



*And I have given them the glory
you gave me... that the world may
know that you sent me, and that
you loved them even as you loved me.*

John 17:22-23

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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.

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)

Mission Statement

Our Mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
- To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.



Reflection on the 7th Sunday of Easter:

It is only with heart that we can rightly see what is essentially hidden from the eyes. Every person is a masterpiece begun by God. Do we listen to the ways that God speaks to us? How do we reach beyond our parish to share Christian love with others? How do we live the saving love of God?

In today's Gospel Jesus is preparing to say good-bye to His disciples; and through his prayer He lets them see intimately into His heart. The secret Jesus reveals is how much He loves all of us and that He desires for all of us the same love and unity that He shares with His Father. The tenderness, intimacy and passion we hear in Jesus' words are utterly disarming. We learn from the prayer of Jesus what is deepest in His heart. Jesus' prayer teaches us that in unity we share in the one Body of Christ and in Jesus' identity. Jesus sees His friends as God's gift to Him. Jesus helps His disciples to see that they are essential to continuing the work He started. By being a disciple we share in Jesus' suffering and glory. Our lives are meaningful when we commit our lives to Jesus and to others. United to Jesus we are united to one another. Christian unity must be visible for the world to believe His message. Jesus prays that the world may recognize God's saving love in the life and action of the Church.

May is the Month of Mary: During the month of May the Church pays special tribute to Mary the Mother of God for all that she has done and continues to do for the salvation of the world. Please join us for the 9:00 am Mass each day Monday through Saturday and for praying of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet following those Masses. This is one of the most beautiful ways to say "thank you" to Mary.

Bible Classes will meet on **Monday, May 17th, at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. Please pray and reflect on Psalms 25-27.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 56.1% of its goal. St. Bartholomew's has had 135 families pledge for a total of \$49,438 which is 54.9% of our goal. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this important appeal. This is one of the ways that we can help others - both inside and outside the parish. Thank you for all you are doing.

Reminder Regarding Priestly Visits to Hospitals:

It is important when requesting a priest to visit someone in the hospital that the name of the person **and the room number** be given. The Hippa Law forbids hospitals and other medical facilities to give out information regarding any person in its institutions.

This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). If Jesus Christ was on earth today, how would He spread his message of salvation? Would He use television, radio, newspapers, text messages, billboards, DVDs, or would Jesus be right here on the Internet? The CCC believes Jesus would use as many means as possible; and that is why it supports projects that use the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Haiti Project

A surveying visit is planned for mid-May as we plan to have a well dug in Petit-Goave, Haiti. Thank you to those who have already contributed to this project. We have already raised over \$10,000.00! Our goal is to have \$12,000 raised by mid-May.

- To contribute financially: Checks may be made out to St. Bartholomew's Parish with "Haiti Project" on the memo line.
- If you would like your contribution to be eligible for your employer's matching gift program, donations may be made directly to the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation with "St. Bart's Well project" in the memo line and mailed to Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation, Inc. P.O Box 690165 Quincy, MA 02269
- We will have another 50/50 raffle on Community Sunday, June 6th, to raise funds for the Haiti project.
- Gift baskets will be sold by silent auction at Community Sunday June 6th. They will be available for viewing next week, May 22nd & 23rd. Auction bids will be accepted both in person and by telephone by calling the rectory. Thank you to those who have contributed to this fundraising effort both financially and in time & effort.

For more information about our Haiti Project or if you missed Bill Whitney's presentation, please contact him at, wmcwhitney@verizon.net or 781-449-2063.

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



Saturday	May 15	4:00 pm	Barbara Hurley
Sunday	May 16	9:45 am	Michael Farren
		11:30 am	Mary Ann and Aldona Caffrey
Monday	May 17	9:00 am	Eleanor Costa
Tuesday	May 18	9:00 am	Marie & Joseph Casey
Wednesday	May 19	9:00 am	Donald Blair, Jr.
Thursday	May 20	9:00 am	Andrew Hall
Friday	May 21	9:00 am	Edward E. Eastman
Saturday	May 22	9:00 am	Marie McNeil
Saturday	May 22	4:00 pm	William & Mary Stapleton
Sunday	May 23	9:45 am	Cecilia Suarez
		11:30 am	Special Intention

Youth Choir

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be this Sunday, May 16th, from 5-6 PM. Youth Choir will also meet on Sunday, May 23rd, from 5-6 PM. There will be no rehearsal on Sunday, May 30th. Youth Choir will sing at the 9:45 AM Mass on June 6th. New members are always welcome.

The Prayer Group (G.I.F.T.) has ended for the season. It will resume in September. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer.


Next week's second collection supports the seminaries in the Archdiocese of Boston. Most priests in the Archdiocese have been formed in one of these local seminaries and feel blessed to be able to be educated locally, where they can assist in parishes of the people they will be ordained to serve. Please be generous to support these important institutions for our future in our Archdiocese.

Amy's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, May 25th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is Loud and Clear by Anna Quindlen. We always welcome new members. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862 or e-mail kreilly15@yahoo.com

The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 19, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. Our program will be an unusual musical treat. Jacqueline Arons, a pianist and graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, and her daughter Michele, a vocalist who sings many types of music in several languages, will present a program of light operetta, show tunes and popular music of the 40's and 50's.

This will be our final meeting of the season. We hope many of you will come to enjoy this program and the social hour that follows. We also wish all of you a very happy summer; and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Adult Choir



The Adult Choir rehearsal is held every Thursday at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY O LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

"Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your name; and I will make it known that the love with which You love Me may be in them and I in them." (today' Gospel according to John)

Today's Gospel begs the question - - how do we know anything? One very essential ingredient is time. The more time we spend researching, thinking about, and learning about a person, a situation, an idea, the more complete our knowledge and understanding.

Think "fantasy baseball." In the spring you study and research teams and their players. After much debate, you pick a made-up team - - player by player - - in the hope that at the end of the very long season you have picked the best. You will monitor these chosen few the whole season until next October when the winners/best are declared. And your chosen team will be matched up against your friends who also have done the same. How much time (enjoyable and groaning) will you spend in this pursuit? Name any other enjoyable hobby one might have - - golf, tennis, boating, carpentry, gardening, cooking, etc. and estimate how much time you will spend each week this summer chasing your dream.

Jesus said of the Father - - "The world does not know You; but I do know You. I made known to them Your name, Your love, and Your wish that they be one as I am in You." How much time have we ever spent, outside of Lent, with the Lord? How much time have we ever spent learning and understanding Jesus' life and message? Do we ever think of the Father, His creation, His love, His part in our lives? We cannot know God unless we make time to "know Him, to love Him, to serve Him." Our longed-for summer time is fast approaching. "On the seventh day He rested." Our Father knows the need to rest better than anyone. But anyone who is too busy for God is too busy!" Just a few minutes a day spent in connection with our Lord is all we need to begin our love affair with the Father as Jesus wished for us in His prayer before His suffering and death. To know Him is to love Him and to know His unlimited love for us. To know anything requires TIME - one of the most precious and extraordinary gifts that you can give. This is no fantasy game. This is real life, now and after life - - an eternity payoff.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862

STEWARDSHIP: " DO JUST ONE THING"

It is amazing what one can accomplish by deciding to do just one thing. Back at the beginning of February we decided, as our Lenten alms project, to "adopt" the rural town of Petit-Goave in Haiti. This area, home to the poorest among the poor, had suffered devastating damage during the earthquake. Most of the buildings collapsed. The few that remained standing suffered structural damage. The people had no food and no clean water. The only well in the area, serving 900 families, was destroyed during an aftershock. The needs of the people of Petit-Goave were great before the earthquake. After the earthquake they are overwhelming. How could we, a parish in Needham, MA. make a difference? By doing just one thing at a time.

This Tuesday, Bill Whitney, a parishioner who volunteered to head up the well project, will travel to Petit-Goave with Hermina Hyacinthe, the executive director of the Ste. Jeanne D'Arc Haiti Foundation. They will be looking at the site selected for the new well and will be making the final arrangements necessary for the drilling to begin. Thanks to your generosity we have, to date, raised \$10,685.00 dollars towards this project. Hopefully, it won't be long before the people of Petit-Goave have, once again, safe water to drink.

This week, please do just one more thing. Please pray for Bill and Hermina that they will be safe as they journey to Haiti, that they will be successful in contracting the digging of the well and that the people of Petit-Goave will soon have potable water once again.

For more information on the Haiti Project please visit our NEW website at www.stbartholomew-needham.org and click on Haiti Project.

~Barbara Dury

The winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle drawn on May 2nd is 463284. Call Barbara Dury in the parish Office at 781-444-3434 to claim your prize.

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My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

St. Bart's Building & Renovation Project

Announcement: Our parish and related activities have been increasing for several years with no relative increase or upgrades in our spaces. As we develop our pastoral plan to prepare for the future, it has become clear that new and better spaces are needed to serve our wide range of parish needs. In order to accomplish this, the feasibility of an overhaul of the former convent, renovation of the priests' living quarters and liturgical upgrades to the church itself need to be explored.

We want parishioner's input on this project Multiple open meetings, where more in-depth information can be presented, are scheduled for **Sunday, May 16th, at 12:30 pm or 7:00 pm and Tuesday, May 18th, at 7:00 pm. The meetings will take place in the Church.**

**St. Bartholomew Soccer
Fall/Spring 2010/2011 Registration:**

For 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls:
Saturday, June 5, 9:00 am to 11:00 pm
Outside, next to St. Bart's soccer fields (corner of
Greendale Ave. and Great Plain Ave.)
(rain location - St. Sebastian's cafeteria)
Applications will be available at
Town Hall beginning June 7.

More info online [www.stbartholomew-needham.org/
children_and_youth/sports](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_and_youth/sports)
or call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline
with questions at 781-444-6559.



Sew What? will meet on Tuesday, May 18th, from 7-9 PM in Ward Hall (the cafeteria) to make cancer bags which will be donated to women who have recently undergone breast surgery for cancer. Bring your machine ready to go (an extension cord is helpful), we will supply the fabric and directions. See you there.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Registration: Don't forget...registration forms are available in the back of the Church and online!

Catechists: As our program continues to grow, we need more catechists to teach our children about their faith. You do not need to be an expert, only willing to learn and grow in your own faith and share it with others. For information on what it takes to be a catechist, speak to someone who is a catechist or to Maryellen Jennings (K-6) at mej161@comcast.net, or to Melisa Hughes (7th-10th grades) at: melisahughes@comcast.net.

Parent Advisory Task Force: As we plan events and activities for families and youth, it would be invaluable to have a group of parents to discuss with. If you would be interested in working with us, please speak to Fr. Phil or Melisa.

Middle School Leadership Institute:

"Witness to Hope" is an exciting overnight leadership institute specially designed for Roman Catholic Middle Schoolers who have just completed grades 6, 7 or 8. The result is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a more effective leader and witness to hope. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.

High School Leadership Institute:

"Witness to Truth" is a weeklong overnight leadership for Roman Catholic high schoolers who have just completed grades 9, 10, 11 or 12. The result of this experience is that each participant deepens their own faith, knowledge, and skills in order to become a greater leader and witness to truth back in their home, parish, school, and community. For more information, contact Danielle Olsen at 617-746-5750.

Irish-American Pilgrimage Day: Rediscovering the Treasure of Our Irish Family Roots

This day will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette, 947 Park St., Attleboro, MA on **Sunday, June 13th, from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm—rain or shine.** The day will consist of presentations, Irish singers, the Noel Henry Show Band, Family Rosary Procession, rosary-making for the children, Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Confessions, and outdoor Mass. A light lunch will be available to purchase or bring a brown bag lunch. If you have any questions, please call the Shrine at 508-222-5410.

Catholic Daughters of America's Trip to the Holy Land will be from April 29-May 11, 2011. The trip will originate from Baltimore. The cost is \$3672 per person and is all inclusive (except lunches). For more information call 410-360-4813 or 410-990-4085.

New Updated Website!!

Our newly updated website: (www.StBartholomew-Needham.org) now includes a parish blog, columns, and lots of easy-to-access information and resources.

Also, find St. Bartholomew Parish - Needham, MA on Facebook or follow us for news and updates on parish events on Twitter at: www.Twitter.com/stbartsneedham



At the parish retreat, a surgeon gave a talk about her relationship with God, comparing it to the first time she was on her own in the operating room. Her mentor and guide sent her to do a routine surgery, assuring her that she had all the skills and knowledge she needed to perform her task well. As she worked, she could hear the senior surgeon in her mind, talking her through the operation. She had been well trained.

Jesus leaves the Twelve well-equipped to complete the mission with which they are charged. He revealed to them the mysteries of faith and empowered them to teach, preach, heal and forgive. The power of God works through them as they proclaim the love and mercy of God. He would leave them in body, but never in spirit.

Faith can call us to remarkable challenges, things we may think are beyond our ability to do. But God does not call us to failure. If He asks something of us, He will provide what we need to complete the task. Look at the courage of the martyrs, the determination of the saints and the example of so many good and holy people you see every day. They live and practice their faith every day, in prayer and in deed. You can, too. You already have everything you need.

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CODE - BREAKER!

Crossword solution from last week

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The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: O = E and S = I.

S COO KX YZOXSXQ SX

DRO CUI, KXN DRO CYX

YP WKX CDKXNSXQ KD

QYN'C BSQRD RKXN.

ANSWER

I see an opening in the sky, and the Son of Man standing at God's right hand.