



GOOD SHEPHERD

*“I am the good shepherd, and I
know mine and mine know me...”*

~John 10:14

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 4th Sunday of Easter: Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The gospel focuses on Jesus as the model of the good shepherd. Jesus is concerned about the welfare of his people. Jesus gives us a model of what love means and why we must love.

Traditionally, over the years there have been many homilies given on the sacrament of Holy Orders and the religious life. How do we encourage people to discover the gift of God in our lives and the lives of others? How do we help people develop their gifts and talents? Do we see vocations to the religious life and priesthood as a means of helping all to live their dreams and visions out to experience a better life? Life is so much more richly blessed when one knows and experiences the love of God. When there are priests to share the sacraments and God's Word with us we can experience how through the Resurrection of Jesus we share in the new life of Christ. The readings of Good Shepherd Sunday also invite us to look at how we accept and understand our baptismal promises to be good stewards by the way we share our time talents and treasures ourselves. Today we also celebrate what it means to be a good steward. We must be concerned about the welfare of people around us. The big and little kindnesses we show to others reflect our response to God's gifts in our lives. Please keep up your good works. Thank you.

Bible Study: Classes will resume on **Monday, May 4, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read the first three chapters of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. We welcome newcomers to the classes!

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses next Sunday, May 3.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 139 donors have pledged \$53,827 which is about 56.4% 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 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 Again thank you. Please know that our parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above our goal.

Recommended Reading: *My Daily Catholic Bible* by Paul Thigpen, Our Daily Visitor, Huntington, Indiana, 2004.

Faith and the Future by Pope Benedict XVI, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2009.

Jesus Christ is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.
Acts 4:11-12

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.

(Any questions? Call Maryanne Germano at 781-326-3670).

THERE IS NO CHARGE!!

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 2	4:00 pm	The Schofield & McDonough Families
Sunday	May 3	8:00 am	Vocations
		9:45 am	John Youngs
		11:30 am	Kathryn Duncan Wands
Monday	May 4	9:00 am	Michel & Elizabeth Flippe
Tuesday	May 5	9:00 am	
Wednesday	May 6	9:00 am	Elizabeth McNaught
Thursday	May 7	9:00 am	Mary Chiappisi
Friday	May 8	9:00 am	Barbara Hurley
Saturday	May 9	9:00 am	The Dunn Family
Saturday	May 9	4:00pm	For All Mothers-Living and Deceased
Sunday	May 10	8:00 am	For All Mothers-Living and Deceased
		9:45 am	For All Mothers-Living and Deceased
		11:30 am	For All Mothers-Living and Deceased


 *Collections*

Weekend of April 25-26

Amount Collected: \$
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: \$

(The amounts for this past weekend will be in next weekend's bulletin.)

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

Amy's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 26, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book for discussion will be The Scalpel and the Soul by Allan J. Hamilton, M.D., FACS.

Youth Choir

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

* Please note the earlier start time

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'Alleva 781-400-5083

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, May 6**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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 – The next world youth day will take place Aug 15-21, 2011, in Madrid, Spain. What is it??? World Youth Day is an International gathering of Catholics 16-35 years old. Music, performances, liturgy, talks, and lots of Catholics as passionate about their faith as you are from everywhere in the world.

Why??? It is an awesome experience beyond words to be with fun, cool, Catholics who live their faith joyfully!

Why sign up now??? It takes a lot of planning and fundraising to get to Europe for a week

If you (or someone you know) will be at least **16 years old** by Aug 2011, be part of this experience of a lifetime. Let Melisa know if you are interested melisa-hughes@comcast.net, keep watching, as I get more info, I'll pass it on.



New England LifeTeen Camp: Aug 3-8, 2009 in Charlton, MA

Join us for an amazing week with High School teens from all across New England! Days will be filled with fun activities while nights will have a retreat feel to them. Our fun-filled week will include swimming, ropes course, water games, sports, campfires, a day at Six Flags, praise & worship, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, Mass and much more! The camp is open to **incoming High School freshmen through graduated seniors (class of 2009)**. Space is limited so reserve your spot! Info: www.neltcamp.com or melisahughes@comcast.net

Participant Agreement and \$100.00 deposit to Melisa A.S.A.P., balance (\$325.00) due by 6-20-09

**If your student is interested but funds make it impossible, contact us. Some help is available through St Bart's.*

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“HE IS RISEN” What do we do now?

“In a third grade classroom a little 9 year old boy’s heart feels like it is about to stop, when to his horror, his pants are becoming wet and a puddle is forming on the floor under his seat. He closes his eyes and prays ‘God, I’ve got an emergency. I need help now or I’ll be dead meat’. As he opens his eyes, he sees his teacher approaching and knows he has been discovered. Just as she reaches his desk, his classmate, Susie, carrying the fish bowl, bumps into her and the water spills all over the boy and onto the floor. Pretending to be angry, he says to himself, ‘Thank you, God; thank you, God.’ Instead of being an object of ridicule, he becomes the object of sympathy and Susie becomes a “ klutz” and the object of unkind remarks. She tries to help but they turn her away. At the end of the day at the bus stop, the little boy says to Susie, ‘You did that on purpose, didn’t you? She replied ‘I wet my pants once too.’”*

“Remember, just going to church doesn’t make you a Christian any more than standing in the garage makes you a car.”*

Jesus was tortured, humiliated, and died for us. What do we do now? WE MUST do something! In Baptism we were called. In Confirmation we chose, not others for us, but we ourselves chose to be His followers—His stewards. Jesus prayed to and honored His Father in heaven. So also must we. Jesus loved His Father above all else and loved each of us beyond anything we can imagine. He asked us to do the same. We cannot go through life just saying we believe and not acting and living accordingly. How often have we had a chance to act on behalf of another, like Susie, and we didn’t?

These are tough times for most. There are those who are out of work; those who are hungry; those who are lonely; those who were cold this winter and still may not have adequate heat or clothing; this list is endless. Our churches need help. God is good. God is love. God is forgiving. God is everything; but that doesn’t mean we should sit back and expect Him to do it all.

Help me, God, to see the opportunities around me every day and respond in goodness out of love for You. Let me not sit down and be deaf, dumb, and blind to those who need help all around me. For this I pray. Just as Susie stepped up to the plate, so will I.

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

* Story sent to me by a friend.



Congratulations To:
 Thomas Francis LaHaise V,
 son of Thomas and Janice;
 Madelyn Joan Pickett,
 daughter of John and Anne,
 as these children are claimed
 by Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism
 this weekend.

**Easter Flowers Were Donated
 In Memory Of:**

Lawrence McNamara
 Mary Frances Tobin
 The Boyd Family
 The Broll Famil
 The Clare Family
 The Karish Family

(These names were submitted after last weekend’s bulletin was printed.)

LIFT—Catholic Worship for a NEW Generation:

an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. It is for all ages. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, May 12th, with Fr. Mike Najim as their speaker. The evening runs from 7-9 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions can be found on their website: www.liftedhigher.com.

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.

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

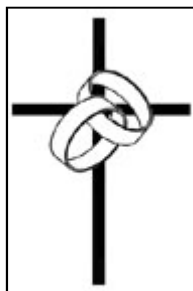
25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass

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.



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. May 3	Walk for Hunger
Sun. May 3	Community Sunday & free blood pressure screening following the 8am & 9:45am Masses in Ward Hall
Sun., May 3	Baptisms-12:30 pm
Mon. May 4	Bible Study: 10am in the O'Brien Rm.
Tues., May 5	Parish Pastoral Council-7:30 pm
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
Mon., May 11	Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
Wed., May 13	GIFT Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
Thurs., May 14	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Sun., May 17	Women in Communion-following the 9:45 am Mass