

Holy



Week

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 Palm Sunday: This is the most solemn and sacred week in the Church year. Please plan on participating in as many services as possible. Try to tell others about what Holy Week means to you. This is a week for repentance, forgiveness and renewed loyalty. This is a good time for each of us to ask ourselves what have we been awakened to this Lent. How have we shared the presence of God in our lives with others?

Movie Night: On Tuesday, March 18th, at 7:00 pm we will be showing the movie "The Passion of the Christ" in the McCullough Room of the school. This is one of the ways we can prepare ourselves to enter into the Sacred Triduum.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions will be heard following all the Masses this weekend. There will be no scheduled confessions during the Sacred Triduum. If the times we have offered have not been convenient, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Bible Class will continue on Monday, Mar. 17th, 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: On Holy Thursday and Good Friday this week there will be Morning Prayer at 9:00 am. There will be no morning Mass either day. Please see the bulletin for all scheduled liturgical services.

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 later this week. Please plan on participating in the Sacred Triduum even if you have never come before.

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.

Easter Collection: There will be one collection taken up at all Masses on Easter Sunday which goes for the support of the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese. With the cost of health care rising significantly the needs are great. Please be as generous as you can be. You have always been so generous and thank you for all that you do.

Renew: 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 has begun. 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.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families
For the selfless acts they perform
For us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
I ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior.
Amen.

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.** 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.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	March 17	9:00 am	Catherine Eastman
Tuesday	March 18	9:00 am	Joseph Palmer
Wednesday	March 19	9:00 am	Dorothy Masterson
Thursday	March 20		No 9:00 am Mass
		7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	March 21		No 9:00 am Mass
Saturday	March 22		No 9:00 am Mass
Saturday	March 22	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	March 23	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		9:45 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass

Scripture Readings

- 16 Sun Mt 21:1-11 (37)/ Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- 17 Mon Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
- 18 Tue Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- 19 Wed Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
- 20 Thu Ex12:1-8,11-14/1Cor11:23-26/Jn13:1-15
- 21 Fri Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42
- 22 Sat Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11/ Mt 28:1-10
- 23 Sun Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Collections

Weekend of March 8-9

Amount collected	\$6,055.35
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 55.35

Thank you for your stewardship.

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.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, March 19th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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->

Youth Choir

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, March 17th, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- K-6th have class on March 17th
- All have class on March 24th
- K-6th have class on March 31st
- All have class on April 7th
- All have class on April 14th (Final Mass & Celebration)

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.
- **Rehearsal** – Tuesday April 15th 6 pm in the church followed by potluck dinner (NOTE DATE CHANGE from original)

Social Justice: Remaining opportunities for 2008:
 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 **TODAY (Sunday March 16th) 4:00 pm** at Fairway Lanes (Rt. 9) in Natick. Please call the rectory to sign up (or email melisahughes@comcast.net)
- **Stations of the Cross for Children: Friday March 21st 10:30 am** in the Church. Children 4 years. + are invited to participate in the stations as we dramatize, pray and reflect on the Stations as they were for Jesus and as we experience them today. Parents and others are welcome to help and to be our audience. (There is no practice; we will organize at the beginning and start almost immediately)

Social Club: Final arrangements have been made for the Social Club's St. Patrick's Day luncheon. This will take place on Monday, March 17th, at 1:00 pm in Ward Hall. A delicious Irish meal, Irish entertainment and a sing-a-long are in store. If you have last minute questions, please call Anne Carey at 781-444-6531. We are looking forward to a "great day" for all.

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Sharing: Time, Talent & Treasure

PALM SUNDAY

Have you ever stood at a doorway, almost too nervous to go in? Maybe it was an entrance to a new school; or a new job; or the doctor's office; or a social event where you knew no one. You are hesitant because of the unknown. Would you be able to make a grand entrance and accept the adulation of those around you, if you knew ahead of time that the results would be horrible for you?

Today, we go through that door in union with every Catholic worldwide to join our Savior and King as He enters His own city in triumph. He will complete His work as our Messiah this week. He knows that this entrance will result in His suffering, death, and Resurrection. They rejoiced in the moment. We know of the horror to come. Are we willing to press on to be a witness of the suffering and death of our Lord? Are we willing to pray in thanksgiving for His suffering this week, never forgetting that this was done for us and not because He needed to do this for Himself? Will we take time to remember? Are we willing to go through this door and participate in Holy Week with our community? Will we recall that Jesus asked of His disciples, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" He needed to pray to His Father. Do we ever need to pray? For what?

A Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians: "Christ, Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." This week above all else "every knee should bend" to the name of Jesus. Please join with us to "watch a least one hour" as we adore Him who suffered and died for our salvation, even though He knew we were sinners.

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

If anyone needs a ride to any Holy Week service, please call me.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., Mar. 16 Palm Path-following 9:45 am Mass for children through Gr. 6
- Sun., Mar. 16 Confessions following Masses
- Mon., Mar. 17 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 17 Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Mar. 17 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 17 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Mar. 18 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Tues., Mar. 18 Movie Night-7 pm-McCulloch Rm.-showing "The Passion of the Christ"
- Wed., Mar. 19 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Wed., Mar. 19 Social Club Meeting-2:30 pm in Ward Hall
- Thurs., Mar. 20 Morning Prayer- 8:45 am
- Fri., Mar. 21 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Mon., Mar. 24 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 24 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Mar. 24 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 24 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Mar. 25 Finance Committee Mtg-7:30 pm
- Wed., Mar. 26 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Mar. 27 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

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



Palm Sunday, March 16

- Palm Path & Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:45 Mass
- Confessions after all the Masses
- Practice for ministers assigned to Holy Thursday Mass-7:00 pm
- Practice for ministers assigned to 3:00 & 7:00 pm Good Friday Services-7:30 pm
- Practice for ministers assigned to 8:00 pm
- Easter Vigil Mass-8:00 pm

Monday, March 17

Mass at 9:00 am

Tuesday, March 18

- Morning Prayer at 8:45 am
- Mass at 9:00 am
- Movie Night at 7:00 pm in McCulloch Room - showing "The Passion of the Christ"

Wednesday, March 19

Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, March 20

- Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
- Practice for Altar Servers assigned to Holy Thursday Mass-6:00 pm
- Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm

Friday, March 21

- Morning Prayer at 9:00 am
- Practice for Altar Servers assigned to **either** Good Friday services-1:00-2:00 pm
- Passion of the Lord at 3:00 & 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 22

- Practice for Altar Servers assigned to the Easter Vigil Mass-6:00-7:30 pm
- Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, March 23

Masses at 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

Receiving the Holy Eucharist

In the beautiful Liturgy of the Last Supper that will take place on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, we celebrate the awesome gift of the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, we believe that the bread and wine become, in a way surpassing all understanding, the real Body and Blood of Christ; and we, the faithful, are encouraged to partake of this wonderful sacrament as often as is possible.

Many changes have been made over the years in the manner in which the faithful receive this sacrament. Jesus Christ is whole and entire under the presence of each of the species and the true sacrament of the body and blood is present even when one receives only one species, either the bread or the wine.

Today it is more common for the faithful to be invited to participate more fully in this sacrament by receiving communion under both species. The faithful may receive the precious body from the minister of communion either in their hands or on their tongue. The precious blood is usually received by drinking from the common chalice. Self-intinction of the host by the communicant is never allowed. If the method of receiving the precious blood by intinction is to be used, the intinction must be performed by the Eucharistic Minister who then places the intincted host on the tongue of the person receiving.

We strongly discourage intinction because of the possibility that a person, who can only receive communion under the species of wine because of severe wheat allergies, could in fact be faced with a serious medical situation if the wine that they take contains any trace of wheat due to intinction.



Is there a greater drama in history? Jesus confronts all the powers of evil to destroy, once and for all, the source of bondage, suffering, and death. He suffers betrayal and humiliation, abandonment and failure, pain and sorrow. He is left alone to fight the good fight, to bring the light of grace to battle the darkness of sin.

Death is the end, a nothingness that cannot be known, a darkness that destroys the possibility of hope, change and renewal. It is here that the battle is fought. Death must be destroyed. The darkness must be known and its power must be ended so that life can be possible. We are powerless, but Jesus is not. He gives His life for ours, His glory for our sinfulness, His perfection for our imperfection. He chooses us and in Him, we will find strength, glory, truth and light.

Now is the time of decision. The sides are being chosen and we pick our place. The way of life is not easy and we too must join the fight. Self-denial, discipline, and the practice of virtue connect us to the person and the struggle of Jesus Christ. Join now the fight for life, your life. With Him, victory is assured.

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Women's Retreat

"Let Peace be your quest and aim"
(St. Benedict)

Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA will be having this retreat April 11-13, 2008. *"I know the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord; plans for peace."* (Jer 29:11)

How can these plans of God be fulfilled? This retreat will bring women together to pray about this question and to explore how attentive listening and the practice of mindfulness can foster the inner peace that is the first step towards becoming agents of peace in our troubled world. The presenter is Sandra DeRome, Obl. S.B. Suggested donation is \$160. For more information please call the Retreat Office at 781-749-2155,

Beginning Experience Weekend: Has your marriage ended by death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? Consider attending a Beginning Experience Weekend to be held April 18-20, 2008 at the Marist House in Framingham, MA. The weekend is designed for those beyond the initial stages of grieving who desire to begin again. For information about the weekend, please contact Arthur at 978-342-0818; Ray at 603-627-2543; Joann at 413-789-6164; or Isabel at 617-569-5406. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 11. The cost of \$185 includes the program, 2 nights lodging (double occupancy), materials, and food. Space is limited.