

Jesus
of Nazareth
invites *you*

to visit one hour with *Him*
Adoration, Friday, March 2 at 7:00pm

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.
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.



Reflections – Second Sunday of Lent: Today's Gospel is the story of the Transfiguration. We all need to have these quiet moments away from the daily routine. These quiet moments give each of us opportunities to truly listen to God. What can each of us do to create more quiet space each day to hear God? God's love for me (a call to each person).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: One of the most powerful forms of worship that we do as a community of believers is giving glory and praise to God for all that He does for us in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Blessed Lord has given His life for us so that we may be able to live our lives to the fullest. His love is everlasting for you and for me. In the Eucharist, how which is the real presence of Jesus, is Jesus shows His great desire to be with us forever. He asks us to be with Him and pray with Him for many reasons. This bread from heaven is the great mystery of love and life. Thank you, dear Jesus.

Welcome Back: Over the years we have all known or heard of people who no longer attend Mass. If you know anybody who would like to talk about this or would like to return to church, please speak to Fr. Phil. Lent is an appropriate time to bring and welcome people back to church and Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One of the important moments during Lent may be the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Saturday from 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm confessions are heard. There are other opportunities to receive this sacrament as well. Please consult the Lenten calendar.

Morning Prayer: Every Tuesday morning during Lent we will pray the Morning Office of the Liturgy of the Hours at 8:45 am.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday morning during Lent there will be Stations of the Cross following the 9:00 am Mass.

The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, March 5th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 16-21 of St. John's Gospel. This is one of the little extras that you can take part in during Lent.

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.

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 on March 25th, followed by a social. We want to let you know that this CYO is for **ALL** high school students—not just for those who play basketball. We are excited about the ideas that were generated at the organizational meeting that took place last month!! So mark the date on your calendar!! Come and share your ideas also.

Extra Masses for Lent: There will be an extra Mass for Lent on Monday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm.

Boston Catholic Directories are available. The cost is \$25 and they may be purchased at the rectory during regular office hours.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE NOTICE

On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*. The Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U. S. Beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday in March and end the first Sunday in November. The Secretary of Energy will report the impact of this change to Congress. Congress retains the right to resume the 2005 Daylight Saving Time schedule once the Department of Energy study is complete.

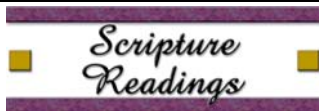
BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP ON SATURDAY, MARCH 10, TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.

Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 4.

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



Saturday	March 3	4:00 pm	Mary & William Stapleton
Sunday	March 4	8:00 am	Roberta M. Sullivan—Month's Mind Mass
		9:45 am	Edna & Thomas Nutile
		11:30 am	Helen & Tom Boyle and Hester & Carroll Buckley
Monday	March 5	9:00 am	
Tuesday	March 6	9:00 am	
Wednesday	March 7	9:00 am	Elaine Corbett—Birthday Memorial
Thursday	March 8	9:00 am	Fred & Mabel Mitchell
Friday	March 9	9:00 am	Elizabeth Stepeneck
Saturday	March 10	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 10	4:00 pm	Members of the Hubbard, Leen & Donahue Families
Sunday	March 11	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Paul K. Vahey, Jr.
		11:30 am	



Week of March 4, 2007

- 4 Sun Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/
Lk 9:28b-36
- 5 Mon Dn 9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38
- 6 Tue Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- 7 Wed Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- 8 Thu Jer 17:5-10/ Lk 16:19-31
- 9 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- 10 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 11 Sun Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



Weekend of Feb. 24-25, 2007

Amount collected	\$5,433.63
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$566.37)

Peter's Pence

Amount collected	\$2,105.87
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Thank you for your stewardship.

Community Sunday and Free Blood Pressure Screening will take place this Sunday, March 4, following the 8:00 am and 9:45 am Masses.

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.

Youth Choir:
Our next rehearsal will be held on Monday, March 5th, downstairs in Ward Hall at St. Sebastian's from 5:00-5:45 pm. New members are welcome anytime.

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

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, March 7, 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, March 22, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.



Classes: There will be classes for all grades on Monday, March 5th:

K-6	4:00-5:00 pm
7-10	7:00-8:30 pm

All students should meet in the Church before breaking into classes.

Confirmation Candidates are reminded that there is a mandatory retreat scheduled for Sunday, March 4th, from 3:00-6:00 pm at St. Bartholomew's.

First Reconciliation

Reconciliation will be on Saturday, March 10, at 12:50 pm in the church. If at all possible, please try and celebrate this special occasion by leaving younger siblings at home. Appropriate dress is also requested. Please feel free to contact the Religious Ed Office with questions 781-444-4343..

A Lesson (for us all) On Respect

Respect is more than good manners. It comes from deep within, planted in your heart by God. Respect means that you honor every person you meet. It shows in the way you treat others—your family, friends and neighbors. God wants you to respect yourself too. If someone, no matter what age, does not respect your rights, you should always discuss this with your parent, teacher, priest or friend. A good way to practice respect is to think about how Jesus would treat others and their belongings—and then do what He would do.

Here's a prayer to help us remember that importance of respect:

Help me dear God, to practice respect in all that I do and all that I say. May I treat all others as Jesus would treat them at home, school, at work and at play.

Let's all work at respecting our God, our faith and one another as we journey through lent together.

Peace to all,

Elizabeth Healy and Maryellen Jennings

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

A LENTEN JOURNEY

When any of us are planning a vacation or a special event, a great deal of our time and efforts are expended before the actual event occurs. When the special occasion actually happens, it can sometimes be almost anti-climatic as so much energy has already been expended in the planning. Finally, when we arrive, we feel it is time to tune out and relax. This is NOT the Lenten Journey.

As we are completing the first week and a half of our journey, hopefully we are beginning to get into a rhythm of prayer and anticipation as we are growing closer to Jesus. As our relationship with God deepens and our understanding of sacrifice increases, we are becoming more joyful in the knowledge of our God's love for us. He gave us His only begotten Son. His Son died a horrible death for us. Jesus, His mother, Mary, His apostles, His disciples, all lived and died and have brought us to this moment in time when we should kneel down in thanksgiving and humility for all that has gone on before us. When we arrive at Easter morn, there can never be an anti-climatic moment as we reflect on the previous 40 days passage. Hopefully, our growth and experiences during this Lenten journey have brought us to a new level of insight from which there is no turning back. With our faith strengthened, we will continue to go forward praising the Lord, giving thanks for all of His gifts, and loving and helping one another as He asked.

"Brothers and sisters. What does the Scripture say? The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart ..." (Romans 10:8-13)

"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." (Mt.4-4b)

...."Then from the cloud came a voice that said 'This is My chosen Son; listen to Him'..." (Luke 9-28b-36)

Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:1-13)

Reflect, pray and serve-our glorious Lenten Journey.

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Don't forget the Notre Dame Sisters: new bedding and personal items. If you need help or wish me to pick up your gifts, just call me.

LENTEN PROGRAM—TRADITIONAL LITURGIES

This Friday we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 pm in the church. We encourage you to take time out of your busy week and join us, especially if you have never had the opportunity to experience Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Catholics believe that during Mass when the priest says "*...He took bread and gave you thanks*" over the host and "*...this is the cup of my blood..*" over the chalice, the bread and wine at that instant truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. It is His true Presence in the form of bread and wine. It is Christ. At Adoration the priest takes a consecrated host, places it in a monstrance. (the word monstrance comes from the Latin "*monstrare*" meaning to show, to expose to view.) and places the monstrance on the altar for us so that we can experience the loving, redeeming, healing, life-giving sacramental presence of our Lord in a very special way.

What do you actually do during adoration? You spend time with Jesus. You can pray, read the bible, say a favorite devotion, talk to Him, share your troubles and problems with Him, or you can just sit quietly, in His real and loving Presence, enjoying His company, just as you would with a dear friend.

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:

*New 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)

*New 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.)

*The items must be new because of state regulations. We are investigating places to bring the used 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.



Irish Pizza Party!!!

Don't miss out! Tickets for St. Bartholomew's famous Irish Pizza Party are on sale.

- 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 after weekend Masses or see Marianne at the organ. Also, see Joan O'Brien at CCD or call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Joan at 781-449-3991.

CYO BASKETBALL

Congratulations to all our coaches and players for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.. Whether you won or lost you always gave 100% and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. We are proud and blessed to have such wonderful players, coaches and parents acting as representatives of our parish.

Three of our teams, our 8th grade boys, our 5 & 6 grade girls (who were undefeated in regular season play) and our 7 & 8 grade girls won their divisions. Good Luck in the Archdiocesan Tournament. We are all cheering for you. Go St. Bart's.

The Annual Basketball banquet will be held on March 24th at 5:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Social Club: The Social Club will have its Annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon on Wednesday, March 14, at 1:00 pm in Ward Hall. Please join us for a great Irish meal and great Irish entertainment as we celebrate the "wearing of the green." You should have received a mailing with complete details including the reservation deadline of Thursday, March 8. Please reserve as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call

Faith Formation: Join the parishioners of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish for three Tuesday evenings in Lent:

March 6 at 7:00 pm for "Reasons for the Season" - Reflections on the rich tradition of Lent and ways we can grow in relationship with the Lord—presenter is Fr. Richard Erikson, Vicar General of the Archdiocese.

March 13 at 7:00 pm for "Imagining Your Way to Spiritual Wholeness: Lent and Beyond" - Reflections on the spiritual and critical implications of living in a world where "God is always and everywhere present—with Fr. Anthony Penna, Campus Ministry at Boston College.

March 20 at 7:00 pm for "The Season of Penance" - Reflections on the difficulties Catholics face this Lenten Season and on spiritual resources for growing beyond them to communion and cooperation—with Fr. William Clark, S.J., Religious Studies Dept., Holy Cross College

The presentations will be given at St. Bernard's Church, Fr. Moore Hall, 1529 Washington St., West Newton. Light refreshments and social afterwards. The hall is handicapped accessible.

Lenten Series and Devotions: Most Precious Blood Church in Dover is presenting the following on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:15 pm:

- Mar. 7 "How to forgive when one has been hurt" with Fr. John Grimes
- Mar. 14 "Seeing Lent through the eyes of Pope Benedict XVI" with Fr. Gregory Hoppough
- Mar. 21 "Stations of the Cross" with Regina O'Connor
- Mar. 28 "Praying and Celebrating Holy Week" with Fr. Chris Coyne.

The address of Most Precious Blood is 30 Centre St. The phone number is 508-785-0305.

Congratulations To:

Genevieve Rose Canter,
daughter of Stephen & Courtney;
and Charles Robert Simeone,
son of John & Amy,
as these children are claimed
by Jesus Christ in the
Sacrament of Baptism
this weekend.

