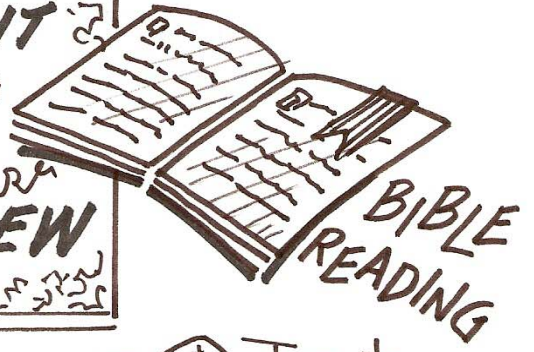
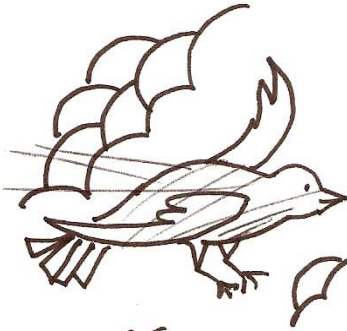
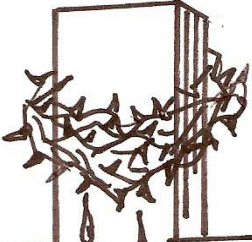


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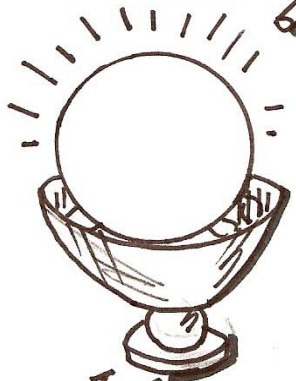


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Mission Statement

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 – Third Sunday of Lent: From today's readings we see that God is the one who encourages mercy and reconciliation. How much does our life reflect a connection with Jesus? Whom do we need to reconcile with and where do we need forgiveness? Each of us has been put on earth to fulfill a special part of God's plan for the salvation of the world. Lent is a good time to look at how we are trying to follow God's plan for us. Jesus shows that His grace is for all and He desires to save the whole world.

Welcoming back: Over the years we have all known or heard of people who no longer attend Mass possibly because of a bad experience or a misunderstanding. 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 12th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Please read chapters 18-21 of St. John's Gospel. This is one of the little extras that one can do

Extra Masses for Lent: There will be an extra Mass for Lent on Monday and Friday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please check the Lenten calendar for the other activities planned on Fridays 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. Some have already done so. Thank you.

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 March 25th at 6:30 P.M. followed by a social. We have a lot of hopes for the young people of our parish from grades six to twelve. Please come. This will be exciting.

2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services Weekend of March 18th. Catholic Relief Services provide shelter, water, and food and education to thousands of people to refugees of the poorest countries in the world. This collection has helped to make a difference for the better in so many of the poorest people in the world. Please be as generous as your means allows.

Novena to St. Patrick: Once again this year the Archdiocese of Boston is sponsoring a Novena to St. Patrick to be said from March 9th to March 17th for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Please pray for God to send more vocations to this Archdiocese. Please see the novena prayer elsewhere in the bulletin.

Please pray for the success of the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences next weekend.

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

Thank you for who you are and all of the good things that you do.

Easter Flowers: To make a donation for Easter Flowers in memory of your loved ones, please use the special envelopes located at the entrances of the Church. These envelopes should be dropped off at the rectory of handed in at Church.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 10	4:00 pm	Members of the Hubbard, Leen & Donahue Families
Sunday	March 11	8:00 am	Paul K. Vahey, Jr.
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	
Monday	March 12	9:00 am	Bob & John Campbell
Tuesday	March 13	9:00 am	Camella & Carl Salvatorelli
Wednesday	March 14	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Thursday	March 15	9:00 am	Francis Gillis
Friday	March 16	9:00 am	Joseph Doolin
Saturday	March 17	9:00 am	Elizabeth J Campbell
Saturday	March 17	4:00 pm	Harrington & McCarthy Families
Sunday	March 18	8:00 am	Deceased members of the Ramrath Family
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	

Scripture Readings

- 11 Sun Ex 3rd 1-8, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/
Lk 13:1-9
- 12 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-5/Lk 4:24-30
- 13 Tues Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- 14 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- 15 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- 16 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- 17 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
- 18 Sun Jos 5:9-12/Ps 34:2-7/2 /cir 5L17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

 *Collections*

Weekend of March 3-4

Amount collected	\$6,378.27
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 378.27

Thank you for your stewardship.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, March 14, 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 is Mister God, This is Anna by Anna Flynn, Ballantine Books. (Kathy has 3 copies of this book if anyone would like to borrow or buy one.)

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Spring is almost here and so is our Baby Shower. It would be appreciated if members bring an article for the layette which will be collected at the meeting on Wednesday, March 14. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:00 pm. There will be a representative from the agency called Pregnancy Help in attendance. Last year they helped more than 400 women in need.

Youth Choir:
Our next rehearsal is on Monday, March 12th, from 5:00-5:45 pm downstairs in Ward Hall of the school. 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!



Classes: There will be classes for grades K—6 only, 4:00-5:00 pm. Students should meet in the Church before breaking into classes.

March at a Glance

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph. St. Joseph is well loved for being an understanding and supportive husband to Mary and protector and teacher to young Jesus

March’s liturgical color this year is purple, since the entire month falls within the Lenten Season. Purple is used during Lent to symbolize penance and sacrifice.

Patron Saints of the Month

- March 4th—Casimir, who is the patron of unmarried men, kings and princes.
- March 8th—John of God, who is the patron of printers, sick people and hospital workers.
- March 9th—Frances of Rome, patron of motorists
- March 17th—Patron of Ireland
- March 19th—Joseph, patron of peace, a happy home, workers, carpenters and charities to the poor.

Prayer for Springtime:

Spring is in the air! The days are getting longer and warmer and we are beginning to see bits of new life in the grass and trees. Thank you God for springtime! We pray that our hearts will be filled with joy and hope as this new season begins.
Amen

Peace to all,
Elizabeth Healy and Maryellen Jennings

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. Great Irish food and great Irish entertainment are in store. Reservations should have been made at this time. If you have any questions, call

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE "TO DO" LIST

During Lent we again will read and be reminded of God's greatest Commandment. It is written "You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." We have heard homilies and been warned of the evils of materialism and the tendency, particularly in our abundant culture, to become focused on the accumulation of the things we think we need to have "the good life." Some of us may gear most of our energies in this direction, while others may even go so far as to become obsessed. Where is God? With all the inventions that have been developed, life is supposed to be easier. We no longer have to beat our clothes on rocks in the river to clean them. We don't even have to have a live in cook to have our coffee hot and waiting when we get downstairs in the morning. While life certainly is easier in most ways, new temptations, and most certainly new distractions can make life much more complicated. Where is God?

In this age of technology, inventions can improve our lives, yet in some insidious ways "control" our lives, and bring forth issues and problems we never anticipated or perhaps, don't even realize are ever present. How many of us have the "almighty" To Do list? It may be on your computer. It may be on your hand held device (PDA). It may be on your calendar at home. It may be on a piece of paper (3x5 card) in your pocket, purse, briefcase, etc. It is somewhere. How well do you think you would function without it? Have you ever misplaced it? In case of an accident of some kind and the next month 's list of things "To Do" were lost, how would you feel? Where is God? "and Him only shall you serve." Has God ever been on your To Do list? If you lost your list, would you forget about Him altogether? Does God need to be on this list in order to be scheduled into your life? "If it's not on the list, no can do! Don't have time." Is this our attitude? Is God only an after thought? If I have time and I'm not too tired?

Stewardship is a Way of Life. If there has to be a list, this "Way" should be #1. Spending time in prayer and service is something that has been discussed and encouraged, especially in Lent. How are we doing so far? Or was it not on the list. Do we need Reminders for God? If so, we need to rethink the power of this list. We need to reevaluate how we live our lives. This life today is not a dress rehearsal. It is the one and only real thing. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is unknown. We only have this moment. How are we spending it? Or do we need to check our To Do list to see what we are doing, have yet to do, and see if we programmed in time for our Lord? Is today's success measured by how many things we got done on the list? God? Yup. Check that off.

"Everyone who asks will receive; whoever seeks shall find, and to him who knocks, it shall be opened." (Matthew 7:8) No "To Do" list can deliver this.

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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LENTEN PROGRAMS

THE POWER OF SMALL CHOICES

There was an article in last week's Pilot on pages. 18 & 19 which ties directly into the content and spirit of this program. If you need a copy of the article please contact the rectory. We will include the ideas in this article in our discussion when we meet again on March 25th.

TRADITIONAL LITURGIES – The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

We are all familiar with the Rosary. There was a time, not too long ago, when Catholic families gathered daily to pray the rosary together. Today, when many of us find it difficult to gather together at the table for dinner on a daily basis, this practice has fallen by the wayside and most of us don't meditate on the mysteries of the rosary as often as we should. On Friday, March 16, at 7:00 pm we will gather to pray the sorrowful mysteries with each of the mysteries having a short meditation given by fellow parishioners. Hopefully we will discover new purpose and meaning in praying the beautiful prayer of the rosary.

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.

A CONCERT WITH GREGORY NORBET

The St. Sebastian's School Religion Departments presents this wonderful evening with Gregory Norbet, the composer of "All I Ask of You", "Wherever You Go" and many other songs of faith that have been a significant part of contemporary Christian music for over two decades. The concert will include music from his latest collections.

The concert will be held on Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 pm in Ward Hall of the school. Advanced RSVP is requested by contacting Jack Goulet at 781-247-0215.

Dear Friends,

Parish staff members have told me about your generous response to provide new bedding, etc. for our retired Sisters at Wakefield. To those who have already responded and those who will respond, I am sincerely grateful. I can assure you that I, and our Sisters who will benefit from your kindness, will remember you in our prayers.

All things considered I am doing well with my treatments. I feel comforted and encouraged by your prayers for me. Please continue to pray for me.

That our good God may bless you with many graces during this Lenten season is my fervent prayer for each of you.

As always, God bless!

Sr. Julie

Additional Suggestions for Lenten Reading:

Let Me Go to the Father's House (Pope John Paul II's final days' journey)

Stanislaw Dziwisz and Czeslaw Drazek, SJ. And Others, Pauline Books and Media.

Novena Prayer to St. Patrick

(To be said from March 9-17 in the Archdiocese of Boston.)

“O Glorious St. Patrick, who was sent to the people of Ireland to spread the faith and spend your life in loving service to God and His people we now turn to you, Patron of Boston, to intercede for us.

Help us to clasp unto our hearts, this day, the healing strength of the Trinity. May the example of your life, preaching and prayers inspire fervent and loving followers of Jesus in our Archdiocese. May your prayers obtain for us the grace to work together in building up the Church in Boston.

Pray for us to be open to the Holy Spirit and to live the vocation to holiness by loving God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves.

Intercede for us with the Master of the Harvest to send an abundance of workers into the fields. May your prayers obtain for us devoted priests, deacons and religious to serve God and His Church. Amen.”

CYO BASKETBALL

Last weekend, our 8th grade boys lost to a team from St. Ann, Neponset who were taller, more physical, and deeper on the bench than our team. Our boys may have lacked the size and strength of the other team but they displayed extraordinary grit, determination and heart coming back from a 21 point deficit early in the second half to close the gap to 8 points by the end of the game. Unfortunately, they just ran out of time. You played an unbelievable game and we couldn't be more proud. This is what CYO basketball is all about! Thanks to our 7 & 8 grade girls who came in uniform to cheer them on.

Our 5 & 6 grade girls played a talented and evenly-matched team from St. Francis in Medford on Sunday afternoon. Neither team was able to dominate the other and the lead changed hands many times during the game. During the final minute of the game, the fans and players of both teams were on the edge of their seats as both teams had several chances to win the game. At the final buzzer it was our girls who held on to a one-point lead to win the game 23-22. Congratulations on a hard fought victory.

This Sunday both our girls teams, 5 & 6 and 7 & 8, will be playing in the second round of tournament play at Milton High School. The 7 & 8 grade team, who had a bye in the first round, will be playing Sacred Heart of North Quincy at 1:45pm and our 5 & 6 grade girls will facing St. Patrick's in Dracut at 4:15pm. If you are a basketball fan (or even if you aren't) come and cheer them on!!!

Irish Pizza Party!!!

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

- 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. Also, see Joan O'Brien at CCD or call Marianne at 781-326-3670 or Joan at 781-449-3991.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR