



Peace



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 for what you would like
prayers said.



Reflections on 3rd Sunday of Easter:

Today’s readings help to remind us that when people transcend our hopes we are all encouraged and excited. When Jesus rose from the dead those who truly experienced the Resurrection back then were all excited. Jesus was able to open their minds and hearts to understand Sacred Scripture. How do we today take advantage of Sacred Scripture to understand and live the message of Jesus? Through our lives we are called to witness to the Resurrection. Reading, knowing and understanding Sacred Scripture enhances all of our lived experiences. People who live the Scriptures are welcoming comforting and challenging in the name of Jesus to improve the quality of all of life. When all of us are united in doing this we all benefit and are greatly blessed.

I hope everyone experiences a joyful and happy Easter season!

Catholic Appeal: Presently 134 donors have pledged \$52,399 which is about 54.9% of our parish goal. Thank You.

The Appeal this year will bring together the efforts of 292 parishes to meet the Archdiocesan goal of 15 million dollars. The initial response is very encouraging but the needs of this Archdiocese are immense, particularly this year with things as bad as they are. All of us who have been so blessed by God are called to be responsible, caring and helpful to those who have needs both within and beyond the parish.

Your gift to the 2009 Catholic Appeal offers you an opportunity to express thanks to God and help to others in need. Please consider how you might be able to help if you have not already made a pledge. Again thank you.

Information packets can be found at the doors of the church. Please know that our parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above our goal.

Bible Study: Classes will resume on **Monday, April 27, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read the first three chapters of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

Recommended Reading:

John by Elena Bosetti,
Pauline Books and Media, Boston, 2007.

Saint Paul by Pope Benedict XVI,
Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2009.

Easter Clergy Benefit Trust Collection: We hope that each of you had a wonderful Easter. As a reminder to you all, the collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the archdiocese. If you have not done so already and you wish to do so, you may include your completed collection envelope in today's collection basket. Thank you for your continued generosity to the church.

Protecting God's Children Training—a mandatory sexual abuse awareness training for all volunteers with potential to be with children (including Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, soccer coaches, religious education catechists etc.) will take place on **Tuesday April 28th 7pm** in the McCulloch Rm. Please RSVP to the rectory.

First Saturday Devotion

"Mary promised at Fatima each time that she appeared to help us if we pray to her to banish war and fear. " In response to her promises First Saturday Devotion will be held on **May 2nd, following the 9:00 am Mass.** (The Devotion will not take place if there is a 10 am funeral Mass.)

Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.

Save the Date!

Our next Women in Communion Breakfast is **Sunday, May 17th, after the 9:45 Mass.** Women in Communion is held in the McCulloch Room of St Sebastian's.

Women in Communion is an opportunity for the women of the parish, of any age to come together on topics of faith. All are welcome, there is no membership just a social-spiritual time for women to celebrate their faith.

The theme is **"The Chocolate Boutique... where women taste & see that the Lord is good"**.

Bring your Mom, daughter, neighbors, sisters & friends! It's not (just) about eating chocolate, it's about connecting chocolate to the lavish love the Lord gives us and knowing His extravagant grace.

We'll have some "Chocolate for the Heart", sing, pray, laugh, and dig into the account of Jesus' first miracle in John 2.

(Want to help? Call Maryanne Germano at 781-326-3670). Planning has begun!

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 25	4:00 pm	The Gilchrist and Coughlin Families
Sunday	April 26	8:00 am	Mary Fabbri
		9:45 am	Arthur, Artie & Mary Chiappisi
		11:30 am	Frank Cintolo and Theresa Cintolo
Monday	April 27	9:00 am	Gerald Vogel
Tuesday	April 28	9:00 am	Special Intention
Wednesday	April 29	9:00 am	Margaret O'Rourke
Thursday	April 30	9:00 am	Frank Gillis
Friday	May 1	9:00 am	
Saturday	May 2	9:00 am	Leo & Sally Heffernan
Saturday	May 2	4:00pm	Schofield & McDonough Families
Sunday	May 3	8:00 am	Vocations
		9:45 am	John Youngs
		11:30 am	Kathryn Duncan Wands


 *Collections*

Weekend of April 18-19

Amount Collected: \$4686.29
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$1,313.71)

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

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will resume following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses on **Sunday, May 3rd**. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Regular help with this ministry would be greatly appreciated, please contact Maryellen Jennings for information mej161@msn.com or 781-444-1457

Youth Choir

The next practice for Youth Choir will be this Monday, April 27th from 4:30-5:15 PM in the church.

* Please note the earlier start time

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, April 29**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Amy's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, April 28th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book for discussion will be The Return of the Prodigal Son by Henri J. M. Nouwen.

Circle of Comfort

Lasagnas & apple crisps are now available in the specially designated freezer in the rectory. Any parishioner may pickup a frozen lasagna and/or apple crisp and deliver it to a family they know who is in need (people in mourning, post surgery, shut-ins, etc....)

Please call the rectory (between 10 am - 4 pm) before you come to make sure someone is there. Really, it's that easy. All meals have ingredients and cooking instructions right on the package.

Any questions, please call
 Jeanne D'Allewa 781-400-5083

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Classes will resume in September! Thanks for a great year to all our families, students and especially catechists and assistants!!

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?*

Activities & Other News

Soccer – Due to unexpected changes in coaches availability we are in urgent need of additional coaches for the spring season. Please contact Anne Finucane 781-444-8803 atfinucane@comcast.net to volunteer.



St Bart's offers an instructional, co-ed, intramural program for all Needham children in 1st & 2nd grade. **Registration for Fall 2009 AND Spring 2010 will take place on Saturday May 16th 9:00am-12:00 noon.**

WORLD YOUTH DAY in Madrid, Spain! – World Youth Day is an International gathering of Catholics 16-35 years old to celebrate our faith with 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...

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 ...!)

25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

JUNE 7, 2009

Seán Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7, 2009; 11:30am Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend.

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary and would like to attend this celebration, please register with your parish staff by May 11, 2009.

A formal invitation will then be sent from the Archdiocese to celebrating couples.

*Congratulations on your
Anniversary!*



League of Catholic Women of the Archdiocese of Boston Seventy-Third Diocesan Congress

Date: Thursday May 7, 2009 9:30—2:00pm
Location: Holiday Inn Dedham
55 Ariadne Rd. (exit 15A off Rt 128)
Cost: \$45.00 per person

The League of Catholic Women unites Catholic women for the promotion of Religious, cultural and charitable work. Membership is open to all women of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Please join us for Liturgy, keynote address by Colleen & John Willard on their journey of suffering and healing. A social and luncheon will conclude the Congress.

For Information and reservations please call Lilla O'Donoghue, president at 781-545-4426

Prayer & Poetry

Using poetry as a companion for prayer can be a rich & engaging endeavor. Poetry as an art form uses cadences of spoken word, nuances of language, signals of punctuation & metaphors to invite you into the unfolding of layers of meaning. Below are some simple ways to use poetry to lead you into prayer:

1. Seek a quiet space where you can minimize interruptions and take a few moments to enter into the silence. Let yourself sink deeply into the quiet. Invite God in.
2. Read just the title of the poem: ponder what this encounter might be about.
3. Read the poem aloud. Pay attention to words, sounds, punctuation and what you are hearing in the poem.
4. Now read the poem silently & slowly letting the poem reveal new truths. As you listen again notice which words or phrases catch your attention. Underline them.
5. Journal your thoughts or impressions:
 - What new ways of seeing or hearing are opening for you in this poem?
 - What truth do you hear in the poem that intersects with the unfolding of your life?
 - What parts of the poem call you to be present or to see in an entirely different way?
 - How does this poem reflect or resonate with your own experience? What insights does it spark?
6. Reread the poem out loud, let it filter through you.
7. Compose your own short prayer as a response.

Messenger by Mary Oliver

My work is loving the world.
 Here the sunflowers, there the hummingbird –
 equal seekers of sweetness.
 Here the quickening yeast; there the blue plums.
 Here the clam deep in the speckled sand.
 Are my boots old? Is my coat torn?
 Am I no longer young, and still not half-perfect? Let me
 keep my mind on what matters,
 which is my work,
 which is mostly standing still and learning to be
 astonished.
 The phoebe, the delphinium.
 The sheep in the pasture, and the pasture.
 Which is mostly rejoicing, since all the ingredients are here,
 which is gratitude, to be given a mind and a heart
 And these body-clothes,
 A mouth with which to give shouts of joy
 To the moth and the wren, to the sleepy dug-up clam,
 Telling them all, over and over, how it is
 that we live forever.

Source: Thirst, by Mary Oliver. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 2007

**If you enjoy the practice of praying with poetry and would like more poems, email Melisa Hughes melisahughes@comcast.net, I have a 12-page booklet of prayers for the Easter Season that you may enjoy as well.*

Perpetual Food Drive

Thank You to those who drop off food and other items for the food bank and those who deliver the collected items, it is greatly appreciated! We continue this ministry to help Needham families & individuals during these tough times. We collect non-perishable food, toiletry & paper products for the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry.

Contributions may be left in the back of the church. All donated items will be delivered to the Food Pantry on your behalf. If you would like to help deliver the items or for more information, please contact Patty Doyle 781-449-5652 or Kathy Ellison 781-400-1093.

Thank you!

Project Rachel Retreat

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? **Project Rachel** is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion.

Project Rachel will offer a “Come to the Waters” post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, May 30.

For more information and registration, contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. All calls are confidential.



Walk for Hunger—Sunday, May 3

Join the **St Bart’s Walkers** as we again walk as much of the 20 mile route as possible to raise funds and awareness for hunger in Eastern Massachusetts. If you can’t walk with us in person, then in spirit by supporting our team. Donations may be brought to the rectory or made online at www.projectbread.org/goto/stbarts

With poverty & unemployment rising at unprecedented rates and 522,000 people across the state struggling to put food on the table, this year’s Walk for Hunger is more important than ever. Since 1969, The Walk for Hunger has relied on support from religious organizations. Over the years, that support has grown from one to more than 1,000 religious and community organizations that come out to protest the social injustice of hunger in our midst. Now is the time to step up and join us for Project Bread’s Annual Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3. With the economy struggling, every dollar, every mile, and every volunteer hour counts for our neighbors in need. Your pledges feed people through emergency food programs throughout the state and through many food programs in schools, after school programs, and pediatrician offices, which integrate help into the fabric of everyday life.

Celebrate the spirit of giving along with over 40,000 other concerned citizens by participating in this Massachusetts family tradition. For more information, visit www.projectbread.org/walk or call 617-723-5000.

Join us for Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 3, 2009. It’s a fun event that this year is more important than ever. Every dollar, every mile, every Volunteer hour counts to help our neighbors in need. Register, donate, and learn more at www.projectbread.org/walk.

BLESSED JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual Blessed John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, May 18th**, at The Weston Golf Club.

This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable.

The \$250 player entry includes lunch at the Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500 or visit www.blessedjohnxxiii.edu

Archdiocesan Website

The new website was designed to bring Catholics closer to their faith and to offer the wider community an expanded and more comprehensive view of the Church. The new website, www.bostoncatholic.org was launched on St. Patrick’s Day and contains helpful information on the Church with links to parishes. It also offers a number of new features, including a video welcome message from Cardinal Sean, streamlined navigation, and many new videos and slide shows. Each office, service, and ministry has dedicated space on the site.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun. Apr. 26	ARISE Potluck: 5pm in Ward Hall
Mon. Apr. 27	Bible Study: 10am in the O’Brien Rm.
Mon. Apr. 27	First Communion Banner Night: 7pm in Ward Hall
Mon. Apr. 27	Youth Choir rehearsal 4:30pm in church
Tues. Apr. 28	Amy’s Book Club: 12:30pm O’Brien Rm.
Wed. Apr. 29	GIFT Prayer Group 10am O’Brien Rm.
Thurs. Apr. 30	Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30pm in church
Sat. May 2	First Saturday Devotion—following the 9am Mass (not if there is a funeral)
Sun. May 3	Walk for Hunger
Sun. May 3	Community Sunday & free blood pressure screening following the 8am & 9:45am Masses in Ward Hall
Mon. May 4	Bible Study: 10am in the O’Brien Rm.
Wed. May 6	GIFT Prayer Group 10am O’Brien Rm.
Thurs. May 7	Adult Choir rehearsal 7:30pm in church
Sat. May 9	First Communion 10:00am
Sun. May 10	Crowning of Mary at the 9:45 Mass