.

Morning Prayer: During Lent we will be praying Morning Prayer on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8:45 am—immediately preceding the 9:00 am Mass.

Lenten Project: During Advent we began the process of raising funds for a room in the new sick and retirement home for the Sisters of Notre Dame in honor of the many years that Sr. Julie has given in service to this parish. During Lent we would like to continue this effort. Please make checks out to St. Bartholomew Parish and mail them to the rectory indicating SND Room in the memo.

Lenten Retreat: There will be a Parish Lenten Retreat on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:00 pm each evening. Lent is a very important time for each of us. We are rapidly approaching the half-way point of Lent and the retreat strategically placed here will be really helpful as we prepare to take part in Holy Week Services, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Services. If at all possible please come and bring others to the parish retreat as well. Please also check the bulletin for other details.

Catholic Appeal: Next weekend, March 1st and 2nd, will be Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Bartholomew Parish. This year's theme is "Handing on The Light of Christ." Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate. This year our participation goal is 278 families and \$95,500. This Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish— so your prayers and participation are essential and critical. Next weekend we will be showing a video from Cardinal Sean. Those who participated in the Appeal last year should receive a letter this week from the Cardinal. We ask all others to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend. Please bring your completed pledge card and envelop next weekend if you are able to do so. Whatever way you can help is appreciated. Thank you.

The Pilot: Please take home a free copy of the Pilot which is the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston. This newspaper can be found at the doors of the church.

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass: Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2008 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on **Sunday, April 13th, at the 11:30 am Mass.** Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. **Please register with the parish staff by March 28, 2008** if you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary and would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation will then be sent from the Archdiocese to celebrating couples.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 23	4:00 pm	Leslie Madden, Sr. and Leslie Madden, Jr.
Sunday	February 24	8:00 am	Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	James McElaney
Monday	February 25	9:00 am	
Tuesday	February 26	9:00 am	Camilla Carlo Salvatorelli
Wednesday	February 27	9:00 am	
Thursday	February 28	9:00 am	
Friday	February 29	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 1	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 1	4:00 pm	The Harrington, McCarthy & Igo Families
Sunday	March 2	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Thomas & Edna Nutile
		11:30 am	Paul K. Vahey, Jr.

Scripture Readings

24	Sun	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
25	Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
26	Tue	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
27	Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
28	Thu	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
29	Fri	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
1	Sat	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
2	Sun	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/ Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Collections

Weekend of February 16-17

Amount collected	\$4,909.00
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,091.00)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read is Inviting God In, by Joyce Rupp. In addition to this book, our February meeting will include a discussion on "Increasing Our Spirituality Through Reading." Other books/booklets to share during the Lenten period will be found in the library in a basket in the O'Brien Room. Please feel free to borrow these and then return them for others to share during Lent.

"Women in Communion"

The women in the parish are invited to attend our next gathering that will take place on **Sunday, March 9th, following the 9:45 am Mass.** There will be a light breakfast followed by a very special performance of the Credo Liturgical Dancers. The cost is \$5.00 which will be collected at the door. Please call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Debby at 781-444-3434 **by March 4th** to make your reservation. We need a number so we will have enough food.

Youth Choir: Youth Choir rehearsal will take place this week on **Monday, Feb. 25th, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on March 2nd.

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

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, February 27th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- All students have class on Monday, Feb 25th.

Confirmation:

- Confirmation Information forms and Baptismal certificates are due to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible. They may be mailed, dropped off, given to Melisa or to your child's catechist.
- Retreat:** Students participate in an overnight retreat in preparation for Confirmation, **Fri. Feb 29th – Sat. Mar 1st** at the Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham.

Soccer!

As the snow melts, we are thinking again of our popular parish soccer program for 1st - 2nd graders *BUT* we cannot accept registrations until we have at least 8 adults to help with the many administrative tasks that make the program run. The time commitment is minimal: approx. 25 hrs March - November, most of which can be done from your home on your own schedule. Please contact Melisa Hughes 781-444-4343 or melisahughes@comcast.net

Come Get Your Tickets!!

Come and enjoy a fun evening on Saturday, March 15th, from 5:00-7:00 pm. There will be step dancers, music, and raffles. Fun for the whole family!! There will be pizza, salad, cake, ice cream, and soft drinks. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for children 7-15, and \$1 for children 6 and under. You may buy tickets in advance after the weekend Masses or call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Joan at 781-449-3991.

Don't miss out!!
Last year was a sell-out!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Feb. 24 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet- 12:30 pm-Church
- Mon., Feb. 25 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 25 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Feb. 25 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Feb. 25 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Feb. 26 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Wed., Feb. 27 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Feb. 28 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Fri., Feb. 29 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Sat., Mar. 1 First Saturday Devotion-following 9:00 am Mass
- Sun., Mar. 2 Community Sunday & Blood Pressure Screening following 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Mar. 2 Baptisms-12:30 pm
- Sun., Mar. 2 Lenten Retreat-7:00 pm-Church**
- Mon., Mar. 3 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 3 Religious Ed classes for K-6
- Mon., Mar. 3 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 3 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Mon., Mar. 3 Lenten Retreat-7:00 pm-Church**
- Tues., Mar. 4 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Tues., Mar. 4 Lenten Retreat-7:00 pm-Church**
- Wed., Mar. 5 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Mar. 6 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Fri., Mar. 7 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Sat., Mar. 8 Confession after Mass and from 3:15-3:45 pm
- Sat., Mar. 9 Daylight Savings Time begins- turn clocks forward one hour at bedtime**
- Sun., Mar. 9 "Women in Communion"-light brunch followed by a performance

Palm Sunday, March 16 A Children's Journey

After the 9:45 am Mass on Palm Sunday, we invite all the children of the parish through Grade 6 to join us as we remember Jesus' journey. The children will follow our "Palm Path" to an Easter Egg Hunt. Don't miss this wonderful family event.

You **MUST** contact Jeanne D'Alleva **by March 8th** so we can be properly prepared.

Please contact Jeanne at 781-400-5083 or jeannedalleva@comcast.net with the number of children you wish to join the "journey." Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please let Jeanne know.

Clean Up Day - Saturday April 5th

Middle and High School students are available to help seniors or individuals with physical difficulties with indoor or outdoor Spring Cleaning as part of their Christian Service. Please contact the rectory to receive help with Spring Cleaning or to recommend someone who would benefit from the clean-up day.

Possibilities include:

Inside:

- Window washing
- Bathroom cleaning (tub/shower, countertops, etc.)
- Kitchen cleaning (appliances)

Outdoors:

- Raking
- Planting bulbs
- Pruning shrubbery

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: **Saturday, March 8th, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm**

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children MUST be pre-registered by Tuesday, March 4th, if they wish to attend.

Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children, and your phone number.

The movie to be shown is "Meet the Robinsons", a Walt Disney movie rated "G". Join a brilliant young inventor named Lewis as he sets off on a time-traveling journey to find the family he never knew. The Robinsons help Lewis learn to keep moving forward and never stop believing in himself.

Mid-Lent Review

As the six week journey to Easter approaches its midpoint, I think a few moments set aside to ask myself "How is my Lent going?" would be time well spent.

1. What did I hope to accomplish during these six weeks set aside by the Church for introspection and renewal?
2. How am I doing in whatever Lenten discipline (s) I decided to practice?
3. Are these discipline (s) that I chose connected in anyway to my first question?
4. What changes have these disciplines affected in my life?
5. Are these disciplines helping me to grow in faith and bringing me closer to God?

Even if my answers to these questions are:

1. Nothing
2. Not very well
3. Not really
4. None
5. No

Not all is lost because I still have time to begin again.

The last question I need to ask myself is what changes do I need to make these last 3 weeks to make my Lenten journey more meaningful and fruitful?

Fridays in Lent: The attendance at the 5:30 services on Fridays during Lent has been so small the decision has been made to discontinue them except for the Tenebrae Service on Friday, March 14th. By doing this, we hope as many people as possible will attend the Parish Retreat on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at 7:00 pm each evening.

Handy?! The parish is looking to have 2 "A-Frame" signs built to help advertise parish events & activities. If you could make even one it would be appreciated. If you are not able to make a sign, but are interested in donating material to have it built, that would also be greatly welcomed. Please contact the rectory for dimensions and details.

Lenten Mass Times: If you are unable to attend our 9:00 am Mass Monday through Saturday during Lent, the following churches offer additional choices: **St. Joseph in Needham** has Mass at 6:50 am & 9:00 am Monday through Friday and 8:30 am on Saturday. **St. Catherine in Norwood** has Mass at 6:45 am Monday through Saturday and 5:15 pm Monday through Friday. **Mary Immaculate of Lourdes in Newton** has Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday at 7:30 am.

Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish invites you to attend their Lenten Speaker Series. All talks will begin at 7:00 pm at St. Bernard's Church in Newton.

1. Tuesday, Feb. 26, Bishop Robert Hennessey will speak.
2. Tuesday, Mar. 4, Prof. Catherine Cornille from Boston College will be the speaker.
3. Tuesday, Mar. 11, Rev. James Keenan, S.J. from Boston College will be the presenter.

Bikes—Not Bombs is coming to Memorial Park, Highland Ave., Needham. "Bikes Not Bombs promotes bicycle technology as a concrete alternative to war and environmental destruction. For the past 23 years Bike Not Bombs has been a nexus of bike recycling and community empowerment both in lower income neighborhoods of Boston and in the nations of the global south." The Bike Not Bombs organization will be collecting bicycles in Needham at Memorial Park on **Saturday, March 8, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm**. Please bring those bikes which you have outgrown, may be in need of repair, or are just taking up space in the garage. The Bike Not Bombs trucks and staff will be there to receive your donations.

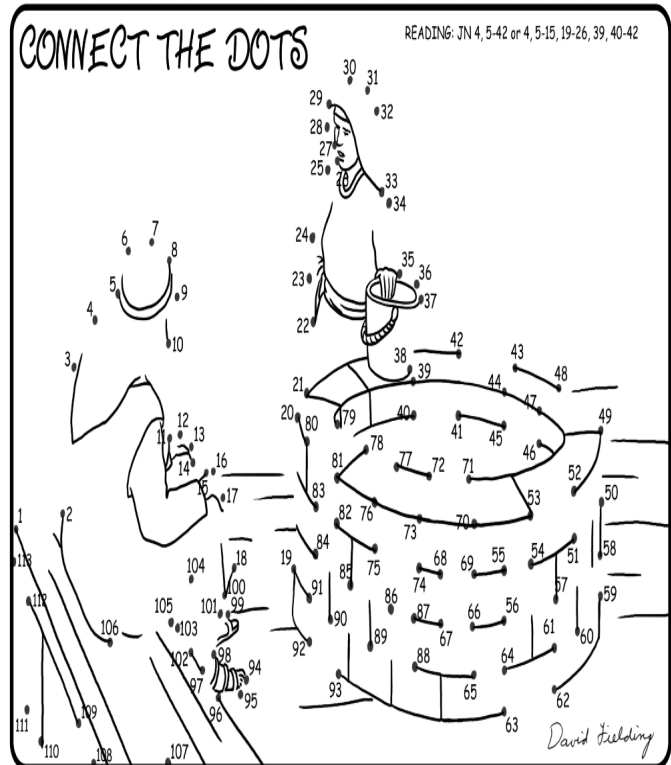
Bike Not Bombs has sent over 30,000 bikes and technical assistance to Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, New Orleans, Guatemala, So. Africa, etc.—giving countless numbers of people throughout the world a chance to develop small businesses, to have transportation to go to work and earn a living or go to school. The bike which you donate can offer a future to an individual or a family.

For more information, contact Marge Cohen, Social Action Co-chair, at 781-449-2688.

Spirituality and the Arts Wine and Cheese Series
Create, Cultivate, Grow! This Lent and Easter, new growth and new life are hidden in the darkness, waiting to shine! Come explore how you can make creativity a part of your spirituality. Contact Dr. Jackie Stewart at 617-542-6440, ext. 143 for more details and to register for any or all sessions.

All Sessions held at St. Anthony's Shrine 100 Arch St. Boston from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. \$5 offering per session.

- Feb. 28: Gardening: Plants and Flowers, Canticles of Joy
 Mar. 13: Our Daily Bread & Divine Feasts
 Mar. 27: Painting: Colors of the Spirit
 Apr. 10: Patchwork and Piecing: Connecting the Spiritual Dimensions of our Lives
 Apr. 24: Calligraphy, a Path to Prayer
 May. 8: Try your hand: Doodling and Drawing



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FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. In their _____ for _____, the people _____ against Moses.
2. Strike the _____, and the _____ will flow from it for the _____ to drink.
3. If _____ you hear his _____, harden not your _____.
4. At the _____ time, when we were still powerless, Christ _____ for us _____ men.
5. God is _____, and those who _____ him must worship in Spirit and _____.

ANSWERS

1. thirst, water, grumbled 2. rock, water, people
 3. today, voice, hearts 4. appointed, died, godless
 5. Spirit, worship, truth

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