

*Whoever loves his life loses it, and  
whoever hates his life in this world will  
preserve it for eternal life. John 12:25 (NAB)*

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

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### Important Numbers & Addresses

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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent:** As this Lenten Season is rapidly moving toward the end now is an appropriate time to assess where we have been and where we would like to be going in growing closer to God and neighbor.

**Holy Hour in Lent:** There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration this **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:30 am Mass.** Our focus will be on the Seven Joys of Mary. Next Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, we will offer a reflection on the Prodigal Son. Due to the Baptism at 12:30 pm, the Holy Hour will begin at **1:00 pm.**

**Extra Confessions** will be heard after all the Sunday Masses this weekend.

**The Catholic Appeal:** 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. 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 this. 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.

**Meeting Christ in Prayer:** This program, formerly "Living with Christ", published by Loyola Press is now called Meeting Christ in Prayer. The Office for Worship and Spiritual Life is offering this 8-week guided prayer based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER will take place on Wednesday evenings April 22 - June 10, 2009 from 7:00- 8:30 pm at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Dr. Braintree. For more information or to register please call Sr. Anne D'Arcy CSJ at 617-779-3648 or email: sdarcy@rcab.org

**Fight FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) 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. There is information about this available at the doors of the Church. The FOCA bill from the last Congress would eliminate almost all state and federal restrictions on abortion including parental consent. The postcards found in each pew of the Church is part of the national effort to let the senators and representatives know there are major objections to this bill. Please fill out these postcards and mail them to the appropriate senators and representatives. This is an extremely important initiative.

**Please take part in it.**



**Dear Parishioners**

Thank you for your consistent generosity. These challenging times for many of us: however, we continue to be blessed with a generous spirit throughout the Archdiocese of Boston, With the generosity of you and so many of our Catholic brothers and sisters, the Christmas Collection in support of the Clergy Funds increased by approximately 5%.

The Clergy Funds primary purpose is to provide medical care and retirement benefits to senior clergy who have served parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Stabilizing the Funds is a top priority of Cardinal Sean, the Archdiocese, and its priests.

We are thankful that you have chosen to give generously to the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese. On behalf of all our priests, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
All the Priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	March 28	4:00 pm	Thomas Flynn—2nd Anniversary
Sunday	March 29	8:00 am	Jane Talanian
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Arthur Gormley
Monday	March 30	9:00 am	
Tuesday	March 31	9:00 am	
Wednesday	April 1	9:00 am	
Thursday	April 2	9:00 am	Jim & Louise Barnes
Friday	April 3	9:00 am	Barbara Hurley
Saturday	April 4	9:00 am	Enrico DeSimone
Saturday	April 4	4:00 pm	The Harrington, McCarthy & Igo Families
Sunday	April 5	8:00 am	Natale Scarcella
		9:45 am	Bob Savage and the Reagan Families
		11:30 am	Joseph Cuddemi

 *Collections*

**Weekend of Mar. 21-22**

Amount collected      \$6,194.66  
 Amount needed        \$6,000.00  
 Amount over/under    \$ 194.66

**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.

**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.

**Youth Choir**

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, March 30, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

**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!

**Prayer Group**

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, March 31, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

#### Class Schedule:

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

### 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)

**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.

### **Perpetual Food Drive**

We have begun a new ministry to help Needham families and individuals during these tough economic times. We are collecting non-perishable food, toiletry & paper products for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry.

Contributions may be left in the box in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf.

If you would like to help deliver the items (anytime after the 9:45 or 11:30 Masses, after Religious Ed, etc. and delivered any time the pantry is open), please contact Patty Doyle at 781-449-5652 or Kathy Ellison at 781-400-1093.

## Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conferences

**2009 Men's Conference - Saturday, April 18** - to be held at Conte Forum at Boston College from 9am-6pm. The Men's Conference theme is "*In the Footsteps of Christ.*" Speakers include Jim Caviezel, Coach Jerry York, Curtis Martin, Jim Stenson, Cardinal Sean O'Malley and many others.

**2009 Women's Conference - Sunday, April 19** - to be held at Conte Forum at Boston College from 9am-6pm. The Women's Conference theme is "*Trust in the Lord with all Your Heart.*" Speakers include Kerri & Jim Caviezel, Johnnette Benkovic, Sr. Nancy Keller, Dr. Mary Healy, Dr. Karen Bohlin and many others.

For prices and registration, please visit the website: [www.catholicboston.com](http://www.catholicboston.com).

### **New Website for the Archdiocese of Boston**

Cardinal Sean is pleased to announce the launch of the Archdiocese of Boston's new website, designed to bring Catholics closer to their faith and to offer the wider community an expanded and more comprehensive view of the Church. This initiative represents a move of the Archdiocese's virtual headquarters to a new site that is modern and better suited to sharing the story of the Church. Cardinal Sean encourages you to visit the new website at [www.BostonCatholic.org](http://www.BostonCatholic.org). It will be a great resource to the parishes, schools, ministries, and agencies of the Archdiocese, any to anyone who wants to learn more about our Catholic faith.


*Out of the depths we cry to you, O God, out of the depths of our doubt and disbelief...the depths of our fears and vulnerability...the depths of the tomb we carve into the fabric of our lives...bound like Lazarus. Wrapped in darkness like a seed.*

*The words of Jesus echo in our ears: to die is to live, to lose is to find.*

*Cradle the seed of our lives in your hand, O God. Help us to befriend the holy ground of life that we might not resist the plunge into its darkness.*

*Let us fall lightly that we might greet the dying with the certainty of new life.*

*Let us remember your time in the tomb but also that you come sure as dawn to shatter the stone and call us forth unbound and free. Amen.*



**Congratulations To:**  
 Alexander Thomas Murray,  
 son of Thomas & Karen,  
 as this child is claimed  
 by Jesus Christ in the  
 Sacrament of Baptism  
 this weekend.

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts,  
 I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
 No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know  
 the Lord. All, from the least to the greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.  
 - Jeremiah 31:33-34*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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
Mon., Apr. 6	Bible Study-10:00 am-O'Brien Room
Mon., Apr. 6	Religious Ed classes for all grades
Mon., Apr. 6	Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm in the O'Brien Room
Mon., Apr. 6	Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
Tues., Apr. 7	Morning Prayer-8:45 am-Church
Wed., Apr. 8	Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
Thurs., Apr. 9	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Fri., Apr. 10	Stations of the Cross for Children-10 am

**Hooray!! Hooray!!!**

**The Circle of Comfort** is up and ready to run. The goal of this endeavor is to have prepared meals available so that food can be brought to those who need comfort. As needed, volunteers will go to the rectory and take a meal and pie and deliver to someone they know who is in need (people in mourning, post surgery, shut-ins, etc).

Once every two months volunteers will gather for an evening in the rectory kitchen to prepare meals (chicken pot pies, lasagna, casserole types, and apple pies). These would then be placed in a specific freezer in the rectory. We hope to have different groups to make the meals such as a women's night, men's night, father/child, senior night etc.

At this time we need the following:

- Boxes of brown sugar
- Old Fashioned Rolled Oats
- Cans or Jars of Tomato Sauce
- Grated Parmesan Cheese
- Boxes of Butter
- BARILLA NO BAKE Lasagna Noodles

There will be baskets at the entrances of the Church on Community Sunday (next Sunday) in which you can put your donation(s). Anything you can do will be appreciated. This is a great service. Please help. Thank you.

**Human Trafficking**

Sr. Carole Lombard, CSJ, Director of the Office of Justice and Peace of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, and member of the Boston Unit of the Leadership of Women Religious Task Force on Human Trafficking will address the issue of Human trafficking on Thursday, April 2, 7 – 9 pm at St. Susanna Parish Hall in Dedham. Her talk will be accompanied by a short film, "Fields of Mudan," which was nominated for an Oscar.

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of are young children, teenagers, men and women. Approximately 600,000 – 800,000 victims annual are trafficked across international borders world-wide. Victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor.

All are welcome to this program which is supported by St. Susanna Peace and Justice and Adult Faith Formation of St. Susanna's, and other local Peace and Justice groups.

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

**TWO WEEKS TO GO ON THE ROAD TO THE CRUCIFIXION**

We, God's people, have been called "God's handiwork". The Jerusalem Bible reads "We are God's work of art". Pretty heady stuff unless we realize that we are a "work of art" in progress. Unlike a finished magnificent work of art such as Michaelangelo's "Pietà", we must continue to improve on our "beauty", inside and out. We are not finished. We are not ready for the final critique. We will never feel like we are, while all the time knowing that that final judgment could come at any moment and that time is not ours to decide.

And speaking of progress, there are only two weeks left in our Lenten journey. There are many wonderful authors, who present very thought-provoking ideas for us to consider on our Lenten journey with Christ. One outstanding writer is Henri J.M. Nouwen. In his book *SHOW ME THE WAY*, he states that "Solitude is the furnace of transformation. Without solitude we remain victims of our society and continue to be entangled in the illusions of the false (secular) self. Jesus himself entered into this furnace. There he was tempted with the three compulsions of the world: to be relevant, to be spectacular, and to be powerful. There he affirmed God as the only source of his identity ('You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him alone.') Solitude is the place of the great struggle and the great encounter – the struggle against the compulsions of the false (secular) self and encounter with the loving God who offers himself as the substance of the new self. Nouwen continues with "our heart is at the center of our being human. There our deepest thoughts, intuitions, emotions, and decisions find their source. But it's also there that we are often most alienated from ourselves. We know little or nothing of our own heart. We keep our distance, as though we were afraid of it.....The mystery of the spiritual life is that Jesus desires to meet us in the seclusion of our own heart, to make his love know to us there, to free us from our fears and to make our own deepest self known to us. In the privacy of our heart, therefore, we can learn not only to know Jesus but, through Jesus, ourselves as well". SOLITUDE

Two weeks left to share Jesus' journey. Create your moments and as Nouwen suggests, spend some time alone with Jesus. "The painful part of being human is that we are so often strangers to ourselves". Let us pray, that we will become the recognized "work of art" that God designed us to be. And hopefully others will see us through our works and come to believe we all are truly God's handiwork.

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

If you need a ride to any Lenten service, please call me. If you wish to have a Communion visit at home, please call me.



**Palm Sunday, April 5**

Palm Path & Easter Egg Hunt  
 following the 9:45 am Mass

**Monday, April 6**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Tuesday, April 7**

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

**Wednesday, April 8**

Mass at 9:00 am

**Thursday, April 9**

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

**Friday, April 10**

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 11**

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

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