

## 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.



### **Catholic Appeal**

Next weekend begins the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2006. Many of you have received notice of this through the mail. This year's theme is Our Faith, Our Mission. The Catholic Appeal raises funds to support the umbrella of services that make it possible to carry out the work of Jesus Christ in this Archdiocese. This includes spiritual formation, education, some basic needs and programs that are funded by the Catholic Appeal for the well being of our Archdiocese.

### **A Word of Thanks**

Thank you to Ms. Patricia Watson and all who gave of themselves and worked hard to insure the success last Sunday of the Pro-Life Mini Fair.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Jesus is alive. The resurrection is known in how we exercise repentance and forgiveness and encourage others to do the same. We preach the meaning of resurrection by how we live our lives.

### **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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **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.

*Fr. Phil McLaughlin*

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	April 29	4:00 pm	James Shaughnessy—USMC active duty in Iraq
Sunday	April 30	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Church Raymond Carroll Marguerite Lozier—1st Anniversary
Monday	May 1	9:00 am	
Tuesday	May 2	9:00 am	Sally Heffernan
Wednesday	May 3	9:00 am	Elizabeth McNaughton
Thursday	May 4	9:00 am	
Friday	May 5	9:00 am	
Saturday	May 6	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Dino & Angela Scarsella and Pina Scarsella Mary E. Burns
Sunday	May 7	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Mary Chiappisi Mary, John, Grace, Joseph, Amelia & Sylvia Fiumara

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
*Weddings*

**I Peter T. Murphy & Patricia M. Rivera**

 *Collections*

**Weekend of April 22-23**

Amount collected	\$5,042.90
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 957.10)

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

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of April 30, 2006**

<b>30 SUN</b>	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48
<b>1 Mon</b>	Acts 6:8-15/ Jn 6:22-29 (273), or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26— 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58
<b>2 Tue</b>	Acts 7:51—8:1a/ Jn 6:30-35
<b>3 Wed</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
<b>4 Thu</b>	Acts 8:26-40/ Jn 6:44-51
<b>5 Fri</b>	Acts 9:1-20/ Jn 6:52-59
<b>6 Sat</b>	Acts 9:31-42/ Jn 6:60-69
<b>7 SUN</b>	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18

**STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**  
Sharing: Time - Talent - Treasure

*"IGNORANCE" ---- a lack of knowledge or comprehension of the thing specified*

"After the Christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back of the car. After many attempts to find out why he was crying, Jason finally sobbed, 'But, Dad, the preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home and I wanted to stay with you guys!'"

Both of the readings today addressed the people's ignorance. "Peter said to the people.....Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did (denying the Holy and Righteous One, asking to release the murderer instead of Jesus), and the author of life was put to death. But God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer." (Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19) Peter then implores us to "repent....be converted that our sins may be wiped away."

In the first Letter of Saint John he tells us that he is writing to us "so that you may not commit sin." We have an "Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His Commandments. Those who say 'I know Him', but do not keep His Commandments are liars, the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him."

Unlike Jason, we cannot plead ignorance. We know the definition of a "Catholic Christian". Now we must live it as He asked us to do. He died for us, for our salvation. Now let us live for Him as 'keepers of His word.' Stewardship.

**Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862**  
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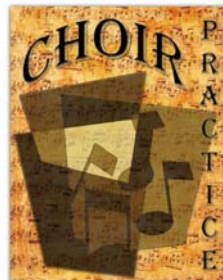
## Stewardship Reflection

*"Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread." (Luke 24:35)*

*The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.*

### YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 1, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the Church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on May 7th.



### ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are always looking for new members.

**All are welcome.**

### COME TO THE CABARET ...

Join our Parish Social Club's spring trip to Indian Head Resort in Lincoln, NH for lunch and a cabaret to be held on Tuesday, May 2. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9 am and return about 6 pm.

If you have questions, please call

Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833.





### Protecting God's Children Workshops

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

- 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.

### Community Sunday &

### Free Blood Pressure Screening

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will take place on Sunday, May 7, following the 8 am & 9:45 am Masses.

This will be the last Sunday until the fall.

### ATTENTION NURSES

We are in need of a few extra nurses to help out with blood pressure screening on an as-needed basis when it resumes in the fall.

If anyone is interested, please call Claudette Shea at 781-449-3483.

### Win a trip to Ireland, Rome or Las Vegas

Or a 1-year membership to USA Swim & Fitness at the Dedham Hilton Hotel ....

These are the raffle and door prizes available to those who attend the SMA FATHERS (of Dedham) BENEFIT DANCE — Friday, May 19th at 8:00 pm at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury.

Music will be provided by The Andy Healy Band.

Ceili (Irish) dancing is scheduled from 8-9 pm.

**The donation is \$10 per person.**

Contact Pat & Josie Casey at 781-329-0530 or Frank & Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800 for tickets.

### SHAWL MINISTRY

The Shawl Ministry is on hiatus until the fall. Those who wish may continue knitting at home. When you finish a shawl, please bring it to the rectory. The people receiving them are most grateful, and want you to know that they are praying for you also.



### 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!

### St. Bartholomew Soccer

Fall/Spring 2006/2007 Registration

Saturday, May 20, 9 am to 12 pm

Outside, next to St. Bart's soccer fields (rain location - St. Sebastian's cafeteria)

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys and girls

St. Bart's Soccer is a co-ed instructional program for Needham boys and girls born August 1, 1998 - July 31, 2000. All children who meet the age requirement but will be in kindergarten in the fall must have a copy of their birth certificate at registration.

Registration is for both the fall 2006 and spring 2007 season. A mail in registration period will begin after May 20 through June 16.

Applications will be available at town hall on a first come first serve basis starting May 22. Please call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline with any questions at 781-444-6559 or check the website at:



[www.stbartholomew-needham.org/soccer/soccer.htm](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/soccer/soccer.htm)

### AMY'S BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club

(and the last until September)

will on Tuesday, May 23, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

The book to be discussed is:

*Snow in August* by Pete Hamill

## Understanding the Scriptures

*By Dr. Scott Hahn*

Jesus in today's Gospel, teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His passion, death, and resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church - to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in *all* the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6,15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9-10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission - to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

## First Annual **PATRICK C. FORDE** Memorial Charity Golf Tournament Friday, May 19th, 2006 Sandy Burr Country Club

Shortly after parishioner Pat Forde's untimely death in 2005, this non-profit memorial fund was established to help others — specifically individuals and organizations in the Needham community.

We are accepting golfers who would like to participate in the days events, which includes golf and dinner to follow at the Sandy Burr Club in Wayland.



During dinner and awards ceremony, we will be conducting an auction and raffle. To make the tournament successful, we are asking businesses to sponsor a hole, donate a gift certificate or participate with an auction item. We understand that there are many worthwhile charitable events conducted in our community each year for which you generously participate.

We hope you consider  
the Patrick C. Forde Memorial Fund.

Questions and reservations should be directed  
to Cindy and Jim Coughlin

781 871 5909

WEBSITE [www.patrickfordememorial.org](http://www.patrickfordememorial.org)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
For Golfers or dinner **ONLY** guests  
**May 5, 2006**