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JESUS I TRUST IN YOUR MERCY

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 Divine Mercy:

I suspect we all know many people who are doubting Thomases. Jesus gives us the great gift of His Resurrection, the Eucharist and each other. In all fairness there was a great deal more to Thomas as well. Thomas was the realist and he was one of the disciples that would die for Jesus. Some suggest that when Jesus died Thomas was off facing his grief by himself. Thomas faced his doubts and came to rejoice. He also shows us how religion requires more than ourselves. How do we identify with the story of Thomas?

Divine Mercy is all about God's desire to lead us to eternal life by freeing us from our sins by forgiving them. On Divine Mercy Sunday we are also encouraged to ponder and receive in a special way God's mercy for the world. It is Jesus' intention that the whole world be redeemed. This feast of Divine Mercy is God's gift to us to completely renew and revitalize our church. Through the forgiveness of the sacrament of Reconciliation and receiving the Eucharist on this day sins will be forgiven. Like St. Thomas may we rejoice in the Risen Lord and the overcoming of sin and death.

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 1:00 pm followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will begin adoration at 1:00 pm and conclude by 3:30 pm. In addition to adoration and benediction this service will consist of a prayer service, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary beginning at 3:00 pm.

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, Mar. 31st, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 16-20 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.

Sunday Confessions: On one Sunday in Advent and 2 Sundays in Lent Confessions were heard after Masses. It has been suggested that this practice be continued one Sunday each month. For the time being confessions will be heard after all Masses on the second weekend of each month.

Renew: We will be commissioning our Renew leaders at the **9:45 am Mass on Sunday, April 6th**. 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. Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge. 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.

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.

It's A Most Unusual Day

William Arthur Ward

TODAY is a most unusual day, because we have never lived it before; we will never live it again; it is the only day we have.

TODAY can be a healthy unusual day for you—and for others—if you take time to give someone a smile...to express a word of kindness...to lend a helping hand to someone in need...to write a note of gratitude... to give a word of encouragement to someone who is temporarily overcome with problems...to share a portion of your material possessions with others.

LOSE YOURSELF in generous service and every day can be a most unusual day, a triumphant day, an abundantly rewarding day!

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	March 31	9:00 am	
Tuesday	April 1	9:00 am	
Wednesday	April 2	9:00 am	
Thursday	April 3	9:00 am	James & Louise Barnes
Friday	April 4	9:00 am	Enrico DeSimone
Saturday	April 5	9:00 am	
Saturday	April 5	4:00 pm	Natale Scarcella
Sunday	April 6	8:00 am	John F. Keane
		9:45 am	Bob Savage and Ed & Jim Reagan
		11:30 am	Theresa Cintolo and Frank Cintolo

Scripture Readings

- 30 Sun Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- 31 Mon Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- 1 Tue Acts 4:32-37/Jn3:7b-15
- 2 Wed Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- 3 Thu Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- 4 Fri Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- 5 Sat Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- 6 Sun Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

Collections

Weekend of March 22-23

You, the wonderful parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Parish, donated **\$12,132.79** for the Easter collection that helps support the sick and retired priests in our archdiocese.

Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, April 2nd, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, April 29th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read is Outlander by Diana Gabaldon.

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

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>.

Youth Choir

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, March 31st, at 5:00 pm** in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass in April. New members are always welcome.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- 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!

St Bart's Youth Board:

The Youth Board is made up of students in 6th- 12th grade who determine, plan and coordinate activities beyond Religious Education classes. All are welcome, next meeting is **Tuesday, April 8th 6:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room.



St. Bartholomew Soccer Program 1st and 2nd grade Boys & Girls

Those currently registered for 2007-2008 will be contacted by their coach with details; games begin the weekend of April 26-27.

Fall/Spring 2008/2009 Registration: Saturday, April 26, 9:00- 12:00 pm

Outside next to St. Bart's soccer fields (rain location - St. Sebastian's cafeteria)

St. Bart's Soccer is a co-ed instructional program for Needham boys & girls born **August 1, 2000 - July 31, 2002**. Registration is for both fall 2008 and spring 2009 season otherwise, mail-in registration period begins April 26 - June 6. Applications will be available at town hall on a first come first serve basis starting April 28.

Head coaches and assistant coaches are needed.

Please call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline for information or questions at 781-444-6559.

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

"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"

Jesus asked His disciples "Who do the people say that the Son of Man is?" And some answered, "John the Baptist, or Elijah, or Jeremiah." Then He asked the disciples, themselves. "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's answer has become the cornerstone of Christianity: "You are the Messiah, Son of the living God."

We have just finished the solemn season of Lent in which the story of Jesus was told many times in our readings raising our awareness and hopefully, increasing the depth of our relationship with Him. Many additional services were provided to assist us in our Lenten journey. Easter Sunday has arrived with our Lord giving as He promised. He has risen! He defied death with His own for us; thereby making it possible for us to enjoy eternity in His presence. Spring has begun to break forth, renewing the warmth we so desire to feel on our bodies. The sights and smells of nature's rebirth is a delight that nourishes our very souls. We have just been through the barren season, when for a period, all was stripped away. And now we begin on Easter, a season where we are bombarded with color, sweet smells, and joy. How long will the memory of Lent last in our distracted lives?

Now life returns to "normal". Where is Jesus in our "normal"? Now life returns to our "To Do" list. Now life returns to our beloved spring activities, the Red Sox, throwing off those winter clothes, living outdoors, playing harder, staying up later. A month, three months, six months later, we actually might not have forgotten Jesus' question, if asked, "Who do you say that I am." We probably will even remember Peter's answer. But how would you answer the question backwards? If Jesus stood before you and asked, "Who should I say that you are?" How would we answer? Has the Lenten season with all its good intentions, prayers, sacrifices, etc. been shelved for better times? Or have you truly been touched in your devotion to Jesus, so that you would respond to Him joyfully "I am your child. You created me to know You, to love You, and to serve You with love all the days of my life. You asked of me that I care for Your creation. You asked of me that I try to leave this earth a little better than I found it. This is how I am living my life. Spring has sprung. And so have I, with You at the top of my "TO DO" list."

Think about it. Who would you say that you are?

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
E-mail: keilly15@yahoo.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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 Commissioning of Renew Team at the 9:45 am Mass
- Sun., Apr. 6 Baptisms-12:30 pm
- Mon., Apr. 7 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Apr. 7 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Apr. 7 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Apr. 7 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Wed., Apr. 9 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Thurs., Apr. 10 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Apr. 12 2nd grade Retreat-9:45 - 11:30 am

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

Thanks to everyone who helped make the St. Patrick's Day Pizza Party a great success once again. Special thanks to the Hansen-Keohane Irish Dancers of West Roxbury and Joe Fasciano and Charley Lampman and their staffs at St Sebastian's. Thanks also to all involved in planning and running the evening including Joan O'Brien, Bill and Cathie Cummings, Marianne Germano, Kathy and Bill Whitney, Bill and Mike Kerr, Jane and Marty Cuniffe, Maureen Martin, Tom Milek, Peggy Powers, Peg Coles, Peggy Cummings, Debby Deneen, Rosemary Reddington, Phil and Susan Beranger, Tony Crugnola, Dan Brennan, Bea Thompson and Judy Staszkesy. Thanks to Matt Ellison and all the kids who sold raffle tickets as well as those people who donated prizes, and to Melisa Hughes and the CCD students who did a great job with the children's activities.



 The Relay for Life is a one day and one night community experience and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. The Needham, Wellesley and Dedham Relay is scheduled for **May 17-18 at Newman Elementary School and will go from 3:00 pm to 9:00 the following morning.** The Relay for Life has raised millions of dollars that goes straight to the American Cancer Society for research, education and treatment of cancer.

Participants create fundraising teams and spend the night together surrounded by other teams from the community. This event climaxes after dark as the luminaria bags are lit surrounding the field. These are bags with sand and candles and a name of a loved one who has fought cancer. Thousands of these bags illuminate the area with a feeling of hope. The motto of this years relay is Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back this means we celebrate the survivors of cancer, remember those who fought and fight back against the disease. This is a deeply spiritual and profound event for all involved and I encourage anyone to seek information. Anyone can be a team captain and anyone can participate or get involved. Many other places of worship in this area have made teams and have helped bring the spiritual community together. For any information about starting a team or joining a team just email Allen Bailey at erbailey@comcast.net. I hope to see you there.



Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on **Sunday, April 6th**, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses. Come down for coffee and donuts—visit acquaintances and welcome new families!!

Easter Flowers Were Donated In Memory Of:

- Carey Family
- Mamie & Butler Fantegrossi
- Leo Heffernan
- Joseph G. Herbert
- Hynes & Remsen Families
- Eileen Kennedy
- Tom Kennedy
- Michael & Mary LaRose
- Rev. Edward LaRose
- Levangie Family
- Walter & Doris Nowak
- Robert C. O'Connell
- Rev. Dick Wolf

(These names were submitted after the Easter bulletin was printed.)

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, April 9th, 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!

Annulment Information:

You may desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about annulments or you may be interested in beginning the process. The following meetings are designed to offer basic information and provide the opportunity to seek answers for any questions you may have. No registration is required. For further information or if you have questions, please contact Joanne Curry at 617-746-5820.

The first meeting is on **Wednesday, April 9, at 7:00 pm** in the Fr. Moore Hall at St. Bernard's Church, 1529 Washington St., West Newton. The second meeting is on **Tuesday, April 22, at 7:00 pm** at St. Julia's Church, 374 Boston Post Rd., Weston.



"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."
William Arthur Ward

Thanks to all our priests, choirs, altar servers, ministers, and staff for making the Triduum so prayerful and enjoyable!

"Bringing Massachusetts Back to Life: Mass. Citizens for Life Convention will feature Phill Kline, who has indicted Planned Parenthood in Kansas; Eileen Smith, whose daughter recently died during an abortion in Hyannis; and experts in the law, stem cell research, legislation, recruiting, and organizing. So much has been accomplished through the efforts of pro lifers! Come find out where we go from here. The convention will be held on **Saturday, April 12th**, from 8:30 am-4:30 pm at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA. For information and registration, please call 617-242-4199 or visit www.masscitizensforlife.org.

