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Alleluia

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.



Bible Class will continue on **Monday, Mar. 24th, 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.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday, March 30, 2008: Divine Mercy Sunday (the other title for the Second Sunday of Easter) was established for the universal church by the Holy See in the year 2000. The focus of Divine Mercy Sunday is on God's unbounded love and mercy for us. This is intended to be a source of healing and renewal for the entire church. We will have confessions from 12:30 to 1P.M. followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will begin adoration at 1P.M. and conclude by 3:30P.M. In addition to adoration and benediction this service will consist of a prayer service, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary beginning at 3P.M.

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.

The Catholic Appeal: 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.

My dear friends,

This is truly the day that the Lord has made! We rejoice in Easter as the resurrection is the reason why we have hope for the transformation of the world. During Lent we have reflected upon the lessons of God's love for all as His love has been demonstrated in so many ways in the Sunday Gospels. This Lent we were offered new insights into the mystery of God's love for us. What would we like to say to Jesus?

Since last Easter, we have experienced uncertainty, sadness, disappointments and losses in addition to times of joy. We have hope and assurances that God can bring good out of all events. His death on the Cross and His rising from the dead have helped bring new meaning to living, new hope and renewed determination. Jesus Christ has redeemed the world. Each of us is invited to find Jesus in different places including the breaking of the bread, hearing the sacred word, in the smile of a child, in suffering, in service to others, and on our own roads to Emmaus. Jesus showed us and helps us to experience that every life and every event of life is sacred, significant and special. Even when others appear not to take Jesus' message seriously, not to care or understand, we know that Jesus always cares and understands us, each of us.

May we pray for world peace, and peace in the hearts of all. In a special way may we pray that tomorrow will be better than today. May we pray that God's kingdom of love justice and mercy will become a reality in the lives of all. May we always respect all life. May we always be mindful of and pray for the youth of the world, that they will have hope. May we pray for the ill, those who minister to them and all those who have no one to pray for them. May we pray for the well being of our troops. May we pray for our public safety officials. May we pray for all who make our lives easier or more meaningful. May we be mindful of the gratitude that we owe to each other for the way we enrich each other and this faith filled community. May we be mindful of and thankful for all that God entrusts to us.

Thank you to all who helped to make our liturgical celebrations beautiful and spiritually enriching by their gifts of music, or of any type of ministries, or planning the liturgies, or decorating of the altar, or of taking care of all the other elements that go into the life of this parish. Thank you for being who you are. God loves each of us. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

A blessed and wonderful Easter Season to you,
Fr. Philip E. McGaugh, Pastor
and the entire staff at St. Bartholomew

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	March 24	9:00 am	Warren French
Tuesday	March 25	9:00 am	Harry M. McDonough
Wednesday	March 26	9:00 am	Al & Kay Crowder
Thursday	March 27	9:00 am	
Friday	March 28	9:00 am	
Saturday	March 29	9:00 am	Kenneth McNeil
Saturday	March 29	4:00 pm	Thomas Flynn
Sunday	March 30	8:00 am	Thomas & Helen Boyle and Carroll & Hester Buckley
		9:45 am	Joseph Cuddemi
		11:30 am	Paul Connolly

Scripture Readings

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
24	Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
25	Tue	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
26	Wed	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
27	Thu	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
28	Fri	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
29	Sat	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
30	Sun	Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, March 26th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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

Youth Choir

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, March 24th, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome

Collections

Weekend of March 15-16

Amount collected	\$6,391.75
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 391.75

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.

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>.

Children and Youth

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Huge Thanks to those who helped make the **St Patrick's Day Pizza Party** AND the **Palm Path** a huge success! Both events were lots of fun but would not have been possible without the many "unseen" hands of our students and volunteers.

Religious Education Reminders

- 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

Please email melisahughes@comcast.net to sign up!

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

A HAPPY HOLY GLORIOUS EASTER TO US ALL!

He has risen as He promised!

"The Lord put His faithful servant in charge of His household." Luke 12:42

"Jesus carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we could die to sin and live in holiness; by His wounds we have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

"Come, good and faithful servant! Share the joy of your Lord!" Matthew 25:21

Hallelujah!

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

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: **Saturday, April 12th, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm**

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children MUST be pre-registered by Tuesday, March 4th, if they wish to attend.

Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children, and your phone number.

The movie to be shown is "The Bees" - a comedy about a bee who has graduated from college and is shocked to discover that humans have been stealing and eating the bee's honey for centuries. The bee ultimately realizes that his true calling is to set the world right by suing the humans!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Mon., Mar. 31 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 31 Religious Ed classes for K-6 at 4:00 pm
- Mon., Mar. 31 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Mar. 31 Youth Choir rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Apr. 1 Pastoral Council Mtg.-7:30 pm
- Wed., Apr. 2 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Apr. 3 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Apr. 5 First Saturday Devotions-following the 9:00 am Mass
- Sun., Apr. 6 Community Sunday & free blood pressure screening-following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Apr. 6 Baptisms-12:30 pm

Transportation Needed: We are looking for a parishioner who regularly attends the 11:30 am Mass to drive an elderly woman living at Webster Green to Mass each week. Please call the rectory for information. This could also be shared among two or three people if possible.

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

Easter Blessings to you, my good and faithful friends of St. Bartholomew's Parish. Since we are Alleluia People at this joyous Easter season, I am writing to update you on my present condition. I am on my third chemical treatment and thus far I am doing well –relatively speaking. I am also doing physical therapy sessions because of serious osteoporosis. Thanks to your thoughtful generosity in providing special treats for me I am maintaining my weight.

I cannot believe how the presence of God is alive in our parish. Not a week goes by that someone does not come to the door with chowder, coffee cake, flowers, etc. God is in our midst.

How blessed am I to have loving family and caring friends who continue to surprise me with manifestations of God's goodness. All that you do for me is very much appreciated. In turn, you are remembered daily in my grateful prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I patiently strive to accept what the Risen Lord is asking of me.

God bless you and your loved ones,
 Sr. Julie

Project Bread

Since 1969, The Walk for Hunger has been supported by religious organizations. Over the years, that support has grown from one to more than 1,000 religious and community organizations that come out to protest the social injustice of hunger in our midst. This is the historic 40th Walk. It's a year to find out what we've accomplished and what our plans are for ending hunger in the years ahead. Now is the time to dig out your Walk memorabilia and join us for Project Bread's special 40th Walk on **Sunday, May 4**. Enjoy a festive day walking through Boston and surrounding neighborhoods while you help our hungry neighbors. With the high cost of living in the Commonwealth, hungry people need your help more than ever. Your pledges feed people through emergency food programs throughout the state and through our many food programs in schools, after-school programs, and pediatrician offices that integrate help into ordinary fabric of everyday life.

Celebrate the spirit of giving along with 43,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this historic Massachusetts experience. For more information, call 617-723-5000 or visit www.projectbread.org/walk.

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory Of:

The Beggs Family
 Alice Belval
 Urban Belval
 Lesley Bradshaw
 The Campbell Family
 The Camozzi, Curley and Perry Families
 Albert J. Capone
 Deceased members of Casey Family
 Mary & Hugh Caulfield
 The Chisholm & Gillis Families
 Dorothy M. Collins
 Major David Connolly
 Peg & Gerry Connolly
 Mary Jo Cooke
 John W. Coppinger, Jr.
 Leo Paul Crowley
 Henry D'Alelio
 Al Dandor
 Margaret Dandor
 Paul DiSangro
 Mary & Thomas Doolin
 The Doolin Family
 Ann & Jed Dowd
 Bridget & John Carroll Dowd
 James Dowd
 Dr. Joseph Dowd
 Nora & James Dowd
 Sarah & Edward Dowd
 The Dunn Family
 The Dury & Langis Families
 Elizabeth & Mollie
 William & Helen Fagan
 Anne & Joseph Feeley
 Helen & John Finnigan
 William Finucane
 Jean Finucane-Sullivan

In Memory Of:

Richard T Foley
 The Foley Family
 The Gallagher Family
 Norma Giannotti
 The Goodman Family
 Annie Harrington
 Cornelius Harrington
 Michael Harrington
 Neil Harrington
 Virginia Hasenfuss
 Leo Heffernan
 Edward Henneberry
 Alice V. Hennigan
 The Hutch Family
 Robert A Jennings
 Anna & Steven Joyce
 Alice & Peter Kelley
 Eileen & Thomas Kennedy
 Deceased members of the Kiley Family
 Ida Lamenzo
 Alfred W. Leclair
 Loneliest Soul in Purgatory
 The Loveday & Scheidler Families
 The Lydon & Thissell Families
 Jeffrey Madden
 Mr & Mrs Leslie Madden, Sr
 Leo Madden, Jr.
 Anna & Eliot Mann
 Gerald Martino
 Gerald V. May, Sr
 Daniel J. McCarthy, Jr
 Bridget & William McLaughlin
 Marjorie McLaughlin
 Fred Mitchell, Jr
 Fred & Mabel Mitchell, Jr.
 Tosca Morelli

In Memory Of:

Joseph & Roseanna Murphy
 Edward & Julia Nowak
 Edward & Julie Nowak
 Edward & Mary O'Brien
 Deceased members of the O'Leary & Daly Families
 Kevin W. O'Neil
 Thomas & Mary O'Neil
 Katherine O'Sullivan
 Ed Padgett
 Grace & Salvatore Patti
 Joseph Patti
 Virginia Ray
 Joseph Reichle, Jr
 Julia Reichle
 Herbert & Rose Rosa
 Thomas & Grace Ryan
 Joseph J Saulen
 Natale Scarcella
 Robert & Margaret Scheidler
 Charles Schofield
 Rosalie & Frank Sidoti
 Fr. J. Whitney Sullivan, S.J.
 Angela Tropeano
 Paul & Jane Vahey
 Paul K. Vahey, Jr.
 Alice Vogel
 Gerald Vogel
 Ward Wetherell, III
 Mr & Mrs Ward Wetherell, Sr.
 Bill Whitney
 Chester Whitney
 Mary Georgina Whitney
 Brian Wiechniak
 Chet Yablonski
 Stacy Yablonski
 Al Zafferano

Peace in the World

