

*The poor you will always have with you,  
and whenever you wish you can do good to  
them, but you will not always have me.*

Mark 14:7 (NAB)

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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### Parish Staff

Fr. Philip E. Mc Gaugh, Pastor  
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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 Palm Sunday:** This is a week for repentance, forgiveness and spiritual renewal. This is the most solemn week in the Church year. What has been awakened in us this Lent and how have we shared this with others? What does Holy Week mean to you? I encourage all to take part in as many spiritual events as possible. Please have a blessed and grace-filled week.

**Holy Hour:** There will be a Holy Hour of Adoration this **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.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard on **Wednesday evening, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** There will be no scheduled confessions during the Sacred Triduum. If the times we have offered have not been convenient, please call the rectory for an appointment.

**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. 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** will be prayed during Holy Week at 8:45 am on Tuesday and at 9:00 am on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

**Bible Study:** Classes will meet on **Monday, April 6 at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read Chapters 5-8 of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** There will be a service on Sunday, April 19th, from 1:00-3:00 pm.

**Easter Collection:** The upcoming Easter collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your assistance.

**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).



**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](mailto:sdarcy@rcab.org)

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

*Mass Intentions*

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
Monday	April 6	9:00 am	David Connolly
Tuesday	April 7	9:00 am	Ida Lamenzo
Wednesday	April 8	9:00 am	Eugene Hurley—6th Anniversary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9</b>		<b>No 9:00 am Mass</b>
		7:00 pm	<b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 10</b>		<b>No 9:00 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11</b>		<b>No 9:00 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>
Sunday	April 12	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		9:45 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass


 *Collections*

**Weekend of Mar. 28-29**

Amount collected      \$5,285.14  
 Amount needed        \$6,000.00  
 Amount over/under    (\$ 714.86)

**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, April 6, 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, April 8, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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

*holy week*

## Children and Youth

### Religious Education

#### **Class Schedule:**

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All grades have class on April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 All grades have class on April 13<sup>th</sup> (Closing Mass)  
 Classes will resume in September

**Registration:** Registration forms for Religious Education classes for 2009-2010 are available at the back of the church.

### 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)

#### **BIG THANKS!! –**

1) To the energetic teens who helped with Clean Up Day 2009!! We raked, sweated, washed windows and brought joy to some of our “seasoned” parishioners! *Thank the Lord for beautiful weather, kind hearts and willing hands!*

2) To the awesome Middle Schoolers who served and cleaned and welcomed at the Way of the Cross! The show was unbelievable but the connections you made will not be soon forgotten...

3) To the unseen Egg Stuffers, helping to prepare for the Palm Path! Unseen is not forgotten or unappreciated, *The Lord who sees in secret rewards openly!*

**Senior Social Club:** The Senior Social club will meet on Wednesday, April 15, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Our entertainer, David Polansky, is a composer and musician. His “Senior Cabaret” will take us on a musical journey through the years. He welcomes requests from the audience and will sing and play these on the keyboard or trumpet (he plays softly!) Members and guests are invited to join us for this program and for refreshments at its conclusion.

Our spring trip will be on Thursday, May 7, to the highly recommended Clambake Restaurant in Scarborough, Maine for a lobster or chicken feast. Please refer to your separate mailing for full details. If you have any questions, please call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY –** Watch as the Pope receives the Cross and Icon from Sydney Australia to pass it on to Madrid Spain where youth from all over the world will gather in August 2011 - Live streaming video on [www.xt3.com](http://www.xt3.com) on Palm Sunday!!

If you (or someone you know) will be at least **16 years old** by Aug 2011, be part of this experience of a lifetime. Info meeting coming soon...

**Children’s Way of the Cross:** Come over to the Church on Good Friday at 10am in the Church to pray and act the Stations of the Cross. There are no practices or sign ups, all will have a part drawn randomly. Parents welcome to stay as our “audience” It takes about 45 minutes to get through all the stations.

**Summertime:** What are you doing this summer? Watch for coming info on summer activities for families with young children, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers! (Ordinary Time can be anything but ...!)

### **Save the Date!**

Our next Women in Communion Breakfast is Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> following the 9:45 Mass.

Bring your Mom, your neighbors, sisters & friends to The Chocolate Boutique: Where women taste and see that the Lord is good.

It's Not About Eating Chocolate—It's about connecting chocolate to the lavish and knowing the extravagant grace of God.

Have some "Chocolate for the Heart" Together we will worship, laugh, and dig into the account of Jesus' first miracle in John 2.

(Want to be a part of the team? Let Maryanne Germano know 9781-326-3670) planning will start after Easter).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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	Morning Prayer-9:00 am-Church
Thurs., Apr. 9	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Fri., Apr. 10	Morning Prayer-9:00 am
Fri., Apr. 10	Stations of the Cross for Children-10 am
Fri., Apr. 10	Passion of the Lord-3:00 & 7:00 pm
Mon., Apr. 13	Bible Study-10:00 am-O'Brien Room
Mon., Apr. 13	Religious Ed classes for all grades
Mon., Apr. 13	Pre-School Story Hour-4:00 pm in the O'Brien Room
Mon., Apr. 13	Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
Wed., Apr. 15	Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
Wed., Apr. 15	Senior Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
Thurs., Apr. 16	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Sun., Apr. 19	Divine Mercy Service-1:00-3:00 pm

**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 (this 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.

**Christ Jesus**, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a **Cross**. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ** is **Lord**, to the glory of God the Father. ~ Philippians 2:6-11



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

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**ON THE ROAD TO THE CRUCIFIXION**

Jesus is coming to my city, Jerusalem, today. I think I hear a lot of noise or cheering. I've been pretty busy these last several weeks. I'm going to try to make it over there where He is and see Him.

I was standing there in great anticipation of His visit. I have waited so long to see Him, to hear Him, to maybe touch His garment as He goes by. When I saw Him, I wept and cried and shouted for joy. I almost could not look at Him as I did not feel worthy.

He doesn't seem to be what I thought He would be as He went by. He seemed so humble, so gentle. I was expecting a great and proud man. Oh well, sometimes things don't work out as you expect them.

What's the big deal? A man riding on a donkey. Is this a Savior? A king? It seems a little hard to believe. But I'm glad I came. There is something about Him that I cannot explain. I felt different when He went by.

I stood there watching. "Many were spreading their cloaks on the ground in front of Him, while others spread leafy branches on the road as He passed. They were crying out 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!'"

I stood there quietly as He approached. As I looked up, He looked directly at me. He saw me in all that crowd. "My Lord and my God. You know me. And You love me." I fell to my knees. Nothing would ever be the same again.

".....He was obedient even to the point of death. A death on the cross....."

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

If anyone needs a ride to Holy Week services, please call me. If you wish a home Communion visit, please call.



**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  
 Confession from 7:00-8:00 pm

**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