

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (NAB)

# 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 on Fourth Sunday of Lent:** Finding the truth is not always easy. So often that which we see immediately is not the whole story. How often all of us are so quick to jump to conclusions. Jesus came to testify to the truth, but it takes a great deal of time to grasp how Jesus invites us to live life on a deeper level. One of the important Lenten questions has to be, how can we better appreciate Jesus' love for us? It is because of the love that God has for us that He is rich in mercy. As our response to Jesus our discipleship needs to be ongoing and dynamic. This is our daily response to deepen our relationship to Jesus and to others. This is all about how we seek to live the Good News.

**Holy Hour each Sunday of Lent:** There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration on each of the Sundays in Lent following the 11:30 am Mass. This Sunday, March 22nd, the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be included in this Holy Hour of Adoration. On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will focus on the Seven Joys of Mary.

**The Catholic Appeal** has begun. The theme of this year's Catholic Appeal is "Responding to God's Grace, Renewing Our Church". As Catholics we are called by virtue of our Baptism to give of our time, talents, and treasures to help others. The Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to respond to the grace of God by sharing our treasures to help others - - Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Because of the severe economic times we are experiencing, it is crucial to support the Catholic Appeal this year. If you are able, please participate this year. We invite all who did not get a letter from Cardinal Sean to take an information packet home. Our goal for this year is \$95,500.00. We came close to reaching our goal last year; I hope we are able to achieve our goal this year. Last year's appeal has proven to be helpful to the parish thanks to your generosity.

**Morning Prayer during Lent** will be prayed at 8:45 am on Tuesdays—right before the 9:00 am Mass.

**Bible Study:** Classes will meet on **Monday, March 23, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read Chapters 3-7 of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. Classes are both fun and informative.

**Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign:** With the approval of the U.S. Bishops in their November 2008 general meeting the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment are co-sponsoring the Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign. This will take place the weekend of March 28 & 29. There is information about this available at the doors of the Church. The postcards for the Campaign will be put out next weekend to be completed that day.

**Recommended Reading:** Lenten Grace Daily Gospel Reflections by the Daughters of St. Paul, Pauline Books and Media, Boston 2008.

Word of Life Daily Scripture Companion by Celia Sirois, Pauline Books and Media, Boston 2008.



According to Scripture "There is a time for everything" -- and now is the time for me to leave St. Bartholomew's convent. My heart is filled with fond memories of faith-filled people, a kind pastor in Fr. Phil, generous staff members, dedicated and thoughtful parents, and children of all ages who have enriched my life so very much.

Sister Brenda and I will be moving to Station 250 in Dedham - just a short ride from St. Bartholomew's and also close to the Beth Israel Hospital in case of need. When possible, I hope to continue meeting with the Prayer Group, Book Club, etc.

I will always have a special place in my heart and prayers for everyone and everything which is St. Bartholomew's Parish. And so....one last request - please pray for me that I'll be graced with strength to accept what our good God has in store for me.

*From a truly grateful Sister Julie---God bless you!*

P.S. Visitors to our new home will always be welcome!

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	March 21	4:00 pm	Paul Connolly
Sunday	March 22	8:00 am	Jane Talanian
		9:45 am	Members of the Sarkis & Sulvane Families
		11:30 am	Phyllis Obijinski, Frances Obijinski, and Wanda Kane
Monday	March 23	9:00 am	Michael & Teresa Lovezzola
Tuesday	March 24	9:00 am	
Wednesday	March 25	9:00 am	Harry McDonough
Thursday	March 26	9:00 am	Kay & Al Crowder
Friday	March 27	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 28	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 28	4:00 pm	Thomas Flynn—2nd Anniversary
Sunday	March 29	8:00 am	Jane Talanian
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	


 *Collections*

**Weekend of Mar. 14-15**

Amount collected      \$5,376.07  
 Amount needed        \$6,000.00  
 Amount over/under    (\$ 623.93)

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Adult Choir**

 The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

**Clean Up Day - Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>:** 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:  
 Window washing  
 Bathroom cleaning (tub/shower, countertops, etc.)  
 Kitchen cleaning (appliances)

Outdoors:  
 Raking  
 Planting bulbs  
 Pruning shrubbery

**Youth Choir**

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, March 23**, at **5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, March 24**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

**Social Justice Movies** will be shown every **Thursday evening at 6:30pm** throughout Lent. The movies will be based on social justice themes followed by discussion in the O'Brien Room of the rectory. Movies are geared for adult discussion, though would be appropriate for interested students in high school.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

#### Class Schedule:

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All Grades have class on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 K-6 have class on March 30<sup>th</sup>  
 All grades have class on April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 All grades have class on April 13<sup>th</sup> (Closing Mass)

#### **Thanks!**

To all who helped make the **St Patrick's Day** party such a wonderful parish event, especially our teens who helped with picture taking, raffle ticket sales, children's table, and as hosts. Every time we help someone smile or bring more joy to their lives, we make Christ visible through us.

To all who helped make our first annual **Youth Recognition Night** a reality. There are many teens in our parish who share their talents in a variety of often unseen ways, in the things they do and the way they do them, they teach what it is to be community. We have teens that help and teach Religious Education, sit on the Parish Pastoral Council, instruct new Altar Servers, play and assist in the CYO program, are Eucharistic Ministers, help organize events, etc.

### Activities & Other News

**Junior Lectors:** Any student 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up interested in trying out being a lector at the 9:45 Mass, please contact [melisahughes@comcast.net](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net) to sign up or for information.

**Altar Servers:** We always welcome new students to participate in this important ministry! Any student in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up is welcome to be an altar server. Training sessions will be scheduled for interested students, please contact [melisahughes@comcast.net](mailto:melisahughes@comcast.net)

**"The Way of the Cross"** (see details on page 6) – In order for this performance to be a true parish wide event, help from students is needed:

Students in Middle School and up are needed to help **serve & clean up dinner** for the performers.

Students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are needed to be **ushers** for the performance.

**Artistic talent** – Large Posters are needed to help us promote this event

Please contact Melisa to sign up, or for more information. This is a great way to share your talent and can be counted as R.E. or school required Community Service hours.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

takes place at the 9:45 am Mass each week until the end of the school year (except on long holiday weekends). The children gather with the entire assembly and then are invited to come forward with their adult leaders. They then process to a different location in the building and listen to the Word of God using a lectionary for children. They return to church at the Offertory. We invite all children—not only those who attend Religious Ed classes here.

We are in need of volunteers for this beautiful ministry. Please call the rectory if you are interested. The commitment would be approximately once a month. Please call Melisa at 781-444-3434 if you are interested.

### Can you wait? Just a few more weeks! What is it?

#### The Palm Path and Easter Egg Hunt is coming!

That's right.

**Sunday, April 5th after the 9:45 Mass.**

Fun for all ages!!!

But first, we need your help. We have Easter Eggs, hundreds of them, to fill. We need your help. It's a no-brainer. If I can do it, you can. It takes so little time.

So call Dorothea O'Connell at 781-449-4110 to volunteer to fill the eggs  
Thanks!

**Amy's Book Club** will meet on **Tuesday, March 31st, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book for discussion will be God's Enduring Presence by Joyce Rupp. If you need a copy of the book, you may call Kathy Reilly. Her phone number is 781-444-0862.

**Mom's Night Out:** Join us for conversation and cuisine at Bertucci's in Needham at **7:00 pm on Thursday, March 26th**. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other mothers from our faith community. Please RSVP to Jeanne D'Allea by Tuesday, March 23, by calling 781-400-5083.

### **The Immaculate Heart Central School Mystery Players "The Way of the Cross"**

This group from Watertown, New York, will present an unforgettable experience in our parish on **Saturday, March 28th, at 7:30 pm.** Through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime, and paraliturgical readings, this group of high school students and adults presents a moving, dramatic meditation that promises to be the highlight of our Lenten season.

Each year up to 1/3 or more of the senior class tries out for the 16-18 available positions. The group starts practicing in early October and remains together until their final performance on Good Friday.

The group is based on prayer and the players attempt to bring that spirit of prayer to those in attendance. The group spends up to 45 minutes in prayer before the performance. In no way is the group presenting a play as such; instead, the presentation is a powerful meditation on events in the life of Christ.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!  
SATURDAY, MARCH 28  
7:30 PM**

#### **Protecting God's Children**

All volunteers are required to attend the Child Abuse Prevention video training, *Protecting God's Children* prior to starting volunteer responsibilities. This training is only necessary to complete once. A training session will be held on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:00pm** in the McCulloch Room of the St Sebastian's School. All new volunteers and any volunteers who have not done this training yet, please contact the rectory to sign up.

#### **Palm Path and Easter Egg Hunt**

Have you registered yet?

You only have a few days!

Registration is open only until **March 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Call **Dorothea O'Connell** at **781 449-4110**,  
or email her at [speechwin@aol.com](mailto:speechwin@aol.com).

Don't be left out. **Register now.**

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| Sun., Mar. 22   | Holy Hour of Adoration (including the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet)-<br>12:30 pm-Church |
| Sun., Mar. 22   | Protecting God's Children Training-<br>1:00 pm-McCulloch Room in the school                |
| Mon., Mar. 23   | Bible Study-10:00 am-O'Brien Room  |
| Mon., Mar. 23   | Religious Ed classes for all grades  |
| Mon., Mar. 23   | Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room  |
| Mon., Mar. 23   | Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm  |
| Tues., Mar. 24  | Morning Prayer-8:45 am-Church  |
| Wed., Mar. 25   | Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room  |
| Thurs., Mar. 26 | Mom's Night Out-7:00 pm-Bertucci's   |
| Thurs., Mar. 26 | Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm  |
| Sat., Mar. 28   | Community Clean-up Day   |
| Sat., Mar. 28   | "The Way of the Cross" Lenten Play-<br>7:30 pm-Church                                      |
| Mon., Mar. 30   | Bible Study-10:00 am-O'Brien Room  |
| Mon., Mar. 30   | Religious Ed classes for K-6 only  |
| Mon., Mar. 30   | Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room  |
| Mon., Mar. 30   | Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm  |
| Tues., Mar. 31  | Morning Prayer-8:45 am-Church  |
| Wed., Apr. 1    | Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room  |
| Thurs., Apr. 2  | Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm  |
| Sat., Apr. 4    | First Saturday Devotion-following the 9 am Mass (not if there is a funeral)                |
| Sat., Apr. 4    | Spiritual Retreat for First Communicants-9:45 to 11:30 am                                  |
| Sun., Apr. 5    | Community Sunday & free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 And 9:45 am Masses     |
| Sun., Apr. 5    | Palm Path & Easter Egg Hunt after the 9:45 am Mass   |
| Sun., Apr. 5    | Baptisms-12:30 pm  |

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

ANONYMOUS IS MY NAME

ON THE ROAD TO THE CRUCIFIX

Imagine walking on the paths of a beautiful college campus and seeing a magnificent building up ahead. When you look up at the carved in stone building name, you see ANONYMOUS instead of some John or Jane Doe name. Or likewise, driving through a new city, you spot a lovely building and ask its name and hear ANONYMOUS. You have just arrived home from the hospital and on your kitchen counter is a large basket of home cooked food— ANONYMOUS reads the card.

Conversion is a word often used this Lent. It means a growth in insight, understanding, and acceptance, which results in a permanent change of attitude and behavior to the best of one's ability. One keeps working on growing with these new insights. These insights, beliefs, understandings relate to our relationship with Jesus. Our anonymous behaviors develop and are intended as actions we do because Jesus asked—to love and care for one another and our church without the need to be public or expect thanks for everything we do. We do what we do for the love of Jesus. These are not beliefs and behaviors intended for just the 40 day Lenten calendar. They are life changing and become our "way of life". The above examples appear to range from unrealistic and impossible to a wonderful possible surprise for which the receiver is very grateful.

But "Nothing is impossible with God!" As we continue our brief journey on this earth, immersed in His creation, we learn to love and care about each other and the planet we live on, also His creation. Can we pick up after another, whether we know the person or not, and not get annoyed? Can we smile and hold a door for someone who does not even acknowledge us and not be irritated? Do we jump up to help an overburdened mother with children and stuff or an elderly person struggling to be independent? Do we even see the needs around us? The desperate Food Banks, homes without heat, children without adequate clothing or blankets, big or small, the list is endless. The college needs laboratories; the mother needs baby food. We can't solve all the problems, but do we do anything? We are never anonymous to God. Remembering this, our conversion to becoming all He wants us to be because He knows what we are capable of becoming, should make the efforts a joy. We may not get the thanks here, but could we imagine anything more wonderful than to hear the words "Well done my good and faithful son/daughter. Welcome to the house of your Father." ANONYMOUS is a name revered and well recognized where it counts.

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

**Family Faith – Annunciation (March 25<sup>th</sup>)**

The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates the actual Incarnation of Jesus in the womb of His mother, Mary. The account of the Annunciation is in the Gospel of Luke, 1:26-56, the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee' (Lk 1:28), and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word" (v. 38). This is the origin of the Hail Mary and the Angelus prayers. The Annunciation has always been celebrated on March 25, exactly nine months before Christmas Day.



**The Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston and Women Affirming Life** will be hosting a Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection on the Sacredness of Human Life on **Saturday, April 4, 2009 from 9am to 2pm** at the Daughters of St. Paul Convent in Jamaica Plain. The guest speaker will be Sister Olga Yaqob of the Boston University Catholic Center. Her topic is Witnesses to Life: Ambassadors for Christ. Please call 508- 651-1900 or e-mail [ProLifeOffice@rcab.org](mailto:ProLifeOffice@rcab.org) <<mailto:ProLifeOffice@rcab.org>> for more information.