

Why do you look for
the living among
the dead?

He is not here
He Has Risen!

Luke 24:5

St. Bartholomew Parish

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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.

**Easter Sunday
April 4, 2010**

My Dear Friends in the Lord Jesus,

This is the day that the Lord has made. This is a time to rejoice and be glad. During Lent we have pondered the journey to conversion and growing closer to God and to each other. How would we offer thanks to Jesus and what would we like to say to Jesus? Since last Easter, we have experienced light and darkness, great acts of kindness and great acts of insensitivity, challenges and invitations, moments of acceptance and moments of rejection. Throughout all these times God was with us and invites us to do the right and loving thing.

Scripture offers hopeful words and assurances that God can bring good out of everything. His death on the cross and His resurrection help bring new meaning to living, new meaning to suffering and pain and new hope and renewed determination to our faith journey. Each of us is invited to find the Risen 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 that every life and every event of our lives is sacred, significant and special. Even when others do not take Jesus seriously, we know that He cares for and understands us.

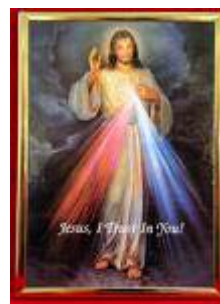
May we pray for world peace, and peace in the hearts of men and women everywhere. May we pray that God's social justice will move from an idea to a reality for all from the womb to the other side of life. May we always be mindful of and pray for the youth of the world—that they will have and live dreams that are full of hope and awe. May we pray for the ill to find meaning and healing...those who minister to them to find inner grace...and all those who have no one to pray for them to find God's companionship. May we pray for the well-being of our troops... that their efforts help us to realize we are all brothers and sisters. May we pray for our public safety officials...always grateful for their efforts. 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 and need each other in this faith-filled, graced community. May we be mindful of and thankful for all that God entrusts to us.

Thank you to everyone who made our liturgical celebrations beautiful and spiritually enriching by their gifts of music, any type of ministries, or planning liturgies, or decorating the altar, or taking care of all the other elements that go into the life of this parish. Thank you for being who you are. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep dreaming and praying for a better tomorrow. May God bless all of us.

A blessed and wonderful Easter Season to you,
Fr. Philip E. McGaugh, Pastor
The Staff of St. Bartholomew Parish

The Easter Collection: Happy Easter from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our only collection at all of our Easter Masses is dedicated to providing for the retirement, healthcare, and financial needs of priests in the diocese. We all remember fondly the priests who baptized our child or children, witnessed our marriage, or brought the anointing of the sick to a loved one who was dying. We encourage you to give generously on behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to God and His Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bible Classes will meet next **on Monday, April 5th, at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory.



Divine Mercy Sunday is on April 11th. Divine Mercy is the other title for the Second Sunday of Easter. It 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 all of us. The purpose of this day is to be a source of healing and renewal for the entire Church. We will have

Confessions after all Masses on **Sunday, April 11th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 2:00-3:30 pm.** In addition to Adoration and Benediction, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary beginning at 3:00 pm.

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



Saturday	April 3	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 4	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		9:45 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Monday	April 5	9:00 am	Natale Scarcella
Wednesday	April 7	9:00 am	James & Louise Barsed
Thursday	April 8	9:00 am	Ida Lamenzo
Friday	April 9	9:00 am	Enrico DeSimone
Saturday	April 10	4:00 pm	Barbara Hurley
Sunday	April 11	8:00 am	Eugene Hurley—7th Anniversary
		9:45 am	Bob Savage and the Reagan Family

Youth Choir


There will be no Youth Choir practice on the evening of Sunday, April 4th. Youth Choir members should arrive at the Church at 9:15 am on Sunday, April 11th, to sing at the 9:45 am Mass.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) will meet on **Wednesday, April 7th, 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.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses next **Sunday, April 11th**. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

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.



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.



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, or email: info@CatholicBoston.com or phone 617-444-9950.

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EASTER GREETINGS

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows Me will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

"Lord, by Your cross and resurrection You have set us free. You are the Savior of the world."

"The Lord has risen from the dead as He foretold. Let there be happiness and rejoicing for He is our King forever."

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!! ALLELUIA!!

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass



Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 to the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 13th, at 11:30 am. Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends as well as the general public are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish office by May 7, 2010. A formal invitation and more information will be sent from the



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Annual Spring clean-up day: Saturday April 10th

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.



Are You Getting Married? The Archdiocese of Boston is offering a marriage preparation program at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on June 5-6. A previous participant commented: "A must have. Fantastic. I would strongly recommend this to all couples getting married." Another participant said, "It was fabulous! We truly enjoyed both days and really grew as a couple." For more information visit www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries.org.

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

There will be classes for K-6 on April 5th & 12th. Classes for grades 7-10 will be on April 12th.

There will be a closing Mass for all grades on April 12th at their respective times.

Registration forms were given out last week. Please return them as soon as possible. There are discounts for early registration; but on the flip side there are late fees for those who wait.

Sacraments:

First Communion Retreat will be on Saturday, April 10th, from 9:45-11:30 am.

Confirmation Rehearsal & Potluck Supper will be on Wednesday, April 14th. Please be at church with sponsor, otherwise another adult, at 6:00 pm. Supper will start at 7:00 pm in Ward Hall. Families — please celebrate this milestone with your son or daughter.

Activities:

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

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.

High School Leadership Institute:

“Witness to Truth” is a weeklong overnight leadership institute 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.

A Message from Fr. Charles Murphy: “On Saturday afternoon, May 1st, a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 4:00 pm at St. Bartholomew’s Parish. Invitations have been mailed, but several have been lost or returned. If you have not received one, please consider this as a special invitation to join me, my family, friends and parishioners to praise God and thank Him for the blessings of my fifty years of ordained priesthood. Do come and celebrate!”



WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit) invites you to join us on Wednesday, April 7th. The speaker will be Sr. Evelyn Claire who will speak on “Helping Hands: Embracing Our Neighbors in Need.” There is more to life than bread on the table. Sister will speak about the many ways in which we can help our neighbors within the Needham community. She will also tell us about her work with the parish nursing program. We meet in the Linse Room at St. Joseph’s Parish, Needham from 9:45-11:30 am. Newcomers are always welcome and babysitting is available.

Welcome to the Parish Community of St. Bartholomew!

Our community could not be what it is without our parishioners, who are a strength and a blessing for which we are appreciative. In response to our blessings, this year parishioners have poured out their time and gifts by...

Visiting the sick, homebound, and the grieving, as well as new parishioners

Organizing and sharing in celebration at our Parish Picnic, Breakfast with Santa, Family Skating Party, St. Patrick's Day Pizza Party, Palm Path, and Monthly Community Sundays

Sharing prayer and faith at Bible Study, Prayer Group, in small groups through the Arise Together in Christ program, in the RCIA process to be welcomed into the Catholic Church, and special liturgies and prayer services through the liturgical year

Baking for those in need of comfort and company with the Circle of Comfort

Coordinating aid and relief for the Haiti Project

Sharing expertise in photography, web design, software & network upgrades, legal and financial consultation, building and grounds planning, as members of the Parish Pastoral Council, and Communication Committee

Decorating the Church inside and out to draw us into the liturgical seasons through all our senses

Serving at Mass as Lectors, Choir, Cantors, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers

Enriching the faith of our growing Catholics as catechists and aides at Religious Education classes for children and Children's Liturgy

Coordinating, coaching, assisting and playing in our 1st and 2nd grade soccer program and our CYO Basketball program (5th – 12th grade) providing positive experiences of living their faith beyond the church and offering a witness to the community

Collecting and delivering food to the Needham Food Pantry every week

Sewing hats for the homeless, pillows for breast cancer patients, bags to hold received food for victims of the earthquake in Haiti, and other charitable sewing projects with the "Sew What?" sewing group

Helping in the office weekly by answering the door, telephone, and doing general office tasks

Every talent is needed and welcomed in our community, for information or to take part in any parish activities, please call the rectory!

