

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.



No one can take them out of my hand.

John 10:27-28

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.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm.

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.



Reflections for 4th Sunday of Easter: Today is a day of world prayer for vocations to the religious life and priesthood. Pope Benedict XVI has invited us to join in prayer today for this intention. (Please see Pope Benedict's letter on vocations in the bulletin.) We too are reassured of Jesus' forgives and understanding as well as His presence with us always because of the Eucharist. The gospel today shows us if we follow Jesus we will know the Father. Jesus addresses our need for belonging and wanting to be loved. We cannot totally understand God but we can appreciate the words of Jesus because of His example when He tells us how much God loves us. See the bulletin insert to read the Holy Father's letter on this occasion.

Catholic Youth Mass: Next Sunday May 6th at 6:30P.M. in the Church there will be a special Mass for our youth group followed by a social and food. If you are able please plan on attending as we start to take our next step in building a youth ministry that our young people deserve. This Mass is open to students in grades five through twelve and parents.

Vocation Dinner: The next vocation Dinner with Archbishop Sean will be on Friday, May 11th, from 5:30-8:00 pm at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. If interested please see Fr. Phil.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers needed: In recent weeks it has become noticeable to some not only the wonderful efforts of our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers, but also that we are in need of many more people to become involved in these ministries. If you would like to take part in any of these ministries or would like more information, please speak with the pastor.

Catholic Appeal: Our Annual Catholic Appeal is about to begin for this year. This year the parish assessment is \$100,500.00. The needs of the programs of this Archdiocese are great. I hope that all will consider making a gift so that we will be able to reach our parish assessment. This past year we came very close to reaching our parish goal. I thank you for your generosity toward this wonderful work.

Position Available: The rectory is looking for a cook/housekeeper. This is a part-time position (between 12-15 hours per week.) If you are interested in applying for this position, please call Fr. Phil or Barbara at the rectory, 781-444-3434.

A Few Volunteers Are Needed to provide supper for Sr. Julie and the other two sisters at the convent. The meals are brought to them on



Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week. At this time we need six to nine people to volunteer. Please call the rectory and the dates will be given to you to choose from. We thank all those who have already helped. St. Bart's is blessed with so many caring, giving people. God bless you all!

League of Catholic Women Seventy-first Diocesan Congress The Congress will take place on Thursday, May 3, at the Holiday Inn in Dedham, 55 Ariadne Rd., Exit 15A off I-95 (Rte. 128). Registration is from 8:10-9:15 am, Liturgy at 9:30 am with Bishop John Dooher as the Celebrant. Coffee service is at 10:20 am; at 11:15 Dr. E. Joanne Angelo will speak on "The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness". A social and luncheon will begin at 12:30 pm with departure at 2:00 pm. For information and reservations call Rose Sullivan at 617-734-5383 or Lilla O'Donoghue at 781-545-4426. (The objective of the League of Catholic Women of the Archdiocese of Boston is to unite Catholic women for the promotion of religious, cultural and charitable work.)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 28	4:00 pm	Catherine J. Eastman
Sunday	April 29	8:00 am	Phillipe Bernard
		9:45 am	Helen & Tom Boyle and Hester & Carroll Buckley
		11:30 am	Ines Correia—15th Anniversary
Monday	April 30	9:00 am	
Tuesday	May 1	9:00 am	
Wednesday	May 2	9:00 am	Sally Heffernan
Thursday	May 3	9:00 am	Elizabeth McNaught
Friday	May 4	9:00 am	
Saturday	May 5	9:00 am	Knights of Columbus—1st Saturday on the month
Saturday	May 5	4:00 pm	Roberta Sullivan
Sunday	May 6	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Mary Chiappisi
		11:30 am	Grace, John, Mary, Joseph, Amelia & Sylvia Fiumara

Scripture Readings

- 29 Sun Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
- 30 Mon Acts 11:1-18/ Jn 10:1-10
- 1 Tue Acts 11:19-26/ Jn 10:22-30
- 2 Wed Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
- 3 Thu 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- 4 Fri Acts 13:26-33/ Jn 14:1-6
- 5 Sat Acts 13:44-52/ Jn 14:7-14
- 6 Sun Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Collections

Weekend of April 21-22

Amount collected	\$4852.13
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1147.87)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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 take place on March 3 following the 9:00 am Mass. Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held next Sunday, May 6, following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses.

Youth Choir:
Our next rehearsal is this Monday, April 30th at 5 PM in the church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on Sunday, May 6th.

Adult Choir:
The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, May 2, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. We are most eager to have new members join us.

Liturgy of the Word for Children is for all children, not just those who attend our Religious Ed classes. All are welcome to join us at the 9:45 am Mass each week during the school year.

Amy's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is “The Keys of the Kingdom By A.J. Cronin.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**Sharing: Time Talent Treasure****WHOM DO YOU CALL.?**

In this very complex life we live, there are very few of us who are talented and experienced enough to handle all our needs when something breaks down, needs repair, etc.. We need plumbers, electricians, roofers, masons, painters, arborists, medical personnel, carpenters, TV, cable repair, household heat resources, a general handyman, etc.. And the whole food chain hasn't even been addressed. The list goes on and on. We even have popular magazines to tell us which are the best things we need to be successfully "independent." Complete self-sufficiency has taken on a new meaning. It means knowing whom to call or what resource to use to help you, when you need it.

Having a reliable list of those whom we can trust, will answer our calls, and have the skills to do it right the first time is a very valuable. Take out your personal phone book some day and count the number of service people listed. When we think about all these people or organizations that improve or "save" our lives, is there any spiritual resource listed? "I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know Me." (John 10:14) Really? Do we really know Him? Or are we just remembering left over childhood lessons? And do we think we can know Him without any similar resources like those that support us in our daily lives? What books do we read that teach us more about our Lord? What prayers do we recite in our conversations with the Lord that help us reach a deeper and more meaningful relationship with Him? What films or religious TV channels do we watch to learn more about God, the Saints, the Apostles, etc.? What do you know about your parish resources? Do you really know what the good people of St. Bartholomew's do and how many programs exist because of their efforts to teach, pray, and generally repair our spiritual holes? St. Bartholomew's parish is our major spiritual support system. How do we use it? How do we support it? How often do you need it? We are a vital parish, whose energies are directed toward worshipping God and to be that resource to assist all in developing a deeper and more meaningful Catholic "WAY OF LIFE". We too have popular magazines and newspapers that help us in these efforts. Do you know what they are?

Please read our Sunday bulletin carefully. There are many opportunities presented which offer community and personal spiritual opportunities. There are also other issues, when your support is needed to help others. Our Stewardship news will acquaint you with some of the spiritual resources available to "Know Him, Love Him, and Serve Him." Grade One. Catechism lesson. Why was I created? And when our Lord says, "I know my sheep; and mine know Me", we can begin to agree.

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

Our hearts and sincere sympathy go out to the Judge family of Medfield and to the entire St. Sebastian's Community on the sudden death, at St. Sebastian's on Tuesday afternoon, of William Judge. William was an eighth grader at St. Sebastian's. Please keep them in your prayers.

An Appreciation Breakfast for Women will be held on Sunday, May 20, following the 9:45 am Mass. We invite daughters to bring a favorite woman in their lives; mother, grandmother, aunt or best friend. (the youngest should be in kindergarten.) Tickets are \$8.00 Reservations must be made in advance .to be You may call Joan at 781-449-3991, Susanne at 781-444-1109 or Kara at 781-449-5828.

"Protecting God's Children:: Upcoming "Protecting God's Children" workshops will take place at St. Joseph's in Needham on Wednesday, May 9, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Linse Room in the lower church and on Sunday, May 20, from 7:00-9:00 pm in the library of the elementary school. Please pre-register by calling Sue Gartside at 781-449-0133, x899 or by email to sgartside@stjoes.com.

2007 Catholic Appeal Update - Giving in Faith, Giving with Love:

Next weekend, May 5-6, will be **Catholic Appeal Weekend** here at St. Bartholomew's. God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building up of his kingdom. Cardinal Seán is asking every Catholic household to participate in this year's Catholic Appeal, which funds the many programs and services of our Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the Offertory is to our parish - so your participation and support are critical. On Catholic Appeal Weekend, we will be showing a video message from Cardinal Seán and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge.

Cardinal Seán thanks all the families from [that contributed to the 2006 Catholic Appeal. This year, our participation target is at least an increase of 25% households participating. Our financial goal is to raise at least \$100,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we will receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here at our parish. Please know that your participation counts and that all gifts – of whatever amount – matter.

We encourage you to take home an information packet from Mass this weekend so that you can prayerfully consider how you will participate. Those of you that gave to the Appeal last year should also receive a letter this week from Cardinal Seán. Please bring completed pledge forms back to St. Bartholomew next week to contribute during our pledge collection. Thank you.



Religious Ed.

Important notice for all Second Grade Parents:

The retreat for second graders will be Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 9:45-11:30. We will meet in the church and it is important that all second graders attend.

CCD for Grade 2 students will be on the following dates: April 30, May 7, May 8, and May 9 from 4:00-5:00 in the Church.

Please pray for our 10th grade students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this afternoon. May they always be open to the movement of the Spirit in their lives.

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: Saturday, June 2nd, after the 4:00 Mass

Where: The McCulloch room in the school.

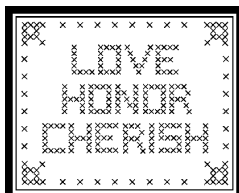
Who: All children grades k-6.

All children MUST be pre-registered if they wish to attend. Parents Must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$3.00 per child or 2 for \$5.00.

To register or to volunteer to help call Chris Anastasia at 781-400-1677. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children.

This month's movie "Night at the Museum"

Marriage Encounter: An experience for building communication, creating intimacy, self esteem and enriching the values of marriage, family and faith. This program is for couples who believe they have a good marriage but desire a deeper understanding, a richer communication, a better quality and more spirituality in their marriage. The next weekends available are May 18-20 and June



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Benefit for SMA Fathers

There will be a benefit dance for the SMA Fathers on Friday, May 18th, at 8:00 pm at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be music by the Andy Healy Band, Set and Ceili Dancing from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. The door prize is a one year membership to the USA Swim & Fitness Center at the Hilton Hotel in Dedham.

There will be two raffles: one for a cruise from Boston to Bermuda for two and another for a round-trip fare to Ireland for one. Donation is \$10. For tickets please call Pat & Josie Casey at 781-329-0530, Frank & Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800 or Kathleen Sullivan at 781-329-0584.

Project Rachel: "Come to the Waters of Healing" Day of Post-Abortion Prayer and Healing — The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston will sponsor one-day retreats on Saturday, May 5, and Saturday, June 2, to help women hurting from past abortions experience the personal love of Christ and find hope for healing. The format will offer a loving and confidential environment to share Scriptural stories of Christ's healing love; spend quiet time in prayer before God; and to hear stories of post-abortion healing. Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession) will be available. The program begins at 9:00 am and concludes with a 4:00 pm Mass. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Boston Archdiocesan Choir School

The Boston Boy Choir of the Boston Archdiocesan Choir School will perform its 44th Annual Spring Benefit Concert at St. Paul Church in Cambridge on Friday, May 11, at 8:00 pm. The Boston Boy Choir will also be joined by the St. Paul Men's Schola, Soloists and members of the Civic Symphony Orchestra of Boston. The BACS Handbell Choir will provide various selections.

The Church is handicap accessible and free parking is available at the Broadway Garage. Reserved seat tickets in advance or at the door are \$10, \$20 and \$25. Call 617-868-8658, x 314 now to order your tickets with a MasterCard or VISA. Tickets can also be purchased online by visiting their website at www.bostonboychoir.org.



BIBLE RESEARCH

See what you can discover for yourself about the background to the readings.

This Sunday's readings are taken from four of the books which make up the Bible: Acts, Psalms, Revelation, and the Gospel according to John.

See if you can find out how many books there are in the Bible. How many are there in the New Testament, and how many in the Old Testament?

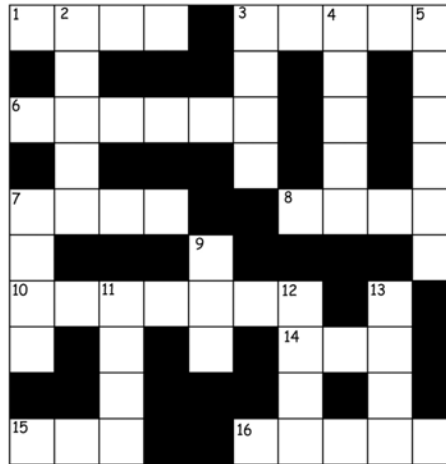
Discover what the difference is between the Old and New Testaments.

Finally, who decided which books should be included in the Bible, and when was this decision made?

CROSSWORD

(Most answers are in today's readings)

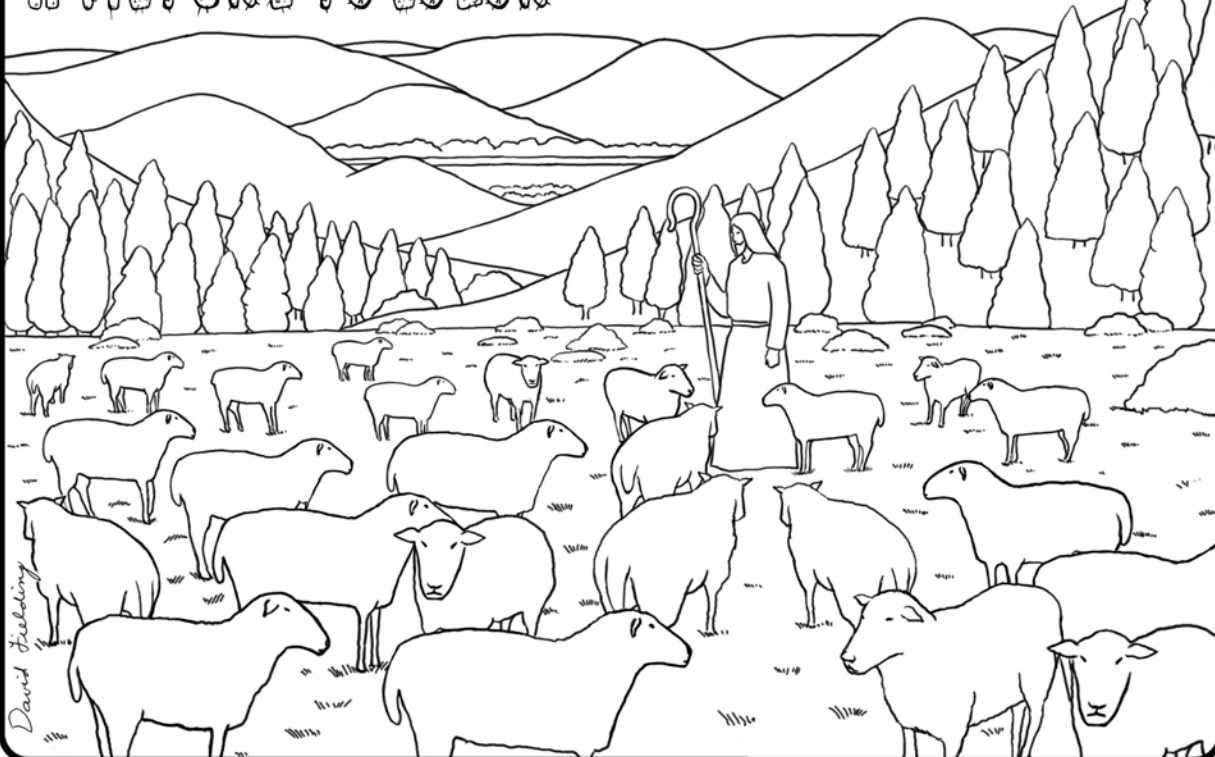
CLUES ACROSS 1. He travelled with Barnabas 3. Opposite of dark 6. Lack of food causes this 7. Opposite of coldness 8. These people expelled Paul from their territory 10. One _____ under God (plural) 14. Jesus and the Father are this 15. It gives great heat 16. God will lead us to this in heaven; another word for splendor



CLUES DOWN 2. Paul received this violent rudeness from hostile Jews in Antioch 3. A title for God 4. A spiritual gift from God 5. Lack of water causes this 7. This completes an arm 9. Great happiness 11. Similar to a city 12. The spiritual part of a person 13. Every one of these will be wiped away

A PICTURE TO COLOR

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10, 27-30



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