

LOVE ONE ANOTHER



“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the father in my name he may give you”

~John 15:16

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.



Reflection on 6th Sunday of Easter: God is love and He loves all of us. In turn we are told of the commandment to love God and neighbor. This commandment and invitation has enormous implications. This speaks of living a love that is self-sacrifice in serving others just like Jesus. The sacrifice of Jesus is the cornerstone of God's love for us. Love can never be without cost. God's love for us is the model of all behavior. By virtue of our baptisms we are called in mission to love God and neighbor. This is the cost of discipleship and of love. How do we help people who are down on their luck or forgotten? How do we each day show concern for others? I wish to remind you that in a positive way this can begin in our prayers and even in situations that are overwhelming, prayer is a wonderful way to begin

Bible Study: Classes will be held on **Monday, May 18, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 1-4 of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. The study of St. Paul's letters are proving to be life-enriching and enjoyable. We welcome newcomers to the classes!

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. Special thanks go to Mrs. Melisa Hughes and Mrs. Maryellen Jennings who coordinate our very fine program.

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.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 159 donors have pledged \$61,776 which is about 64.7% 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.

2nd Collection This Weekend : This week's second collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign. If Jesus Christ were 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 Catholic Communication Campaign believes Jesus would use as many means as possible, and that is why it supports projects that use the entire media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. Please visit www.USCCB.org/cc for more information.

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.

Recommended Readings: [My Daily Catholic Bible](#), Ed by Paul Thigpen, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Indiana 2004.

[Faith and the Future](#) by Pope Benedict XVI, Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2009



Congratulations To:
Dorothy Grace Hall,
daughter of Mathew and Tracy-Lee;
as this child was claimed
by Jesus Christ in the
Sacrament of Baptism
last weekend.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 16	4:00 pm	Rita & Richard Walsh
Sunday	May 17	8:00 am	Dick Quinlan
		9:45 am	Paul Connolly
		11:30 am	Mary Ann Caffrey
Monday	May 18	9:00 am	Frances Shea
Tuesday	May 19	9:00 am	Donald Blair, Jr.
Wednesday	May 20	9:00 am	Andrew Hall
		4:00 pm	Feast of the Ascension Vigil Mass
Thursday	May 21	9:00 am	Feast of the Ascension
		5:00 pm	Feast of the Ascension
		7:30 pm	Feast of the Ascension
Friday	May 22	9:00 am	Joseph Doolin
Saturday	May 23	9:00 am	Marie McNeil
Saturday	May 23	4:00 pm	
Sunday	May 24	8:00 am	Sheila Girard Prisco
		9:45 am	The Ronayne and Mack Families
		11:30 am	Romeo Joseph Roy




Collections

Weekend of May 9-10

Amount Collected: \$6,078.39
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: \$ 78.39

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 rehearsal for Youth Choir will be this **Monday, May 18th** from 5:00-5:45 PM in the church. There will be no rehearsal on May 25th.

Senior Social Club

The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, May 20th, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall.** Please join us as Maxine Lyons, a humorist and adult educator, presents "Developing Your Sixth Sense: Humor." This program is designed to give us a chance to relax, smile and laugh! Members and guests are invited to join us for the fun and for refreshments after the program.

At this time, we thank you for your support, and we wish you a happy and pleasant summer.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, May 20th**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Classes will resume in September!

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 any adult parishioners AND students entering at least 11th grade to consider this ministry. Classes start in the fall; training, materials & support are provided. *What greater calling than to help disciples grow?*

Congratulations to the students who will be receiving the Sacrament of

Confirmation on Sunday with Bishop Hennessey. May the Holy Spirit strengthen and guide them as they live out their faith in new ways in our community. Special thanks to their families and catechists who have helped them prepare for this moment.

Activities & Other News

Soccer – St Bart's offers an instructional, co-ed, intramural program for all Needham children in 1st & 2nd grade. Starting Monday, May 18th, Soccer Registration forms will be available at Town Hall. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Please call the Soccer Hotline for more information: 781-444-6559.

OYM (Office of Youth Ministry) Annual Harbor Cruise – Every year teens from all over the Archdiocese get together for a night to celebrate in Boston Harbor. Please sign up with Melisa at least 2 weeks in advance (tickets do sell out!)

Middle School Cruise Monday, June 29th, 8-11pm
cost \$18.00

High School Cruise Monday, July 27th, 8-11 cost
\$20.00

Youth Nights – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month 6pm for Middle School students, 7pm pizza; 7:30 for High School students. This will start on Wednesday, June 24th. Indoor or outdoor options to get together – calendar of specific events will be posted in the bulletin at the beginning of June. All are welcome



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.*



Family Fun on the Fields

Last Saturdays of the Month
June 27th, July 25th, Aug 29th

Come to 4pm Mass,
Bring a picnic dinner around 5pm,
Join in some easy outdoor games
(pick-up soccer, kickball, bocce,
horseshoes, etc.) around 6pm
Set up your blanket and settle in for a family-friendly
movie around 7:30pm

On St Bart's Soccer Fields

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“THIS I COMMAND YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER” (Today’s Gospel)

How many times have we heard this? How many homilies stress this as the second greatest Commandment and leave us with the feeling that we already know this; but it is so hard to live it. Do we feel guilty because we know what we should do, but don’t always do it? Marilyn Meberg in her Essay “The Sixth Sense” writes “A somewhat playful definition of guilt is that it is a sixth sense instilled in children by parents and in congregations by the clergy. If the sense is well instilled, it may not prevent people from sinning, but it will prevent them from enjoying it.”

While we may smile at this definition, it is still a sad commentary on the feelings we have about doing for others—that somehow it is an obligation some outside source is demanding of us. And usually it happens at our most inconvenient time. What is getting lost in this translation is the joy that is truly felt when one does the “work” of the Lord. Those who respond to the call will tell you it certainly doesn’t feel like work and that they, the givers, are the recipients of the greatest joy of all.

Father Phil, our overworked Pastor, does more than one has a right to expect. And he will tell you, he only wishes there were additional hours in the day to do more. His call is a joyful one, albeit an exhausting one. But reality is just that, a reality. He can’t do it all. And so the call has gone out to our parishioners for a variety of services. And we have responded. Stewardship is alive and well in our parish. It is truly “becoming a Way of Life” for many. However, times continue to be more than just difficult for many. So periodically this Stewardship column will write its WISH LIST. The purpose of this is to make known to you ways we continue to need help—some very small; some not so small. But all are extremely important to those who need the help. The first WISH LIST request is that we pray for each other. Every day there are many who are struggling trying to feel the Lord’s presence, when the efforts required to just get through the day are so overwhelming. Please remember them in your prayers. “Many are asking, ‘Who can show us any good?’ Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord.” Psalm 4:6 May the light of our faces shine on each other, in the name of our Lord. Thank you.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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-5:00 pm
Wed., May 20	G.I.F.T. (<u>G</u> rowing <u>I</u> n <u>F</u> aith <u>T</u> ogether) 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
Mon., May 24	Parish Officer Closed
Wed., May 27	G.I.F.T. (<u>G</u> rowing <u>I</u> n <u>F</u> aith <u>T</u> ogether) Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
Thurs., May 28	Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
Sun., May 31	Rosary & Divine Mercy-12:30 pm

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.

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.



A famous saying, used in politics and religion, says “Don’t listen to what I say, watch what I do.” It’s the opposite of another proverb, “Do as I say, not as I do.” Actions do indeed speak louder than words. What we do and how we act, especially when we think no one is watching, says more about our values and beliefs than any profession of faith, hope or love.

For a good idea to become a value, it has to move from the mind and heart to the hands and feet. It has to change our behavior and become visible by what we do. Generosity is not real until we give; faith is not real until we pray; kindness is not real until we treat others well. When we put our values into practice, it not only changes others, but it also changes us. The very practice of our beliefs helps them to grow stronger and makes them more a part of who we are and who we will become. This is why we try to instill in our children a sense of values and virtues at a young age. As soon as they begin to share with others, play nicely, and learn manners, the more likely it is that these traits will stick with them. It is a combination of example, practice and teaching that gives kids a concrete grasp of what it means to be a kind and loving Christian.

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Pentecost May 30th & 31st

50 days after Easter, the Church celebrates the moment when the Holy Spirit came among us and gave the gifts needed to share what Jesus taught with everyone, without boundaries; this is the birth of the Church.

How will St Bart’s celebrate Pentecost?

- Everyone wear something red (symbolic of the tongues of fire)
- If you speak a language other than English, talk to us about helping with the Prayers of the Faithful
- Kids come early to the 9:45 to decorate Doves with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Go fly a kite! (After church on the soccer fields – bring your own kite or learn to make your own after the 9:45 Mass)