

Alleluia!

He Is Risen!

St. Bartholomew Parish, Needham, MA

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 and the Eucharist, especially 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.

Easter Sunday

April 16, 2006

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.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm

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,

The season of Lent has quickly given way to the great events of the Sacred Triduum and then Easter; the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and His Resurrection. Apparent defeat has led to ultimate victory over sin and death, eternal life.

As we rejoice in Easter we are reminded that this is the reason why we have hope for all that is good, the transformation of the world, and eternal life and happiness. During Lent we have celebrated God's love for us in the person of Jesus who loves us as much as He loved His Apostles, His disciples, His friends like Lazarus and others.

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, truly a day to know rejoicing. Since last Easter, we have all experienced at times pain, sadness and losses. We have knowledge and hope that God can bring good out of all events and things. Jesus' dying on the Cross and rising from the dead has helped bring new life, new meaning and new comfort for He has overcome sin and death.

Our sufferings, pains, losses and concerns have new meaning in light of this Good News of Jesus' Resurrection. Jesus has ushered in a new way of life. By His holy Cross and holy wounds Jesus Christ has redeemed the world. We are invited to find Jesus in the breaking of the bread, in 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 experience that every life and every event of life is sacred and special. Even when others do not seem to care, or understand we know that Jesus always cares and understands us.

May we pray that God's kingdom of love justice and mercy will become a reality in each of our lives and the lives of others. May we always respect life at all ages and stages. May we always be mindful of and pray for the youth of the world, that they will always have hope and a sense of wonder and awe. May we pray for the ill, those who minister to them and for those who have no one to pray for them. May we pray for the safety and well being of our troops. May we pray for all who help to 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 each other and this faith filled community particularly during this past Lenten Season and Holy Week. May we be mindful of and thankful for all the people and gifts that God entrusts to us.

Thank you to all who helped to 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 go into the life of this parish.

Thank you for being who you are. God loves each of us. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

A blessed and wonderful
Easter Season to you,

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 15	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	April 16	8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		9:45 am	Easter Sunday Mass
		11:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Monday	April 17	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	April 18	9:00 am	Sarah & Edward Dowd
Wednesday	April 19	9:00 am	Kyle Shapiro
Thursday	April 20	9:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Friday	April 21	9:00 am	
Saturday	April 22	9:00 am	Phyllis Manfra
		4:00 pm	Cornelius Harrington
Sunday	April 23	8:00 am	Kathryn Duncan Wands
		9:45 am	Mary DeGeorge
		11:30 am	Romeo J. Roy—7th Anniversary

Scripture Readings

Week of April 16, 2006

- 16 SUN** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Col 3:1-4 or
1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
Lk 24:13-35
- 17 Mon** Acts 2:14, 22-33/ Mt 28:8-15
- 18 Tue** Acts 2:36-41/ Jn 20:11-18
- 19 Wed** Acts 3:1-10/ Lk 24:13-35
- 20 Thu** Acts 3:11-26/ Lk 24:35-48
- 21 Fri** Acts 4:1-12/ Jn 21:1-14
- 22 Sat** Acts 4:13-21/ Mk 16:9-15
- 23 SUN** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

 *Collections*

Easter Collection: All the monies collected at Easter throughout the Archdiocese will be used for retirement, medical, and/or financial needs of our Archdiocesan priests. We would encourage you to give generously to this collection due to the financial difficulties facing the care of priest's s rising health care costs and the less than expected investment returns have increased the levels needed for funding. All of the priests of the Archdiocese thank you for supporting us in these challenging times.

Weekend of April 8 – 9

Amount Collected :	\$6,476.80
Amount Needed :	\$6,000.00
Amount over / under :	\$ 476.80

Thank you for your continued generous support.

New Morning

By Dr. Scott Hahn

April 16, 2006 Easter Sunday

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word - "tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do - raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels - from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead.

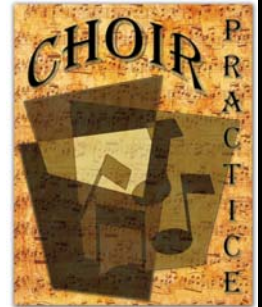
We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week - to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come - when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

*A service of the St. Paul Center for
Biblical Theology www.SalvationHistory.com*

YOUTH CHOIR

There will be no rehearsal this Monday, April 17. Rehearsals will resume on Monday, April 24, at 5:00 pm in the Church.



ADULT CHOIR

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

SHAWL MINISTRY

The Shawl Ministry will not meet on Monday, April 17, in observance of Easter Monday and Patriot's Day.



PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group **GIFT** (Growing in Faith Together) meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

The format is simple:
A short social, followed by prayer and reflection.
All are most welcome!

CELEBRATE LIFE, CELEBRATE MERCY

April 23rd is Divine Mercy Sunday. Be sure to stop by the "Celebrate Life, Celebrate Mercy" mini fair in WARD Hall, rain or shine from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. Tasty treats, prizes, free info, a movie, a donation drive of brand-new men's socks for the homeless, a diaper drive, photographic artwork. All good stuff! All good opportunities to help us celebrate life, celebrate His mercy, and reflect on how we can be vessels of restoration for others.



If you would like to help, please call 781-444-7176 and leave a message with your contact information.

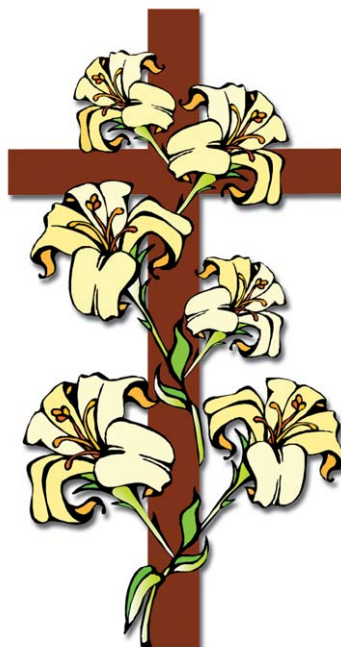
Easter Flower Memorials

Mr & Mrs E. Aubry
Urban Belval
Lester Brennan
Charles & Mary Buresh
Whitey & Barbara Buresh
Howard Camden
The Campbell Family
The Casey Family
Deceased members of the Condon Family
Albert Capone
Quintilio Colaluch
John W. Coppinger, Jr.
The Coughlin & Stepenuck Families
Dr. Francis Creeden
Leo Crowley
Deceased Members of the Curley & Perry
Families
Henry D'Alefiio
Al & Margaret Dandor
Dempsey & Boris Families
Mary & Thomas Doolin
Joseph, Robert & Thomas Doolin, Jr.
Pat & Mary Donegan
Joseph B. Dowd
Ryan, Jack, Sean & Declan Droney
Martha Dunleavy
John & Loretta Dury
William & Helen Fagan
Anne & Joseph Feeley
Joseph & Florence Festa

Helen & John Finnigan
Jean Finucane-Sullivan
Michael & Mary Finucane
Thomas Finucane
William Finucane
Capt. Bill & Elsie Fitzgerald
Richard Foley
Jean Marie Frick
James & Eileen Gilligan
The Gillis & Thissell Families
The Haley Family
Mark S. Hansen
Ann Haran
Cornelius Harrington
Michael Harrington
Neil Harrington
Barbara Hurley
Frederick & Louise Johnson
Tom & Eileen Kennedy
The Kiley Family
Michael & Mary LaRose
Rev. Edward LaRose
Gandolfa Lima
John & Mary Lima
Salvatore Lima
Gerald Martino
Gerald V. May, Sr.
The McCarthy & Harrington Families
The McCarthy & Kench Families
Harry M. McDonough
Michael & Margaret McKeigue
Lawrence McNamara
Grace Mearls

Nellie Meehan
Wilfred & Helen Metivier
Joseph & Hattie Murphy
Tom & Alice Murray
Edward & Julia Nowak
Walter & Doris Nowak
Edward F. & Mary O'Brien
Mr & Mrs J. O'Callaghan
Katherine O'Sullivan
Salvatore Parlato
Joseph Patti
The Ronayne & Mack Families
Herbert & Rose Rosa
Romeo Roy
John & Ceile Ryan
Lillian Ryan
Thomas A. Ryan
The Ryan Family
Joseph, Rose & William Sabo

Natale Scarcella
Mae Cioppa Scarlatti
Dino & Angela Scarsella
Pina Scarsella
Robert & Margaret Scheidler
Charles Schofield
Nick & Josie Simone
Domenic Tiberi
Antonio & Teresa Trabucco
Mary Ann Lima Vaccaro
Paul & Jane Vahey
Paul K. Vahey
Deceased Members of the Valenza Family
Gerald Vogel
Bill & Georgie Whitney
Chester WhitneyMarie Williams
Al Zafferano



Calendar of Events

WOMEN IN COMMUNION "HIGH TEA"

If you would like to host a table of 8 for "High Tea", on Friday, April 28, at 7:00 pm, please call Kathy Whitney at 781-449-2063 or Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670. Don't forget your hats!

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, April 19, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Marcie Freeman of the Harvard Outreach Program will be our speaker. Her topic, "Astronauts and Seniors: What They Can Teach Each Other" should be of interest to all of us. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

The deadline to make reservations for our May 2nd trip to the Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, NH is April 17. Please call Ann MacQueen if you have questions.

AMY'S BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will on Tuesday, April 25, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

The book to be discussed is:

In This House of Brede
by Rumer Godden

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Needham Catholic Youth Group will be participating in a day-long build for Habitat for Humanity in Boston on Saturday, May 6.

Students 16 years and older are eligible to participate.

We will also need 1-2 parent volunteers.

Any interested students should call:

Noreen Kavanaugh at 781-449-5232.

Transportation will be provided.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, April 17, in observance of Easter Monday.

**25th and 50th
Wedding Anniversary Mass
with Sean Cardinal O'Malley**

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2006 to join him for the annual anniversary Mass at

**The Cathedral of the Holy Cross
on Sunday, May 21st
at 11 am.**

The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend.



**Please register with the parish staff
by May 1st
if you are celebrating your
25th or 50th wedding anniversary
and would like to attend this special celebration.
You will receive an invitation and further
information, including directions.**

Protecting God's Children Workshops

Our CAP team will be presenting "Protecting God's Children" three more times this spring:

- Saturday, April 29, at 5 pm
- Tuesday, May 2, at 7 pm
- and Sunday, May 7, at 7 pm.

If you volunteer at the parish in any capacity, the Archdiocese requires that you take this workshop **one time only**.

To register call the rectory at 781-444-3434.

Stewardship Meeting

The next meeting of the Stewardship Committee will be on **Thursday, April 27, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Stewardship Reflection

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed." (John 20:6-8)

Alleluia!! Christ is risen ...

and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.

APC (Archdiocesan Pastoral Council)

What is the APC?

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is an advisory group of lay members, established by Cardinal O'Malley to openly discuss and give feedback to the Cardinal on issues of interest to the parishioners of the archdiocese.

Who is my representative?

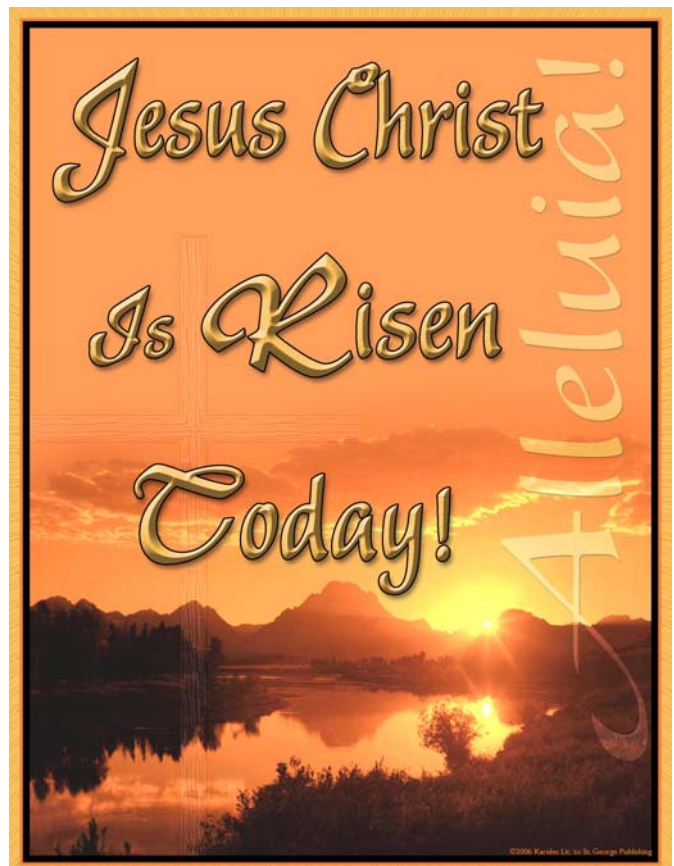
Our representative's name is John F. Moran of Natick (508-653-2525).

How do I contact him?

You can e-mail him at APC@spcboston.org or johnfmoran@RCN.com

How can I find out more?

Check out the APC's web site www.spcboston.org for more information.



ABOUT OUR BRAND NEW BULLETIN ... As Pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish, I am making this very personal appeal to generate local advertising support for what will become our greatly enhanced, newly designed, four-color parish bulletin to be unveiled on Easter Sunday.

PLEASE GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO OUR PARISH COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN, WHEN YOU HEAR FROM OUR BULLETIN PUBLISHING REPRESENTATIVE. HERE IS WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT:

1. **Saint Bartholomew**, on Greendale Avenue in Needham, is the **spiritual home** and **center of worship** for more than **2600 members of our parish**.
2. Very recently, the Parish has taken several positive steps toward greatly improving both the workings of the parish business office --- and the meaningful ministries that serve the needs of countless people -- regardless of their faith or religious affiliation.
3. The focus of our parish improvements fall under the **communication** umbrella. We have a need and a goal to communicate better with all those whom we currently serve. On a broader scale, we feel the need to communicate that we are a growing parish and seeking to bring Jesus to others.
4. In just a few short weeks, we will be acquiring "state of the art" Catholic parish management software. This technology will be a tremendous help toward:
 - + **Establishing and maintaining a comprehensive, up-to-date parish census**
 - + **Managing our finances better**
 - + **Organizing and improving our Religious Education Program and**
 - + **Streamlining the process of recruiting and assigning ministry volunteers**
5. **We have also taken a giant communication step by improving the look and substance of our parish bulletin.** After many years of distributing a basic, four-page bulletin, featuring a simple line drawing of the church exterior on the cover, we are eager to unveil a bulletin with a four-color cover, depicting either **The Good News of the Gospel** complete with timely Scriptural passages **OR front page parish news**, such as a digital photo of a First Communion or Confirmation Class. Our bulletin publisher will provide us with the flexibility to vary the number of pages from week to week, depending upon our needs, with no limit of space which will allow for larger more legible type and more informative and interesting content.
6. For anyone who believes that St. Bartholomew Parish can hardly afford these various and costly improvements, your assessment would be absolutely correct. Please know, therefore, that none of these improvements were paid for with your Offertory funds from Sunday Mass. God willing, they will be made possible by the generosity of area business owners, who opt to participate as advertising sponsors in our weekly bulletin. Those sponsorships will be designed to assist business owners in marketing their goods and services to parishioners. Similarly, parishioners can learn that a variety of goods and services are available to them by trading with their fellow parishioners, parish vendors and other participating sponsors in the community.
7. Lastly, in contrast to anyone's concern for the expenditure of parish funds to finance these improvements, **our bulletin publisher has committed a guaranteed St Bartholomew an annual share of the proceeds from bulletin sponsorships.** All of these enhancements will soon become a reality, enabling us to advance our mission to spread the Good News of the Gospel to all who will listen.

**Thank you for your anticipated support,
Father Philip McGaugh, Pastor**