



Eternal Father,
Offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of
Your Dearly Beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world;
for the sake of
His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Bartholomew Parish
Needham, MA

April 23, 2006

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.

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

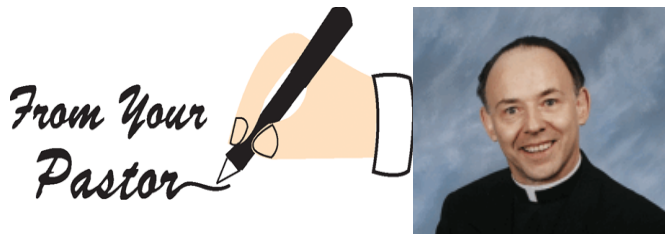
The St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Cluster
gathers every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 pm
in St. Joseph's Lower Church.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm

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.



Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary

The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary will be prayed this Sunday, April 23rd, at 1:15 pm in the Church as today is Divine Mercy Sunday.

A Joyous Note

We are looking forward with great joy to the return of Fr. Charlie Murphy here on weekends to celebrate Mass!

A Joyous Celebration

Rev. Francis Garrity, our retired pastor, is looking forward to celebrating his Fiftieth Anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood with a Mass here at St. Bartholomew's on Sunday, April 30th, at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow in Ward Hall.

Fr. Garrity, rather than sending out personal Invitations, wishes to extend an invitation through the bulletin to his friends and members of this parish to join him on this very special occasion. Since Fr. Garrity spent many of his fifty years among the Needham community, it is appropriate that he returns here to celebrate with us. He is looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you

A word of thanks to so many who worked so hard to make this past Lenten Season and the events of Easter and Holy Week so special. I was so pleased to see that so many attended daily Mass throughout the Lenten Season. Thank you.

Please Pray for Vocations

This is a good time to remind ourselves to pray each day for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Anyone interested in joining the vocation committee is asked to call Bob McLaughlin at 781-444-7252.

St. Andrew Dinner

The vocation Office of the Archdiocese is offering dinner with Cardinal Sean at St. John's Seminary on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:15 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. for any young men in high school who are considering a vocation to diocesan priesthood. If interested, please contact the pastor.

Celebrate Life...Celebrate Mercy

This weekend after the Masses we are having a Pro-Life Mini Fair from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in Ward Hall. The committee has worked hard on planning this. Please come and support them.

Cori Forms

Letters are being sent to all volunteers who have not yet completed this process. This needs to be taken seriously as this is required by Massachusetts State Law and the Archdiocese of Boston. Failure to do so may mean dismissal from all volunteer and ministry programs here at St. Bartholomew. If you have any questions, please call the rectory.

Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday

Have you ever wondered what the meaning of Divine Mercy Sunday is? Divine Mercy Sunday is the second Sunday of the Easter Season named by Pope John Paul II at the canonization of St. Maria Faustina on April 30, 2000 and then officially decreed by the Vatican.

Divine Mercy Sunday can be understood as the coming together of all of the graces of Holy Week and Easter Week. It focuses the light of our Risen Savior's radiant beam of merciful love and grace to the whole world. Jesus revealed to Faustina that it was His desire that we celebrate this special feast. It is Jesus' desire to flood us with graces of the day. "The soul that will go to confession beforehand and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." There are many deeds of mercy which will arise out of love for Jesus.

Fr. Phil McGaugh

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 22	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
Monday	April 24	9:00 am	
Tuesday	April 25	9:00 am	Jeanne Dawson
Wednesday	April 26	9:00 am	Arthur Chiappisi, Sr. & Arthur Chiappisi, Jr.
Saturday	April 29	9:00 am	Janet Maher Morgan—1st Anniversary
		4:00 pm	James Shaughnessy—USMC active duty in Iraq
Sunday	April 30	8:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Church
		9:45 am	Raymond Carroll
		11:30 am	Marguerite Lozier—1st Anniversary

Scripture Readings

Week of April 23, 2006

- 23 SUN** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- 24 Mon** Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- 25 Tue** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
- 26 Wed** Acts 5:17-26/ Jn 3:16-21
- 27 Thu** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- 28 Fri** Acts 5:34-42/ Jn 6:1-15
- 29 Sat** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
- 30 SUN** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

A Joyful Message ...

It has happened! "Resurrexit sicut dixit"
He is Risen, as He said.

The miracle for which we have faithfully prayed has happened. Father Charles Murphy, who has been such a help here at St. Bartholomew Parish has been reinstated and returned to active ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Weymouth . Let our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude to our loving God



Collections

**Good Friday Collection
For the Holy Land Shrines**

Amount Collected: \$1,615.25

**Easter Sunday Collection
For Clergy Retirement**

Amount Collected \$11,847.50

**Thank you for your
continued generous support.**



Hallelujah —
He is Risen !!!

How did you really feel this morning when you woke up? Did you still feel the Hallelujah or just the usual aches, pains, and disappointments?

We have just finished the most solemn season our church "celebrates" every year. Holy Week completes this period and in it we witnessed the supreme sacrifice of man--to die for another. Jesus could have avoided His torment, if only He called upon His divinity to alleviate His pain. Instead, we witnessed a love that is greater than pain, greater than death.

In struggling with our daily pain, be it physical, emotional, public or private, we must never forget the pain our Lord suffered for us. It was physical, emotional, heartbreaking, lonely, disappointing, publicly humiliating, and so much more. Without this suffering and death, we could never have the opportunity to spend all eternity with Him. There is no pain that anyone of us will ever suffer that our Lord does not know.

We must continue to remember the Lenten journey as we travel the road Jesus chose. We suffered and prayed with Him in His pain and humiliation. We rejoiced with Him as He promised. HE IS RISEN! And so shall we!

So as we begin tomorrow and the next day and so on, remember as we were with Him in this special seasonal journey, so He is with us every day of every year. Our pain is His pain, if we invite Him into our lives.

"I will be with you until the end of the world." Remember too, that our joy He also celebrates. If we traveled with Him on this Lenten journey, He was not alone. We need not continue on the road alone either. Now we look forward eagerly to the feast of Pentecost and the glorious gift of the Holy Spirit--"I will not leave you alone!"

"Risen Lord, the only acclaim that lasts would be to hear Your voice say one day, 'Well done, good and faithful servant'." Matthew 25:21

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Stewardship Reflection

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4:32)

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

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.



**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.

The Day the Lord Made

By Dr. Scott Hahn

April 23, 2006 Divine Mercy Sunday

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see John 19:34), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church - through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see Acts 2:42).

We encounter Him as the apostles did - in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see Daniel 10:19; Judges 6:23). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass - where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com*

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memory Of:



*The Valenza Family
Sarah and Edward Dowd*

William & Mary Burns

Rev. William J. Burns

Sr. Margaret Eileen Cronin

Leo and Irene Dauwer

Thomas and Alice Keating

The Blakeney Family

The Schmidlein & Donovan Families

YOUTH CHOIR

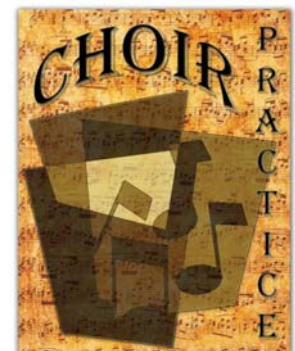
Rehearsal will be held on Monday, April 24, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the **Church**. New members are always welcome.

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.





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.

WOMEN IN COMMUNION "HIGH TEA"

If you would like to host a table of 8 for "High Tea", on Friday, April 28, at 7 pm, please call Kathy Whitney at 781-449-2063 or Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

Don't forget your hats!

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.

SHAWL MINISTRY



The Shawl Ministry will meet on Monday, April 24, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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!

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.