

*He straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 (NAB)*

*5*  
*Sunday of Lent*

**St. Bartholomew Parish**

1180 Greendale Ave.  
Needham, MA 02492  
781-444-3434

**Parish Staff**

**Fr. Philip E. Mc Gaugh**, Pastor  
**Barbara Dury**,

Pastoral Associate/Business Manager

**Debby Deneen**, Parish Secretary

**Marianne Germano**, Director of Music

**Melisa Hughes**

Director of Youth Formation & Activities

**Mary Ellen Jennings**,

Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6

**Weekend Celebrant**

Fr. Charles Murphy

**Priest in Residence**

Fr. Brian Cronin, C.S.Sp.

**Important Numbers & Addresses**

**Parish Office:** 781-444-3434

**Fax:** 781-449-7550

**Email:** stbartholomew@comcast.net

**Website:** www.stbartholomew-needham.org

**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 for what you would like prayers said.

**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)

**Mission Statement**

Our Mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
- To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.



**Reflection for 5th Sunday of Lent:** During the Season of Lent we have been invited to take inventory of our lives to see what needs healing and reconciliation. If we think we have no need of healing or are without sin, we deceive ourselves. We need to seek healing and forgiveness from Jesus. God is a forgiving God. In the first reading today Isaiah proclaimed a message of hope and joy. In the second reading St. Paul rejoices in the transformation that has occurred in his own life. In the Gospel Jesus not only gives the lady a chance at a new life, He also challenges the Pharisees to focus on their own sinfulness rather than the faults of others. Jesus invites us to self-reflection as we journey through Lent. As God led the chosen people through the desert to the promised land, He leads us to the salvation He has promised. God has fulfilled the promises of salvation through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection.

**Palm Sunday:** Following Archdiocesan guidelines, on Palm Sunday we will return to the practice of receiving Communion under both species and extending the sign of peace to those around us at Mass. Several people have asked when this would start up.

**Bible Classes** will meet next **on Monday, March 22nd, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. This semester we are studying the Book of Psalms. It is hoped that the study of the Book of Psalms will enhance the prayer life for all of us. **Please read Psalms 9 to 11.**

**Holy Hour in Lent:** Every **Sunday in Lent from 3:00 -4:00 pm** we will celebrate a Holy Hour in church with a witness speaker. Come spend an hour with the Lord and experience how our Catholic faith has enriched the lives of members of this community. God has greatly blessed each of us; and when we share our stories we can enrich others and be enriched ourselves. This Sunday we will experience the blessings of our faith in another way of witness. Please come for this prayerful and enriching Holy Hour.

**Recommended Reading:** [Making Stewardship a Way of Life](#) by Andrew Kemberling and Mila Glodava, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, IN, 2009.

### Please Join Us

- We will have Morning Prayer at 8:45 am (prior to the 9:00 am Mass) on Tuesdays in Lent.
- Stations of the Cross will follow the 9:00 am Mass on Fridays in Lent unless there is a funeral at 10:00 am.

**Extra Confessions** will be heard after all the Masses next Sunday, March 28th. The readings at Mass this Lent have been emphasizing the importance of reconciliation and the ongoing refining role of conversion.

**St. Andrew Dinner:** This dinner is a gathering of young men in high school with Cardinal Sean, priests and youth ministers to discuss priesthood. The evening will consist of Evening Prayer, dinner conversations, and vocation witness talks. The next dinner will be on Tuesday, April 13th, at St. John's Seminary in Brighton from 5:30-8:30 pm. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Phil.



Confessions will be heard from 6:30-8:00 pm each Wednesday evening in Lent. St. Bartholomew and every parish and chapel of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual Confessions. "The Light is on for You" is an invitation to all of us to consider the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our lives. Reconciliation is a wonderful way to renew and strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Please pray that people take advantage of this opportunity to avail themselves of this important sacrament. Consider bringing someone with you to Mass or to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.


**The Catholic Appeal for 2010** has begun. This is an invitation to say thank you to God and to share our blessings with others. Cardinal Sean is inviting every Catholic household to participate in this important endeavor. Please bring your completed pledge card and envelope with you next weekend to place in the collection basket. Our goal this year as a parish if \$90,000. We need the help of each family if possible. Thank you.

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	March 20	4:00 pm	Pat Gallagher and William Fahy
Sunday	March 21	8:00 am	Dorothy Masterson
		9:45 am	Helena Scotto and Marguerite Mann
		11:30 am	Deceased Members of the Ramrath Family
Monday	March 22	9:00 am	Alice & Charles Scipione
Thursday	March 25	9:00 am	Harry M. McDonough
Friday	March 26	9:00 am	Kay & Al Crowder
Saturday	March 27	9:00 am	Jane Marie McDonald
Saturday	March 27	4:00 pm	Thomas Flynn
Sunday	March 28	9:45 am	David Connolly
		11:30 am	Joseph Cuddemi


**Amy's Book Club** will meet on **Tuesday, March 30th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is A Miracle for St. Cecilia's by Katherine Valentine. If anyone would like a book, please call Kathy Reilly. We always welcome new members. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862 or e-mail [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)




**The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.)** will meet on **Wednesday, March 24th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862.

**Youth Choir**

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be **Sunday, March 21st, from 5:00-6:00 pm** in the Church. New members are always welcome.



**Adult Choir**

The Adult Choir rehearsal is held every Thursday at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.



**CALLING ALL CHILDREN - AGES 1 TO 12 YEARS OLD**

**ARE YOU READY?!**

The Palm Path and Easter Egg Hunt are just one week away!! Learn about Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Walk the path of palms.

And...hunt for Easter eggs!!  
Practice your skills! Be ready!!

Please contact Dorothea O'Connell to register, leaving your name and the number of children who will be hunting for eggs! We need to make sure we have enough eggs for the hunters!

Phone: 781-449-4110  
E-mail: [speechwin@aol.com](mailto:speechwin@aol.com)

**STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"****A note from Hermina:**

The Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation's Soup Kitchen and Medical Assistance Program is in dire need of financial assistance. As you are aware, the Foundation was providing nutritious meals to 200 of our poorest brothers and sisters in Petit-Goave. Since the devastating earthquake, the number of people who participate in the program has increased. St. Bartholomew Parish's immediate assistance will have a lasting effect.

Are you interested in being a member of the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation Committee? As a parish we have committed ourselves to helping the people of Petit-Goave for the long haul and need to form a committee to organize our efforts. Please call Barbara at the rectory, 781-444-3434.

If you are able to make an immediate donation to the foundation, you may do so by making your check out to St. Bartholomew Parish with the note "for Haiti" on the memo line and mailing your check to the rectory—attention Barbara or putting your clearly marked donation in the offertory collection during Mass. Thank you.

~Barbara Dury

++++++

*My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.*

STE JEANNE D'ARC HAITI FOUNDATION  
P.O. BOX 690165  
QUINCY, MA 02269  
OR

EMAIL: [JDARCHAITI@VERIZON.NET](mailto:JDARCHAITI@VERIZON.NET)

TELEPHONE: 617-847-1519

WEBSITE: [www.stejeannedarchaitifoundation.org](http://www.stejeannedarchaitifoundation.org)

**Annual Spring clean-up day: Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Each year students from the Religious Education program come to the homes of parishioners who are older, or with physical mobility limitations to do indoor or outdoor clean up such as yard work, (leaf raking, pruning, early spring planting, etc.) as well as windows, house cleaning etc. Please call the rectory if you would like to make use of this FREE service.



**Boston Catholic Men's Conference:** Join 2,000 other Catholic men at the annual Boston Catholic Men's conference on Saturday, April 17th, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. EWTN's Crossing the Goal team will speak and challenge men to deepen their faith. Go to their website at [www.CatholicBoston.com](http://www.CatholicBoston.com), or email: [info@CatholicBoston.com](mailto:info@CatholicBoston.com) or phone 617-444-9950. **As of March 16th, 780 tickets remain.**

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education:

There will be classes for all grades on **March 22nd**.

All students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> grade will attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation during class time on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Parents are welcome to take this opportunity for themselves as well.

### Activities:

**Altar Servers:** We will start training for new Altar Servers after Easter. Please contact Melisa Hughes ([melisahughes@comcast.net](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net)) to sign up and indicate preference for training days and times. Altar Servers are open to boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. It is a fun way to participate and learn about the liturgy and an important ministry for our parish.

### Catholic Middle School Leadership Institute:

**“Witness to Hope”** is an exciting overnight leadership institute specially designed for Roman Catholic Middle Schoolers who have just completed grades 6, 7 or 8. The result is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a more effective leader and witness to hope. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.

**“Witness to Truth”** is a weeklong overnight leadership for Roman Catholic high schoolers who have just completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. The result of this experience is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a greater leader and witness to truth back in their home, parish, school, and community. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.



### **Easter Flower Memorials**

Envelopes can be found at the doors of the Church if you wish to remember a loved one by donating to the Easter Flower Memorial. You may place your envelope in the collection basket, mail it or bring it to the rectory.

## **STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE** **Sharing: Time Talent Treasure**

“ten suggestions” or TEN COMMANDMENTS

“Deep in the woods in logging country, a priest rarely visits to serve Mass or hear confessions. But one day a priest showed up and a very nervous group of big strong men lined up for the Sacrament of Penance. They shoved the biggest and baddest of all up to the front of the line. If the priest heard his confession first, they figured they would all look better. Number 1 went in and said, ‘Father, I done it all. I’ve broken every one of those Ten Commandments and then some. And I can’t remember when I went to Confession last. I don’t see how God can forgive me.’ The priest quietly said, ‘Well, let’s look at those Ten Commandments. Have you killed anyone?’ Laughing, the logger answered, ‘Well no. I guess that’s the only one I ain’t done.’ The priest then said that before coming to Confession, one should do a thoughtful examination of conscience. ‘So why don’t you go out and do just that.’ The logger left the confessional with a big smile on his face and announced to the waiting men, ‘Boys, you can go home now. He’s only hearing murder cases’.”\*\*

Vatican II in the 60’s changed our religious practices greatly; but it was never a license granted to each of us to interpret the teachings of Our Lord as we personally wished. Being a “cafeteria Catholic” is not an option. Physical church changes, native language prayers, more service and prayer participation, etc. are designed to deepen and increase our relationship with our Lord. Never to be confused or lost are the divine lessons, the God-given Commandments, Jesus’ truths. The Ten Commandments are not “ten suggestions” then or now. They are the way of life requirements our Lord has put forth for us, as His followers to live by.

As we try to pray more meaningful this Lent, why not start by thinking more deeply on the Ten Commandments relative to our lives today. And let’s skip the singular literal interpretation of certain words only as did our logger friend. Pry more deeply into all possible meanings of the Commandments. *1. You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. 3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. 4. Honor your Father and mother. 5. You shall not kill. 6. You shall not commit adultery. 7. You shall not steal. 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. 10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor’s.*

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862  
Email: [kreilly15@yahoo.com](mailto:kreilly15@yahoo.com)

\*\*Thanks EWTN

If anyone needs a ride to a service or wishes a home Communion visit, please call.



**Palm Sunday, March 28**

Palm Path & Easter Egg Hunt  
following the 9:45 am Mass  
Confessions following each Mass  
Holy Hour from 3:00-4:00 pm

**Monday, March 29**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Tuesday, March 30**

Morning Prayer at 8:45 am  
Mass at 9:00 am

**Wednesday, March 31**

Mass at 9:00 am  
Confessions from 6:30-8:00 pm

**Thursday, April 1**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am  
Mass of the Last Supper at 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 2**

Morning Prayer at 9:00 am  
Stations of the Cross for Children at 10:00 am  
Passion of the Lord at 3:00 & 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 4**

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

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)** invites you to join us on Wednesday, March 24th. The speaker will be Fr. Fred Enman who will speak of "Helping Hands: Providing Food and Housing Relief". Fr. Fred is Chaplain at Boston College Law School and founder of Matthew 25 Inc., which is an organization that rehabilitates abandoned housing in Worcester and Boston in order to provide quality affordable rental housing to low-income families in need. He will also explain the important role of volunteers, especially high school and college students, in the organization. WINGS is a spiritual group for women of all ages. This is your opportunity to be refreshed, renewed and enthusiastic about life. We meet in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's Parish, Needham each Wednesday morning from 9:45-11:30 am. Newcomers are always welcome and babysitting is available. We hope you consider joining us this spring—whether you can attend each week or just some of the weeks.

***The Seasons of Life . . .***

***. . . Jim Rohn***

*"Each day is given to us as a new season of spring. The thoughts, deeds, dreams and efforts of today will provide tomorrow's harvest. To neglect the opportunity given to us this day is to delay our better future. Do not use today to mentally re-live yesterday or to await the arrival of tomorrow, for tomorrow—when it arrives—will be called today. There will be no better day, no better opportunity, no better springtime, no better time to begin than the current moment. Seize the moments as you find them and mold them into your own better future. Today's procrastination will surely be tomorrow's regret."*

**Pray for our Confirmation Candidates**

As our 40 Confirmation Candidates enter the final stage of preparation, please pick a name from the basket in the back of the church to accompany them daily in prayer. They are Confirmed into a community surrounding them in love, support, and encouragement as they grow into strong, faithful, fearless witnesses of the Gospel.

