

BECAUSE I
LIVE, YOU
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JOHN 14:19

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 6th Sunday of Easter: Jesus tells us that He will not leave us orphans. A week ago a profound message of hope and healing was extended to all of us by the visit of Pope Benedict. Were not our hearts renewed with a sense of God caring for us as the Pope was in Washington and New York reaching out to so many people and groups? Today's readings encourage us to be open to the will and love of God and praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. How do we pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives and encourage others to do the same? We rejoice today as Bishop Allue will be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our tenth graders. This is the day the Lord has made! Let us rejoice in the Lord!

Bible Class will continue on **Monday, April 28th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 35-40 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. The insights that we gain from the discussions and the questions raised and the fun that we have in doing this is a source of encouragement and inspiration.

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.

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 49.3% of our goal or \$47,043 has already been pledged, while the archdiocesan average is 54% at this point. The help that the Catholic Appeal offers to so many programs is essential. It is the hope throughout the Archdiocese that more people will take part in this year's Catholic Appeal. Thank you. Parishes surpassing their goals receive 25% of the surplus back for parish use.

Holy Day of Obligation:

Thursday, May 1st, is Ascension Thursday which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday, April 30th at 4:00 pm and Thursday, May 1st, at 9:00 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Recommended Readings: Divine Mercy by Robert Stackpole, STD Marian Press, Stockbridge MA. 2008.

Paul Missionary of Jesus by Paul Barnett, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Grand Rapids, 2008.

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.

**ARISE
Together in Christ**

*Gracious God and Father, we enter into
your presence realizing you know us better
than we know ourselves.
You know the cares and sufferings
we carry in our hearts.*

*You call us to holiness
and we trust you to lead us together
on our journey to be a renewed Church -
for with you all things are possible.*

*Create us anew in Jesus Christ your Son.
Liberate us from all that keeps us from you.
Heal us from every form of sin and violence.*

*Transform us to live your Word more profoundly.
Awaken us to the sacred; rebuild trust among us.
Enliven our parishes; reunite our families.*

*May your Holy Spirit empower us to live as a
community of love, freed to share in your work
of recreating our world and restoring justice.*

*We believe you are doing something new,
calling us to arise together in Christ
to celebrate the fullness of life.*

Amen.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 26	4:00 pm	
Sunday	April 27	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Arthur Chiappisi
		11:30 am	Gerald Vogel
Monday	April 28	9:00 am	
Tuesday	April 29	9:00 am	
Wednesday	April 30	9:00 am	Elizabeth McNaught
		4:00 pm	Feast of the Ascension Vigil Mass
Thursday	May 1	9:00 am	Feast of the Ascension
		5:30 pm	Feast of the Ascension
		7:30 pm	Feast of the Ascension
Friday	May 2	9:00 am	Leo & Sally Heffernan
Saturday	May 3	9:00 am	
Saturday	May 3	4:00 pm	
Sunday	May 4	8:00 am	Esther Lanney
		9:45 am	First Communicants
		11:30 am	Joseph Dowd

Scripture Readings

20	Sun	Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
28	Mon	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
29	Tue	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
30	Wed	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
1	Thu	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
2	Fri	Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
3	Sat	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
4	Sun	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Collections

Weekend of April 12-13

Amount collected	\$5,180.15
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 819.85)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, April 30th, 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

Youth Choir rehearsal will take place on Monday, April 28th, from **4:30-5:30 pm**. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.** We will be preparing to sing at the 9:45 Mass on May 4th.

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

"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS SAYS THE LORD; I WILL COME BACK TO YOU AND YOUR HEARTS WILL REJOICE." Jn 14:18

Even His disciples had their moments of confusion, despair, fear, uncertainty, understanding Jesus and His teachings. They were very human in their feelings, in their new found faith. Their hearts were broken; their spirits wounded at His death. But Jesus in His infinite wisdom spoke to these issues as reflected in a Gospel according to John.

"Jesus said to His disciples: 'Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy. When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish because her hour has arrived; but when she has given birth to a child, she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy that a child has been born into the world. So you also are now in anguish. But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. On that day you will not question Me about anything. Amen, amen I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name He will give you'."

We may not have had the privilege and joy of knowing Jesus face to face as did His disciples; but we can see and know our Lord every day in the rebirth of His world in spring. The warm sun comes up, the tiny flowers burst forth against all odds, the naked trees blossom in extraordinary beauty. Look around and see, smell, feel God's gifts. The anguish of winter is over and His earthly creation is again reborn. His presence is all around us. The promise of His kingdom awaits. But He is here today, if only we will look for Him.

"I will not leave you..I will come back." He does it everyday. Take heart and notice. As a child of God, we are never orphans. REJOICE!!! BE JOYFUL!!!! You are never alone. "...your hearts will rejoice and no one will take your joy away from you."

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
E-mail: kreilly15@yahoo.com

Social Club: The information about our spring trip to the Bull Run Restaurant on May 23rd has been mailed to you. **The deadline to reserve is May 9th.** Since a minimum of 35 is required, we would appreciate early reservations. Members and non-members who have questions about this trip may call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

This prayer event is scheduled to happen on Saturday, May 3rd. The intention will be for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn babies. On the day of the prayer event, it is hoped at least one million people in the USA will be praying the Rosary within the same sixty minute time span (the chart below shows which hour people in various time zones are to pray the Rosary. People are encouraged to begin praying at the top of the hour, but this is not a necessity.) To register you may go to the website:

www.SaintMichaelTheArchangelOrganization.org.

Time zones on May 3rd:

- 9 am-10 am (Eastern time zone)
- 8 am-9 am (Central time zone)
- 7 am-8 am (Mountain time zone)
- 6 am-7 am (Pacific time zone)
- 5 am-6 am (Alaska time zone)
- 4 am-5 am (Hawaii time zone)

Please note: you can certainly participate even though you do not register.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**An Appreciation Breakfast
for Women**

will be held on Sunday, May 18th, following the 9:45 Mass. Tickets are \$7 per person; children under 12 are free (the youngest being in kindergarten). Reservations must be made in advance by calling Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670 or Debby at 781-444-3434. There will be more information in next weekend's bulletin.



Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held on **Sunday, May 4th**, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses. Come down for coffee and donuts—visit acquaintances and welcome new families!!



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.

**Reunion Dance
to benefit
the SMA Fathers**

Will be held on **Friday, May 16th**, beginning at 8:00 pm at the Irish Social Club, Park St., West Roxbury. Music will be provided by the Fintan Stanley Show Band. Donation is \$10.

There will be a Door Prize for a 1-year membership to the USA Swim & Fitness Center, Hilton Hotel, Dedham. There will be drawings for a round-trip airfare for 2 to Ireland, including free car rental for 1 week; a round-trip airfare for 2 to Las Vegas; and an 11" Waterford crystal bowl.

For tickets contact: Fr. Ulick Bourke at 781-326-3288; Pat & Josie Casey at 781-329-0530; Frank & Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800; Kathleen Sullivan at 781-329-0584.

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 Dooher 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.

Alive in the Spirit

By Dr. Scott Hahn

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17) . He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father. We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized - that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation - to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. This is the reason for our hope - the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

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