

I AM THE VINE



*“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear
much fruit and become my disciples.”*

~John 15:8

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.



Happy Mother's Day: We will be offering all of the Masses this weekend for the mothers of our parish both living and deceased.

Reflection on 5th Sunday of Easter: May is the month of Mary and today is Mother's Day. There is much to rejoice in and give thanks for today. Mary set the example her whole life for the rest of us. Mary experienced the coming of the Holy Spirit when she was told that she was to be the Mother of Jesus and she was present when the coming of the Holy Spirit led to the birth of the Church. God gave and continues to give many gifts to each of us for the building up of the Church. Mothers are constantly giving to their families and others and are recognizing the gifts and talents of them and are helping them to develop such gifts and talents. Our Blessed Mother Mary and other mothers work to insure the best for their families. God is the vine, we are the branches. Faith-filled mothers help us to realize the importance of and live the faith by staying close to God the vine for true life. Mothers reflect God's love each day as they show and live the demanding and loving virtues of motherhood. Can we by our lives and prayers say thank you. On this day we give thanks to God for the wonderful blessing of mothers.

Bible Study: Classes will resume on **Monday, May 4, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 4-6 of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. We welcome newcomers to the classes!

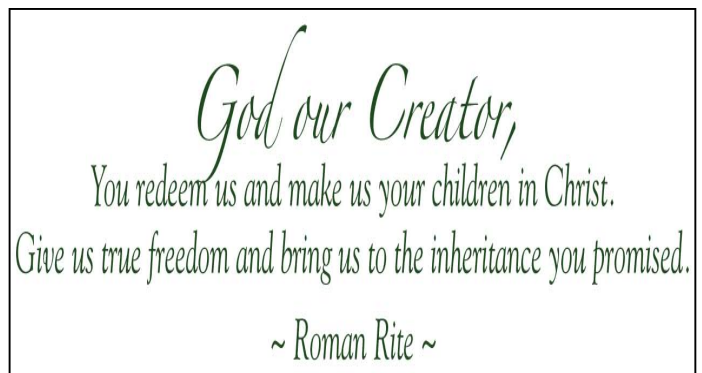
Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses this Sunday, May 10.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 145 donors have pledged \$56,729 which is about 59.4% 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. Again, thank you. Please know that our parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above our goal.

Holy Day of Obligation: Ascension Thursday is May 21st. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 20th, at 4:00 pm and Thursday, May 21st, at 9:00 am, 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

First Communion: The parish wishes to express congratulations and rejoice with the members of the second grade class who received their first Holy Communion yesterday. They will be with us at the 9:45 A.M. Mass today for the crowning of our Blessed Mother. I hope that each of us will pray for them.

Thank You: Our parish owes a great deal of thanks to all of our teachers in the religious education program. New challenges are presented every year for which our teachers and volunteers respond with skill, patience, kindness and generosity. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Melisa Hughes and Mrs. Maryellen Jennings who coordinate our very fine program.



Supporting People who advertise in Our Bulletin: The Church bulletin that is published weekly is one of the primary means of our parish to let you know what is happening each week. This is paid for by those who advertise in the bulletin. I invite you to make use of their services and if you wish to invite others to place ads as well in the bulletin. I believe that it pays to advertise in the bulletin.

2nd Collection Next Weekend : Next week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign which develops media programming, projects and resources that promote the values of the Gospel of Jesus. Half of the collection is used to support local communication efforts such as televised Masses and diocesan newspapers. The other fifty percent supports the development and production of a wide range of national media programming. For more information please visit www.USCCB.org/cc.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 9	4:00 pm	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
Monday	May 11	9:00 am	Orazio Nannini—1st Anniversary
Tuesday	May 12	9:00 am	Albert Capone, Sam and Philomena Tirella
Wednesday	May 13	9:00 am	
Thursday	May 14	9:00 am	
Friday	May 15	9:00 am	Robert L. Hesenius and Robert J. Hesenius
Saturday	May 16	9:00 am	Virginia Crowley
Saturday	May 16	4:00pm	Rita & Richard Walsh
Sunday	May 17	8:00 am	Dick Quinlan
		9:45 am	Paul Connolly
		11:30 am	Mary Ann Caffrey


 *Collections*

Weekend of May 2-3

Amount Collected: \$5,368.46
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$ 631.54)

Thank you for your stewardship.

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 11th** from 4:30-5:15 PM in the church.

* Please note the earlier start time

Circle of Comfort

The Circle of Comfort is ready for another night of cooking. The theme of the night is mother/child, in honor of Mother's Day. We are inviting all mothers in the parish to come cook with us and to bring one child or grandchild or niece. Space is limited so we are asking that each mother bring only one child this time. There will be many other opportunities throughout the year, to include any kids that can't come this time. We will be making lasagna and apple crisp for the freezer. The date is **Monday, May 12th from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the rectory kitchen**. Please RSVP by Monday, May 11 to Mary Garber 781-453-1921. It is sure to be a fun time..we hope you can join us!!

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, May 13**, 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

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 melisahughes@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.*



We pray in a special way for our students who received the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday as well as the students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday. May they continue to grow in the life of the Church, ever closer to God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

MAY: THE MONTH TO REMEMBER MARY, OUR LORD'S MOTHER, AND OUR OWN MOTHERS

Mary heard the Angel's message and said yes to the call of her God, all the while not fully understanding what was to come. What mother does fully understand the call to this very special vocation. This call becomes very apparent immediately after birth. The mother soon realizes that the call will be constant, day and night, and will not end until the child leaves home. (Sometimes, they don't leave home! And sometimes the calls still come even after they leave.) Motherhood is very under appreciated and misunderstood by those closest to her and under valued in our society. Just as Mary struggled in her new role, so also do all our mothers. There is no book with all the correct answers for all situations, bearing in mind all the personality differences of the children involved, despite what the best sellers would have you believe. Mary accepted her call in faith. The modern day mother must accept her calling in faith as well. Conceiving and bearing a child is a miracle given by God. Loving and caring for that child is a mother's answer to God's gift. Her faith makes this gift a special blessing even in the most trying of times.

If we say the Rosary, Mary's special prayer, we can follow the events of her life and those of her son, Jesus. We can know our Church's beliefs and everything that is important for us to remember. If we say the Rosary; if we pray to Mary; we have the most loving and direct way to her Son. HE LISTENS TO HER! At the Cana wedding feast, her friends were about to be embarrassed by the fact that they had run out of wine. She looked at her Son. "Do something," she implored. Jesus replied, "Woman, it is not my time." She ignored His reply, turned to the servants and said, "Do what He tells you to do." We know what He did. He turned the water jugs into the finest of wines. Jesus listens to Mary. We all need a special friend. Mary is that friend. Pray to her. She understands. Pray to her for all mothers. She will help them. Pray to her for deceased mothers that they may enjoy the heavenly kingdom with her and her Son.

We should not need a special day, month or any designated special time to say thank you or remember someone in our prayers. Love is a special gift and a magical trust. All mothers do the best they can with little or no special training for this most important and influential job. If they are blessed, they have their own mothers to support them as they enter this new world. Let us say a prayer of thanksgiving for all mothers, living or not. In Mary we see the mother of all mothers. We witness the mother who lived a life of joy and the mother who had to suffer the worst kind of pain. She knows us. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, pray for us. And pray for all mothers who come to understand the joy and pain of this most special calling.

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

Mother's Day Prayer

*God our Creator, we pray:
for new mothers, coming to terms
with new responsibility ;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks
of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their
children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical,
mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a
mother has not been fulfilled.
Bless all mothers, that their love may
be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know
and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for
God and for others.
Amen.*

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.

Benefit Dance for SMA Fathers will be held at 8:00 pm on **Friday, May 15**, at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be a door prize for a one year membership at the USA Swim and Fitness Center, Hilton Hotel, Allied Dr., Dedham. There will be a raffle for prizes of \$500, \$200 and \$100. Please contact Pat & Josie Casey at 781-329-0530 or Frank & Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800 or Kathleen Sullivan at 781-329-0584. Music will be by the Andy Healy Band. Admission is \$10 per person.

Attention Vietnamese Families: Are you interested in having a bilingual English/Vietnamese Masses and/or Vietnamese Masses in the Boston suburbs? Are you interested in making the Vietnamese Catholic community more integrated with the Catholic parishes in the Boston west suburbs? If so, please call or email the Office of Cultural Diversity by July 15 to give us your contact information (name, phone number and email): Archdiocese of Boston, Office of Outreach and Cultural Diversity, attn: Ms. Linda Russo, phone 617-746-5794, email: lrusso@rcab.org.

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!!

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.

When the sacred scriptures are read in church, God himself is speaking to the people, and Christ, present in his word, is proclaiming his Gospel. Hence the readings from God's word are among the most important elements in the liturgy, and all who are present should listen to them with reverence. The word of God in the scripture readings is indeed addressed to all people of all times.

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The Constitution
on the Sacred Liturgy*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun. May 10 Crowning of Mary at the 9:45 Mass
- Mon., May 11 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., May 11 Youth Choir Rehearsal-4:30 pm
- Wed., May 13 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) 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
- Sun., May 17 Confirmation-3:00 pm
- Mon., May 18 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., May 18 Youth Choir Rehearsal-4:30 pm
- Wed., May 20 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., May 20 Senior Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Thurs., May 21 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm