



Peace

*I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.*

*Not as the world gives
do I give it to you.*

*Do not let your hearts
be troubled or afraid. ~ John 14:27*

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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 6th Sunday of Easter: How has being a Catholic helped you to experience the love of God in a special way? How has this changed over the years in such moments as prayer and the sacraments? When we feel that we have no time for ourselves or for prayer this is the time when we need to stop the most and find time to be enriched by God in prayer so that we have something to offer to others.

Happy Mothers' Day: Happy Mothers' Day to all the mothers and grandmothers of our parish. May the good Lord bless you on this day and each day in a very special way.

May is Mary's Month: May is one of the months in which we honor Our Blessed Mother in a special way. Please join us for daily Mass followed by recitation of the Rosary.

Please Help: In recent weeks it has become noticeable to some, not only the wonderful efforts of our Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers and ushers, but also that we are in need of many more people to become involved. If you would like to take part in any of these ministries or would like more information, please speak with the pastor. We are hoping to expand our volunteer list to the younger generation as well. It would be nice if anyone who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation would consider giving praise to God by taking a more important part in the life of the Church by taking part in a ministry.

Catholic Appeal: Our Annual Catholic Appeal began last weekend. The parish assessment for this year is \$100,500.00. The needs of the programs in this Archdiocese are great. I hope that everyone will consider making a gift so that we will be able to reach our parish assessment. In addition to those who have helped with this in the past we need new families as well this year to help us meet both the financial and the participation goal. I thank you for your consideration and your generosity toward this wonderful work. Please also pray for the success of the Catholic Appeal.

Holy Day of Obligation: Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday, May 16th, at 4:00 pm and on Thursday, May 17th, at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm.

Thanks to the Religious Education Teachers: We are very blessed to have a wonderful Religious Education program here. This is due in a very large way to Mrs. Elizabeth Healy, Mrs. Maryellen Jennings, and all of the teachers, parents and students. Recently 28 wonderful young people of Grade 10 received the Sacrament of Confirmation and 32 wonderful young people of grade 2 made their first Holy Communion. Thanks to all who have made this a special year. May God continue to bless all for their great efforts.



The next Movie Night will be on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm in the McCulloch Room in the school. We will be showing "Secondhand Lions" - a comedic and touching family film that follows the adventures of a shy

young boy (Haley Joel Osment) who is sent to spend the summer with his eccentric uncles (Michael Caine, Robert Duvall). At first shocked by his uncles' unconventional behavior that includes ordering African lions through the mail, the boy soon becomes enthralled with unraveling the mystery that has followed the uncles for years. Hearing tales of their exotic adventures involving kidnapped princesses, Arabian sheiks and lost treasure, not only brings him closer to his uncles, but also teaches him what it means to believe in something...whether it's true or not.

Service to the Elderly: Elizabeth Seton Residence has a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers. There is an 11:00 am Mass every day of the week. If you are able to help even one day, please contact Linda Colozzi, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Care at 781-997-1119.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 12	4:00 pm	For All Mothers—Living and Deceased
Sunday	May 13	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 14	9:00 am	
Tuesday	May 15	9:00 am	Eleanor Galvin
Wednesday	May 16	9:00 am	Mary Burns
Thursday	May 17	9:00 am	Rita Callahan
Friday	May 18	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Saturday	May 19	9:00 am	Dick Quinlan
Saturday	May 19	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	May 20	8:00 am	Andrew Hall
		9:45 am	Paul Coughlin
		11:30 am	Lewis Augustine

Scripture Readings

- 13 Sun Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
- 14 Mon Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
- 15 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
- 16 Wed Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
- 17 Thu Acts 18:1-8/ Jn 16:16-20
- 18 Fri Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
- 19 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
- 20 Sun Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23/Lk24: 46-53

Collections

Weekend of May 5-6

Amount collected	\$5,277.75
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 722.25)

Thank you for your stewardship.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, May 16, 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.

Youth Choir:
Our last rehearsal for this school year will be on Monday, May 14th, from 4:45-5:45 pm in the Church. **(Please note the earlier time.)** This will be our only rehearsal before singing at Mass on June 3rd.

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY---HAPPY FATHER'S DAY---
 HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY---AND A THANK YOU
 DAY FOR ALL THOSE "CHILDREN" WHO ARE CARE-
 TAKERS OF THEIR PARENTS.

Jesus gave us a new Commandment "To love one another as I have loved you." This is not just the smile, feel good, be considerate of another kind of love. No, what He meant by love is much deeper, more difficult, and much more demanding. We are required to "die to self"; to self empty" in our love for another, as did our Lord for us. This is the love He modeled for us and asked us to emulate in our love for Him and each other. This is exemplified time and again in true parenthood. Whether it's walking the floor at night with a sick child and missing our well deserved good night's sleep, or the giving up of so many things personally, so that our children will benefit from our unspoken sacrifices, we willingly do so and without complaint. This giving and sacrifice would be very difficult, if not for the purity of the love with which it is given. Rarely, do we, as "children", understand this. It is only later when we reach adulthood, and if blessed, parenthood, do we begin to understand and have some perspective. If truly blessed, our parents live long enough for us to be able to thank them. And if we recognize the need to help them in their declining years, we can return this "self emptying" love. If we can't share our adulthood with them, then keeping them in our prayers daily is a way to show our continuing love and appreciation for all that went before us.

The whole gift of love is truly one of God's greatest miracles. To know it and experience its after effects is awesome! When we are young, we are usually pretty sure that there is only so much to go around. But the miracle and beauty of love is that the more we live it, the more we have to give away. And the more we give of it, the more we are filled with it. We love our first born so much, that we cannot comprehend that the fourth or fifth child could be loved as much. And what do we find? That with time and experience, the more love we have given away, the more love we have to give away and with an even greater joy.

HAPPY MOTHER, FATHER, GRANDPARENTS ' DAY may have been a commercial, Hallmark moment invention; but it has gone far beyond that. We all need reminders in life to stop and pause and think about what is really important and not just what we have to do in the next moment. Thank you to all the givers of self. You all make this a better world for us to live in. You truly see our Lord in others. May His Spirit, peace, and blessings be with you always. Thank you in the name of real Stewardship!

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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2007 Catholic Appeal Update - *Giving in Faith, Giving with Love:* Cardinal Sean sends his thanks to the families from St. Bartholomew's that have participated during Catholic Appeal Weekend. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www. BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

Social Club

The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, May 16, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. We are fortunate to have Kate Fitzpatrick, Needham Town Manager, as our speaker. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Members and guests are invited.

Our spring trip to Captain Jack's in Wakefield, RI for lobster or prime rib will take place on Tuesday, May 22. For reservations/questions call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833.

These are the last events of the year.

An Appreciation Breakfast for Women will be held on Sunday, May 20, following the 9:45 am Mass. Please invite those women who are important in your life: be it daughter, mother, grandmother, aunt or best friend (the youngest should be in kindergarten). Tickets are \$7.00 Reservations must be made in advance. You may call Joan at 781-449-3991, Susanne at 781-444-1109 or Kara at 781-449-5828.

Mark Your Calendars

We will honor all of our 2007 graduates at a Mass that will be celebrated on Sunday, June 3, at 9:45 am. **(Please note the change in date and time.)** Immediately following the liturgy a brunch will be served. Please RSVP to the parish office (781-444-3434) by May 27th so we know how much food to purchase. Graduates and families are invited.

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" Rated G.

LIFT—Catholic Worship for a New Generation:

Join us for LIFT—an exciting new monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages—from young adults to teens to entire families. Be with us on Tuesday, May 15, as we welcome Fr. Marc Bishop as our speaker. The evening runs from 7:00-9:00 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on our website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

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.

**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

"Counsel of Jerusalem" by Dr. Scott Hahn

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews. The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church.

The Church is *One*, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is *Holy*, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is *Catholic*, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is *Apostolic* - founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council. Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] ...the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son. This should fill us with confidence, free us to worship with exultation, inspire us to rededicate our lives to His Name - to love Jesus in our keeping of His Word, to rejoice that He and the Father in the Spirit have made their dwelling with us.

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TRUE or FALSE ?

1. Some men came down to Antioch from Judea and began to teach.
2. Paul and Barnabas went to see the apostles and elders in Rome.
3. The angel showed the holy city of Jerusalem coming down out of heaven.
4. The holy city had ten gates, for the ten commandments.
5. The holy city had a new temple, like a diamond.
6. The city had no need of sun or moon.
7. Anyone who loves Jesus will be loved by the Father.
8. 'Paraclete' means 'Holy Spirit.'
9. Jesus' farewell gift was peace.
10. Jesus told his disciples not to be distressed or fearful.

ANSWERS 1 true, 2 false, 3 true, 4 false, 5 false, 6 true, 7 true, 8 true, 9 true, 10 true.

CROSSWORD

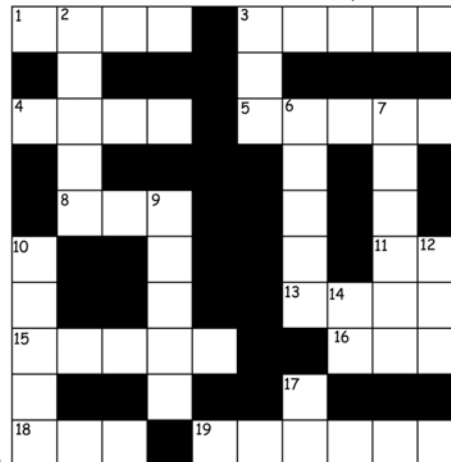
(Most answers are in today's readings)
CLUES ACROSS

1. Antioch was one. 3. Rejoice (Extra clue: Resp. Psalm: "May the nations be glad and ____")
4. It shines at night 5. Give information; explain 8. It gives light and heat 11. A word that follows "I" 13. Opposite of love 15. The heavenly Jerusalem had twelve of these 16. The number of the Commandments 18. Given light; illuminated 19. The number of the apostles

Last week's wordsearch

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CLUES DOWN



2. Statues of false gods 3. Consume food 6. The world
7. Produce from nothing 9. Not ever 10. Spiritual messenger 12. These came down from Antioch
14. To be somewhere 17. Myself

PICTURE PUZZLE

READING: Rv 21, 10-14, 22-23

THE HOLY CITY JERUSALEM COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD

The picture on the right has at least ten things that the picture on the left does not. Can you find and circle them?

