

*Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things, but you
surpass them all." Charm is deceptive,
and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who
fears the LORD is to be praised.
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Mother's Day

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**THE WISE WOMAN
BUILDS HER HOUSE.**
~PROVERBS 14:1

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Saint 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.



Happy Mothers' Day:

A word of blessing and thanks to all of the mothers and grandmothers of this parish. Thank you: for who you are, for your example of faith, for all the love you show, for all of the little extra things you do each day out of love for others. God truly blessed us all with the gifts of mothers, beginning with the gift of Mary to Jesus and to all.

Welcome Back to Fr. Murphy:

We are delighted to let you know that Fr. Charles Murphy will be celebrating the 4P.M. next Saturday May 20th and a reception will follow after Mass in Ward Hall. We give thanks to God that our prayers have been answered and we look forward to Fr. Murphy's return. If you are willing to contribute baked goods, please call the rectory.

Thank you:

Thank you to Mrs. Noreen Kavanaugh, and the volunteers and parents, who spent all of last Saturday working for Habitat for Humanity. A good and educational day was had by all

Catholic Appeal:

Last weekend the Annual Catholic Appeal for 2006. By now you should have received notice of this through the mail. There are extra letters and forms at the doors of the Church if you have not received a letter from Cardinal Sean O'Malley. 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.

continued ...

Our Parish Goal is \$109, 500 the same as last year. The Archdiocese really needs our help. Periodically, I will be putting progress reports and reminders in the bulletin, but not every week. Thank you. Our thanks to Dick Reilly and Ed Ellison our chairman this year for speaking at all the Masses last weekend

Cori Forms:

There are still a number of volunteers who have not yet completed this process.

Failure to do so will mean dismissal from all volunteer and ministry programs here.

Time for this is running out. This must be taken seriously, as this is required by Massachusetts State Law and the Archdiocese of Boston. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory. This is your responsibility to fulfill all of the requirements for volunteering.

Please Pray for Vocations:

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations as designated by Pope Benedict X VI. 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.

5th Sunday of Easter:

In addition to Mothers' Day this is the fifth Sunday of Easter. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. If we give Jesus a chance in faith He will help us to be the best we can be. God certainly puts people in our lives who show us God's love for us. We have the opportunity given to us to help others experience God's love through us.

May is a special month

devoted to Our Blessed Mother. You are invited Pray The Rosary with us Monday through Saturday immediately following the 9 am Mass.

Fr. Phil McGaugh

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 13	4:00 pm	Pat & Angela Ferrara
Sunday	May 14	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 15	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	May 16	9:00 am	The Gillis & Thissell Families
Wednesday	May 17	9:00 am	
Thursday	May 18	9:00 am	Paul Sullivan
Friday	May 19	9:00 am	Donald Blair, Jr.
Saturday	May 20	9:00 am	Andrew Hall
		4:00 pm	Rita M. Walsh
Sunday	May 21	8:00 am	Mary DeGeorge
		9:45 am	Lawrence & Mary Cummings
		11:30 am	For the Intention of Joe & Joan Ronayne on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary



BANNS OF MARRIAGE *Weddings*

III Peter T. Murphy & Patricia M. Rivera

Collections

Weekend of May 6-7

Amount collected	\$6,260.60
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	\$ 260.60

Thank you for your continued generous support.

Scripture Readings

Week of May 14, 2006

14 Sun	Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
15 Mon	Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
16 Tue	Acts 14:19-28/ Jn 14:27-31a
17 Wed	Acts 15:1-6/ Jn 15:1-8
18 Thu	Acts 15:7-21/ Jn 15:9-11
19 Fri	Acts 15:22-31/ Jn 15:12-17
20 Sat	Acts 16:1-10/ Jn 15:18-21
21 Sun	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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

STEWARDSHIP: A Way of Life

Another good steward: Robert Nedder, our custodian of the house of the Lord, St. Bartholomew Parish. Robert, aka Bob or "Kojak", has been working in our parish for about a year and a half. Before that Bob lived in Dedham for years and with his wife raised three sons. The family attended their local parish for a while and then they found St. Bartholomew's.

For over 30 years Bob was a Dedham police officer with the last 17 spent as the juvenile officer of the town. "Kojak" was how he was known. In 1996 he was awarded the Patrolman of the Year Award for services above and beyond the call of duty. This honor reflects a concrete recognition of what everyone already knew--that Bob loved his work and the people with whom he came in contact. His fellow police officers, judges, and his "juvies" all came to pay him well deserved praise.

In 2004 he retired but he hasn't stopped giving his help when it is needed. He is a constant source of information and inspiration to the younger officers who seek him out. That includes one son, who recently became a lieutenant on the Dedham force. His son bought the family house and so Bob and his wife now live in Medfield. Surprise, he also assists their police department!

Another son lives in Connecticut on a farm. Bob frequently goes down to help with the animals and the twins. His beloved grandchildren number 8--7 girls and 1 boy. Another son, Joe, and his wife, Antonia, with their children are active members of our parish family. Antonia is our Youth Choir Director.

The police department of Dedham continues to recognize Bob for his contributions to the town. A new award has been developed to be given out annually to recognize someone who possesses the true spirit of community giving, exhibits a respect for others, and exemplifies

true professionalism. The award will be called the **Robert Nedder Citizen of Excellence Award**.

And our Bob is to be the first recipient of his award. As this award states, we know that Bob has continued to demonstrate his caring and love of what he does. Our church and rectory have never looked better and his smiling face and ever ready wish to help make everybody's life easier and happier.

Congratulations and thank you, Bob.

By the way, how about telling us about your tap dancing and accordion playing career when you were a child. Did you really meet Danny Kaye?

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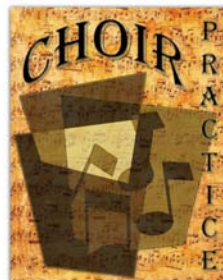
Holy Day of Obligation:

May 25th (a week from this Thursday) is a Holy Day of Obligation
(Ascension Thursday)

Masses will be as follows:
Wednesday afternoon, May 24th at 4 pm and
Thursday May 25th at 9 am and 5 pm

YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 15, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the Church.



ADULT CHOIR

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

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!**





SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, May 17, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Three musicians who have performed at several area locations will provide our entertainment: Arnie Rosen—guitarist, Doug Worth—alto saxophonist, and Phyllis Fallon—vocalist will include music of the 40's and 50's in their program. Please join us for this enjoyable music and refreshments at our last meeting of the season.

At this time, the Social Club Board wishes to thank you for your support. We hope you have a happy summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

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)

1st and 2nd 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/htm

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will take place on **Sunday, May 21, at 12:30 pm** in Ward Hall of the school. If you are a volunteer and did not receive an invitation, please call the rectory.

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

Women in Communion:

The LADIES HIGH TEA,

held on April 28th

was a TEA-rific success ...

Thanks to all the hostesses and attendees.



The Annual Needham Business Street Fair Presents **The Community Health Fair** on Saturday, June 10 10 am - 3 pm

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS FARMERS MARKET VENDOR BOOTHS FOOD KIDS ACTIVITIES CHAIR MASSAGE OPERATING ROOM TOURS SENIOR ACTIVITIES ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES TROLLEY RIDES BLOOD DRIVES GIVEAWAYS

Needham Common and Beth Israel Hospital (Needham) Grounds

Information Line: 781 453 3622



**ST. PAUL CENTER
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

On the Vine By Dr. Scott Hahn

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be - the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17-24).

In baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul, in today's First Reading, seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine - His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, he encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16-20).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples, so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness and mercy.



Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us -

as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as prunings, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4-11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

**Catholic Charities
Celebration ...**

Will be held Thursday June 1 at the
John F. Kennedy Library and Museum
Dr. Thomas O'Connor,
University Historian @ Boston College
and author of

Boston Catholics:

The Church and its People
will be our featured speaker.

All proceeds to benefit the programs
and services of Catholic Charities.

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*The families of
St Bartholomew
— being one
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wish our Holy
and Blessed
Mother in
Heaven ...*

