

HE IS RISEN

Hallelujah!

*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb
first, and he saw and believed.*

John 20:8 (NAB)

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.

My dear friends in the Lord Jesus,

This is the joyful day that the Lord has made. We rejoice in Easter hope as the resurrection renews our hope and changes our life. During Lent we have pondered the ways that God's love has been demonstrated in the Sunday and weekday readings. What would we like to do for Jesus and what would we like to say to Jesus?

Since last Easter, as people of faith, 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 of these God has been with us and invites us to follow in His steps doing the right and loving thing. Scripture offers the hopeful words and assurances that God can bring good out of anything. His death on the Cross and His resurrection help bring new meaning to living, 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 helps us to know that every life and every event of life is sacred, significant and special. Even when others appear not to take Jesus' seriously, we know that Jesus always cares for and understands all of 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 all who make our liturgical celebrations beautiful and spiritually enriching by their gifts of music, or of any type of ministries, or planning the liturgies, or decorating of the altar or of taking care of all the other elements that goes into the life of this parish. Thank you for being who you are. God love and bless each of us. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Please keep dreaming and praying for a better tomorrow.

A blessed and wonderful Easter Season to you,

Fr. Philip E. McGaugh, Pastor and the entire staff at St. Bartholomew

God our Father, creator of all, today is the day of Easter joy. This is the morning on which the Lord appeared to men who had begun to lose their hope and opened their eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into his Father's glorious presence. May the risen Lord breathe on our minds and open our eyes that we may know him in the breaking of bread, and follow him in his risen life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Easter Collection: Happy Easter from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. Today's collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests in this diocese. Please be generous to this important collection.

Bible Study: Classes will meet on **Monday, April 13 at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read Chapters 10-13 of St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 19: 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, we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary beginning at 3:00 pm.

Circle of Comfort
Many thanks to everyone who donated various cooking ingredients for our lasagnas and apple crisps. We will begin cooking over the next week and couldn't assemble the meals without your generous donations. Each month, as needed, donations will be accepted in the Circle of Comfort baskets at the altar on Community Sunday. Thank you again.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE ROAD TO THE CRUCIFIXION

" 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 the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which 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." (Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians)

ALLELUIA!!
HE IS RISEN AS PROMISED!
BLESSED BE THE NAME OF JESUS! HE IS LORD!

Youth Choir

The next rehearsal will be on **Monday, April 13, 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 15, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 11	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 12	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		9:45 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Monday	April 13	9:00 am	John Murray
Tuesday	April 14	9:00 am	Robert J. Keane—3rd Anniversary
Wednesday	April 15	9:00 am	Elizabeth Chisholm and Sr. Mary Chisholm
Thursday	April 16	9:00 am	Tom, Sally and Todd Thissell
Friday	April 17	9:00 am	
Saturday	April 18	9:00 am	
Saturday	April 18	4:00 pm	Cornelius Harrington
Sunday	April 19	8:00 am	Paul Connolly
		9:45 am	Dr. Joseph Dowd—10th Anniversary
		11:30 am	Eleanor Galvin

 *Collections*

Weekend of April 4-5

Amount collected \$6,637.43
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under \$ 673.43

Thank you for your generosity.



Easter Blessings to you, my good friends,

According to Scripture "There is a time for everything" -- and now is the time for me to leave St. Bartholomew's convent. My heart is filled with fond memories of faith-filled people, a kind pastor in Fr. Phil, generous staff members, dedicated and thoughtful parents, and children of all ages who have enriched my life so very much.

Sister Brenda and I will be moving to Station 250 in Dedham - just a short ride from St. Bartholomew's and also close to the Beth Israel Hospital in case of need. When possible, I hope to continue meeting with the Prayer Group, Book Club, etc.

I will always have a special place in my heart and prayers for everyone and everything which is St. Bartholomew's Parish. And so...one last request - please pray for me that I'll be graced with strength to accept what our good God has in store for me.

From a truly grateful Sister Julie---God bless you!

P.S. Visitors to our new home will always be welcome!
 Our address is: Station 250, Apt. 2204, Station Cir.,
 Dedham, MA 02026. Phone number is 781-329-2225.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

All grades have class on April 13th (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.

Catechists – we invite parishioners willing share their faith and joy with children to explore the ministry of Catechist by speaking to either Maryellen Jennings (K-6th grade) or Melisa Hughes (7-10th grade) for information.

We invite parents of Religious Ed students, but we especially invite adult parishioners & students entering at least 11th grade to consider this ministry. Classes start in the fall, training, materials & support provided. *What greater calling than to help disciples grow?*

Although it is felt throughout the year, Easter is a wonderful opportunity to express our deep appreciation for all our catechists and helpers in the Religious Education program. Your devotion, enthusiasm, creativity and love are what show children and families what Christ's message is all about! *God does not call the equipped but equips the called*

Activities & Other News

BIG THANKS!! –

1) To all who helped bring the **Palm Path** to life, hiding eggs, setting up registration and all the prep work before hand!

2) To all who assisted through the **Holy Week celebrations**, especially the Altar Servers and other ministers, those who helped in the Flower Procession and carried the sacred oils on Holy Thursday, the Decoration— there are so many generous hands that make our celebrations as warm and beautiful as they are here at St Bart's!

WORLD YOUTH DAY:

World Youth Day is an International gathering of Catholic youth 16-35 years old. Music, performances, liturgy, talks, and lots of Catholics as passionate about their faith as you are from everywhere in the world. 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...

Junior Lectors: Any student 6th grade and up interested in trying out being a lector at the 9:45 Mass, please contact 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 4th grade and up is welcome to be an altar server. Training sessions will be scheduled for interested students, please contact melisahughes@comcast.net

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 17th, 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).

EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory of:

Urban & Alice Belval
Lester J. Brennan
Mara Brown
Howard & Marjorie Camden
Sister Mary Chisholm
John Chizauskas
Ted & Grace Collagan
Major David Connolly
Peg & Jerry Connolly
John W. Coppinger, Jr.
Maurice E. Cox, Jr.
Dr. Francis Creedon
Leo Paul & Virginia Crowley
Crugnola & Forte Families
Cummings & Einsentraudt Families
Henry D'Alerio
Al & Maraget Dander
Joseph Doolin
The Doolin Family
Dr. Joseph Dowd
Dunn & Campbell Families
William & Helen Fagan
Evelyn Fahey
Joseph & Florence Festa
John & Helen Finnigan
Jean Finucane-Sullivan
William Finucane
Gallagher Family
Ralph & Edith Germano
Normeita Giannotti
Helen Grimaldi
Mark S. Hansen
Ann Haran
Virginia Hasenfuss
Edward Henneberry
Alice V. Hennigan
Joseph Herbert
Robert A. Jennings
Fredrick & Louise Johnson
The Keating Family
Marie Kroll
Esther Lannery
Rev. Edward LaRose

In Memory of:

Mary LaRose
Michael LaRose
Alfred W. Leclair
The Loveday Family
The Madden & Wetherell Families
Amy Malzone
Gerald Martino
Gerald May, Sr.
The McCarthy, Harrington & Igo Families
Bob McLaughlin
Grace Mearls
Vincent Mecagni
Daniel J. McCarthy
James & Margaret McElaney
Francis H. McManus
Thomas & Margaret McManus
Edward Murphy
Meghan Murphy
Shauna Murphy
Robert S. Murphy
Phyllis Myers
Jack & Catherine Nashawaty
Doris K. Nowak
Edward, Sr. & Julia Nowak
Walter M Nowak
Robert C. O'Connell
Kevin O'Neil
Joseph Patti
Virginia Ray
Angela & Carmen Reppucci
Romeo Roy
Thomas Sampson
The Sampson Family
Joseph J. Saulen
Natale Scarcella
The Scheidler & Dury Families
Charles Schofield
William & Lucy Sullivan
Antonia & Teresa Trabucco
Paul K Vahey, Jr.
Paul & Jane Vahey
Josephine Valenti
The Valenza Family
Bill & Georgie Whitney