

the Resurrection & the Life

I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.

John 11:25



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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent: The gospel today has some unexpected events and turns. One question is why didn't Jesus take Lazarus' body wrappings off? Perhaps Jesus is trying to tell all of us that it is the task, if you will, of the entire Christian community to free all of us and believers everywhere so that they can live the life that Jesus intends for all of us. Jesus is telling us that we already have His life within us through Baptism and faith. Since Jesus is the resurrection and the life He gives us new life so that we can give it to others. Just like Lazarus needed someone to unwrap him so that he could move we all need believers to help free us from fears, doubts, depression or loss so that we can move freely as well. When we love others like Jesus loves us, great things are possible. Jesus brings us through all experiences in life to experience new life.

Confirmation Retreat: Last weekend was the annual Confirmation retreat. Our students were impressive. Thanks go to Mrs. Melisa Hughes and the teachers and all who continue to put so much time and effort into this program.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: During Lent please take advantage of the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each Saturday this sacrament is offered from 3:15 to 3:45 P.M. and the weekends of March 8th and 9th and 15th and 16th confessions will be heard following each Mass.

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, Mar. 10th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 7-11 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 that day.

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. Please join us for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass following the Morning Prayer.

Lenten Retreat: Our thanks to all who helped to make this a wonderful success! Each evening saw an increase in attendance! Sr. Dorothy and Sr. Carol were excellent!

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.

Sacred Triduum: Lent is a long preparation for the Sacred Triduum. The three days that come before Easter are described as the high point of our faith. By taking advantage of the remaining time we have in Lent we can break open and reflect upon the meaning of the Triduum before it arrives. Please plan on participating in the Sacred Triduum even if you have never come before. In next week's bulletin we will have a detailed explanation of the days and events of Holy Week.

Arise: The committee has gone to the initial meeting of preparation in the Archdiocese and there is great enthusiasm. We are going to need much help. Details will follow in coming weeks. Please pray for the success of the Arise program in this Archdiocese. A prayer is included in this week's bulletin.

The Catholic Appeal for this year began last weekend. This year's theme is "Handing on The Light of Christ." Cardinal Sean is asking every Catholic household to participate. This year our 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. The help that the Catholic Appeal offers to so many programs is essential to help so many people. It is the hope throughout the Archdiocese that more people will take part in this year's Catholic Appeal. 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.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 8	4:00 pm	Fred & Mabel Mitchell
Sunday	March 9	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Edward Hennessey—1st Anniversary
		11:30 am	Muriel Gatto
Monday	March 10	9:00 am	Stephen & Elizabeth Stepenuck and Mary Coughlin
Tuesday	March 11	9:00 am	
Wednesday	March 12	9:00 am	Robert Campbell
Thursday	March 13	9:00 am	
Friday	March 14	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Saturday	March 15	9:00 am	Joseph Doolin
Saturday	March 15	4:00 pm	The Donahue, Leen, and Hubbard Families
Sunday	March 16	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Ronnie Tocci, Jr.
		11:30 am	Charles Schofield

Scripture Readings

- 9 Sun Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- 10 Mon Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
- 11 Tue Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
- 12 Wed Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
- 13 Thu Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
- 14 Fri Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
- 15 Sat 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- 16 Sun Mt 21:1-11 (37)/ Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Collections

Weekend of March 1-2

Amount collected	\$5,371.05
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 628.95)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, March 12th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, March 25th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read is The Day Christ Died by Jim Bishop.

Youth Choir

The next rehearsal will be on Monday, March 10th, at 5:00 pm in the church.

St. Bart's Walkers fight hunger!

Walk with us, Pray for us, Donate for others



Through Project Bread last year, pledges from The Walk for Hunger funded 400 emergency food programs in 126 communities across the state, providing 42 million meals.

St. Bart's will have a team of walkers on Sunday, May 4th.

To join the team or support our fundraising, contact the rectory or <http://www.projectbread.org/goto/stbarts-walkers>.

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

Children and Youth

Thank You! To the students and volunteers who helped make our Confirmation Retreat a great success!

Religious Education Reminders

- All students have class on Monday, March 10th

First Reconciliation:

- Please pray for our students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Saturday March 15th.
- Students in the 2nd grade class should arrive in the church not later than 12:50 pm, Reconciliation Service begins at **1:00 pm**.

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.

Social Justice: Remaining opportunities for 2008:

Palm Path - March 16th 8:30 – 11:30 am
 Clean Up Day - April 5th 9 am-12 pm; 1-4 pm
 Walk for Hunger - Sunday May 4th

Activities

- **BOWLING!** Students in grade 6+ come join us for bowling & pizza Sunday March 16th 4:00 pm at Fairway Lanes (Rt. 9) in Natick. Please call the rectory to sign up (or email melisa-hughes@comcast.net)

Social Club: The time for the "wearing of the green" is rapidly approaching. The Social Club will gather on Monday, March 17, at 1:00 pm in Ward Hall for our annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon. You should have received a mailing with details of the Irish menu and entertainment. Please note that the **deadline for reservations is Wednesday, March 12**. If you have any questions, please call Anne Carey at 781-444-

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will have their next meeting on Wednesday, March 12, at 7:00 pm. We will honor Mary, our Mother, by reciting the Rosary for the intention of our service men and women—and for the end of terrorism in the world. An Irish Tea will follow the business meeting in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

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

5th Sunday of Lent "Fast or Feast"

In our "Little Black Book" that we all received in the mail to assist in our Lenten journey, the question is raised "What has fasting got to do with religion?" The answer is that fasting is "a form of prayer-bodily prayer." "Genuflecting, making the Sign of the Cross, kneeling, folding the hands, etc. are other traditional forms of bodily prayer. To fast is to remove food from one's life in order to 'make room' for God." When we bodily fast, we shut down a major area of life that requires much personal energy—namely, eating and digestion. This energy can now be used to 'activate our mind and spirit'. How often do we feel more energy and focus when something that we are used to is temporarily deprived from us? We are suddenly more alert. How wonderful if this added focus could be turned into prayer and deepening our relationship with the Lord!

A friend from a New Hampshire parish shared this with me:

"A Time to Fast; A Time to Feast"

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling within them.

Fast from darkness; feast on the Light.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from fear; feast on unceasing prayer and faith.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from suspicion; feast on truth."

Two weeks to go until Easter. How are we doing? This very special time is meant for you; for me; for us all to connect with Jesus on His journey to His death and our salvation. "We are to walk in the light which shows goodness, justice, and truth. Christ gives this light whereby we live." Eph 5:8-14

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

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

***Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice
Begins Volunteer Training Program***

NORWOOD---Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice is offering a ten session training course beginning in March. Classes will be offered Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, and will be held at CGSH office located at 3 Edgewater Drive in Norwood.

Caritas Good Samaritan Hospice is a non-profit, Medicare-certified program, providing supportive and palliative care rather than curative treatment to the patients and their families.

Volunteers at CGSH provide an immeasurable service to their community. By offering support and respite to hospice families, volunteers supplement the services of the professional staff. Individuals diagnosed with terminal illness are allowed the choice of remaining in the familiar surroundings of their own homes and the solace of being with their families during the last stage of life.

Volunteer Training offers participants the opportunity to learn the philosophy of hospice care; the impact of serious illness on the family; and the medical and spiritual needs of the dying patient. An emphasis is placed on communication and listening skills, self-knowledge, and the role of the volunteer within the hospice program. Those completing this training will improve their ability to communicate and listen to others.

Volunteers with daytime availability are especially needed. Pre-registration is necessary. For more information or to schedule an interview, please call Virginia Oleksyk, Volunteer Coordinator, at 1 (781) 551-5772.

***ARISE
Together in Christ***

*Gracious God and Father, we enter into
your presence realizing you know us better
than we know ourselves.*

*You know the cares and sufferings
we carry in our hearts.*

*You call us to holiness
and we trust you to lead us together
on our journey to be a renewed Church -
for with you all things are possible.*

*Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.*

*Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.*

*May your Holy Spirit empower us to live as a
community of love, freed to share in your work
of recreating our world and restoring justice.*

*We believe you are doing something new,
calling us to arise together in Christ
to celebrate the fullness of life.*

Amen.

Archdiocesan Bicentennial Pilgrimage to the 49th International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, Canada will be held in June 2008. Plan to mark the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston by coming together in prayer and fellowship with pilgrims from throughout the world. Pope Benedict XVI has personally approved a most appropriate theme for this Congress: "The Eucharist, God's Gift for the Life of the World" and invites Catholics to converge on Quebec City to deepen their spiritual lives through our Eucharistic Lord. The Boston Pilgrimage is providing a comprehensive travel package for adults (21 years and older) from June 18-24, starting at \$1275 double occupancy, as well as a special package June 18-22 with hostel accommodations tailored to young adults (21 to 40) starting at \$875 triple occupancy. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael Drea, Coordinator for Archdiocesan Pilgrimages at 617-479-5400, ext. 12.