



*Journey
Together
in Christ*

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 3rd Sunday of Easter: Today's Gospel serves as a reminder of how Jesus is present to us. Often we may not recognize just how present He is to us. The fine art of sharing with others who Jesus is in our lives is both supporting and strengthening to us as a community and people of faith. Notice that Jesus' words showed not only how good a listener He was but also how insightful His words were. What He did for people then He does for us today. His love is everlasting. Nourished by gathering together, listening to His Word and receiving His Body and Blood how do we share this message and love with others throughout the week?

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, April 7th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 25-30 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.

Renew: We will be commissioning our Renew leaders at the **9:45 am Mass this Sunday**. The committee has gone to the initial meeting of preparation in the Archdiocese and there is great enthusiasm. We are blessed to have the people we have in leadership positions. They represent a wide diversity of people in our parish. 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.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: We are very much in need of people for these two ministries. Anyone who has made their Confirmation and who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please speak with the pastor or one of the parish staff. Training will be provided.

Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences: The 2008 Boston Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 19th, from 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**. The 2008 Boston Catholic Women's Conference will be held on **Friday evening, April 18th, from 5:00-9:30 pm**. Both Conferences will be held at Boston College's Conte Forum. Visit the website for further information: www.CatholicBoston.com.

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. To date about 41% of our goal has already been pledged, while the archdiocesan average is 46% at this point. The help that the Catholic Appeal offers to so many programs is essential. Without it countless people will go without. It is the hope throughout the Archdiocese that more people will take part in this year's Catholic Appeal. Thank you.

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.

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.

Conversation requires talking and listening. As I talk to Jesus may I also learn to be still and listen. I picture the gentleness in his eyes and the smile full of love as he gazes on me. I can be totally honest with Jesus as I tell him of my worries and my cares. I will open up my heart to him as I tell him of my fears and my doubts. I will ask him to help me to place myself fully in his care, to abandon myself to him, knowing that he always wants what is best for me.



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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	April 7	9:00 am	
Tuesday	April 8	9:00 am	
Wednesday	April 9	9:00 am	
Thursday	April 10	9:00 am	Mark Hansen
Friday	April 11	9:00 am	Eugene Hurley—5th Anniversary
Saturday	April 12	9:00 am	John & Mary Herlihy
Saturday	April 12	4:00 pm	William & Mary Stapleton
Sunday	April 13	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Kathryn Duncan-Wands
		11:30 am	Cornelius Harrington

Scripture Readings

6	Sun	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
7	Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
8	Tue	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
9	Wed	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
10	Thu	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
11	Fri	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
12	Sat	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
13	Sun	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

Collections

Weekend of March 29-30

Amount collected	\$6,615.90
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 615.90

Thank you for your stewardship.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, April 9th, 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, April 7th, at 5:00 pm** in the church. New members are always welcome.

Children and Youth

Thanks! Thank you to those who assisted our parishioners with outside yard work as well as indoor spring cleaning and other chores! When we do what is needed, with love, we bring the Kingdom of God into our world and become co-workers with the Lord.

Religious Education Reminders

- All have class on April 7th
- All have class on April 14th (Final Mass & Celebration)

Confirmation:

- **Rehearsal** – Tuesday April 15th 6 pm in the church followed by potluck dinner (NOTE DATE CHANGE from original)

First Communion:

- If you have not turned in your Baptismal certificates yet please do so, as soon as possible (if your child was baptized at St. Joseph's or St. Bartholomew's Church just send in the form in your packet). Please send in your child's picture if you have not done so yet.

Social Justice: Remaining opportunity for 2008:

- Walk for Hunger - Sunday May 4th (all are welcome, regardless of membership in the Rel. Ed. program! Families, single individuals, couples, children of any age)

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.

Altar Servers: We will begin training students interested in being an Altar Server on **Monday, April 28th, 3-4 pm in the church**. Altar Servers are open to boys/girls 4th grade and older. Generally students are scheduled 1-2 times per month at a consistent Mass of your preference. Serving on the Altar is a position of honor, a way of living your faith, a witness to others and an education of what the Mass truly entails. Please contact the rectory if you would like to sign your child up or if you are interested but unable to attend the training.

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

“The Road to Emmaus”

This Gospel tells us the now familiar story of two men (disciples of Jesus) walking dejectedly down the road discussing all the events surrounding the death of Jesus and then the open tomb that was found by the women. On this walk another man joins them asking about their discussions. They are astounded at his seeming ignorance of the events. “We were hoping,” they said, “that he would be the one to redeem Israel. But that happened three days ago!”

Jesus spoke to them; but they did not recognize Him. Jesus explained to them how the Christ must suffer before He could enter into His glory. He further explained to them all historical references from Moses and the prophets, through all Scripture that this was the necessary road that must be taken. At the end of this road, the men invited this stranger, Jesus, to “stay with us, for it is nearly evening, and the day is over.” When they broke bread and their guest (Jesus) said the blessing, their eyes were opened and they recognized Him. But He vanished from their sight. Returning immediately back to Jerusalem, they told the eleven that the “Lord has truly been raised.”

How often have we walked down some road and not recognized the presence of our Lord right beside us? How often have we failed to listen to that inner voice talking to us? How often must Jesus repeat the history we all know about His never-ending love and forgiveness, if only we will turn to Him and talk.” He was made known to us in the breaking of the bread.” With every walk up the aisle to receive the Eucharist, do you know Him? recognize Him? receive Him in awe and wonder? “The Lord has truly been raised” and I have just been in His presence again. “Stay with me, Jesus, now and for as long as I am on this road.”


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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS


- 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
- Tues., Apr. 8 Social Club Board Meeting-3 pm-O'Brien Room
- Tues., Apr. 8 Youth Board Meeting-6:30 pm-O'Brien Room
- 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
- Sun., Apr. 13 Confessions after all Masses
- Mon., Apr. 14 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Mon., Apr. 14 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Apr. 14 Pre-school Story Hour-4:00 pm in O'Brien Room
- Mon., Apr. 14 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5:00 pm
- Tues., Apr. 15 Confirmation Rehearsal-6:00 pm in Church followed by Potluck Supper-7:00-8:30 pm in Ward Hall
- Wed., Apr. 16 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm.
- Wed., Apr. 16 Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Thurs., Apr. 17 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 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.

Social Club: The Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, April 16, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Our program will feature George Lyons, a personable and talented singer. He performs songs made famous by Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Perry Como and others in the style of each of these. This program is guaranteed to bring back many happy memories. Please join us for the program and for refreshments at its conclusion.



Congratulations To:
 Ryan Reilly Callahan,
 son of Patrick & Elizabeth;
 Evelyn Grace Doyle,
 daughter of William & Cynthia;
 Addison Elaine English,
 daughter of Edward & Jennifer;
 Mirabell Federow,
 daughter of Garrett & Sara
 as these children are claimed by
 Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism .



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.

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.

SILENCE

A Film Excerpt, Presentations and Discussion

Stonehill College in Easton, MA will show the documentary Film "Into Great Silence" by Philip Groning on **Thursday, April 17, at 7:00 pm**. There will be two presenters following the film: Dr. Christopher Ives speaking on "Sitting in Silence, Moving in Stillness: Reflections on Zen Meditation" and Fr. James Palmigiano, Trappist speaking on "The Silence of Christ: Key to Self Knowledge and Christian Prayer."

For additional information/directions please contact Lyn Feeny at 508-565-1551.

Easter Flower Remembrance

An Easter flower remembrance for the **Mack and Ronayne Families** was omitted from the list in the last bulletin. We apologize for the oversight.

"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.

The League of Catholic Women will hold its 72nd Diocesan Congress on **Thursday, May 1**, at the Holiday Inn in Dedham. The day will begin with the celebration of the Liturgy by Bishop John Doohar at 9:30 am to be followed by coffee and refreshments. The main speaker will be Marlene McCauley, an authority on Blessed Kateri Tekawitha and her cause for Canonization. She will speak at 11:15 am. Lunch will be served at 12:30 pm and the Congress will end at 2:00 pm. Please call Lilla O'Donoghue, President of the League of Catholic Women at 781-545-4426 for further information.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Court of Our Lady of Knock will hold its next meeting on **April 9, 2008, at 7:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highland Ave. The event of the evening will be a baby shower. We will have a representative from the agency Pregnancy Help who will speak to the members and receive the donated articles. This year there is a need for baby clothes toddler sizes 2T and 3T.