



*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

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.
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 7th Sunday of Easter: We believe that God loves each of us and that His grace is all around us. Do we ever consider how people around us reflect the presence of God? Do we see beyond what we perceive as weaknesses in ourselves or others to see goodness, grace and the presence of God? How do we enable others to reflect the presence of God?

What Would It Be Like? Picture what it would be like if there were no people volunteering to be ministers at Mass. Some people are certainly unable to volunteer to help but others could. The summer months are going to be upon us soon. In recent weeks it has become noticeable to some of 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 in these ministries. 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. We who are blessed in so many ways might consider saying thank you to God by service.

Thank You to the Ushers: Week after week very quietly our ushers do their job to help all of us be able to worship. They often go unnoticed which says a great deal. Please do not forget to say thank you to them. We would like more ushers as well.

Thank you to all who work on Stewardship Committees: Many people quietly in the background serve on parish committees to help maintain the quality life of the parish. Kathy Reilly has headed up the Stewardship Committee for years as you know and we as a parish must always be thankful for what she does. In this coming year we anticipate a major expansion of the stewardship program. Thank you, Kathy.

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.

Catholic Appeal:
Giving in Faith, Giving with Love

Our Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. 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. 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 or call 617-779-3700. I thank you for your consideration and your generosity toward this wonderful work. Please also pray for the success of the Catholic Appeal.

Another Thank You to everyone who has worked so hard to maintain the St. Bartholomew Social Club. Another successful year is about to be completed. Anyone who would like more information is asked to contact the rectory.

The Second Collection Next Weekend will be for the purpose of helping to meet the operational budget needs of our seminaries. The seminaries depend upon our continued generosity to carry out the very important ministry of priestly formation. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships: Needham Council 1611 is pleased to invite applications for their scholarships. Applicants must be Needham eighth graders who will be attending a Catholic high school for the 2007-2008 school year. Applications may be obtained by calling Grand Knight Tom Harkins at 781-444-0496.

Campion Renewal Center in Weston is a ministry of the New England Province of the Society of Jesus. Their primary purposes is to enhance the lives of men and women of faith through a wide range of programs including retreats, days of prayer, spiritual direction, and the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Campion is also a spacious conference facility available to non-profit organizations and programs consistent with their identity and mission. You may visit their website at: www.campioncenter.org.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	May 21	9:00 am	Joseph Doolin—2nd Anniversary
Tuesday	May 22	9:00 am	Jane M. Vahey
Wednesday	May 23	9:00 am	Helen C. Fagan
Thursday	May 24	9:00 am	Roseanna Murphy
Friday	May 25	9:00 am	Thomas Sampson
Saturday	May 26	9:00 am	Marie L. McNeil
Saturday	May 26	4:00 pm	Rita & Dick Walsh
Sunday	May 27	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Richard Coughlin

Scripture Readings

- 20 Sun Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23/Lk24: 46-53
- 21 Mon Acts 19:1-8/ Jn 16:29-33
- 22 Tue Acts 20:17-27/ Jn 17:1-11a
- 23 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
- 24 Thu Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
- 25 Fri Acts 25:13b-21/ Jn 21:15-19
- 26 Sat Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
- 27 Sun Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34;
1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Collections

Weekend of May 12-13

Amount collected	\$5,952.50
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 47.50)

Catholic Communication Collection

Amount collected	\$1,550.64
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Thank you for your stewardship.

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, May 23, 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:
Youth Choir rehearsals have ended for this school year. The choir will be singing at the 9:45 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

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Barbara Johnson in her essay "Diving Fearlessly" tells the story of platform diver, Laura Wilkinson's experiences in the 2000 Sydney, Australia Olympics. In training she had broken three bones in her right foot, three months prior, while practicing the inward 2-1/2 somersault. She postponed surgery because it would have kept her out of the Games. So the bones healed in a "jumbled" position. She continued her practicing using a special boot to climb the thirty-three feet to the platform.

In front of the world, as the competition progressed, Laura found herself near the top of the standings with one dive to go---the 2-1/2 somersault! She climbed the thirty-three feet to the platform; she balanced painfully on her broken foot; her lips moved slightly in a face masked in concentration; she dove cleanly; and she won the gold.

Later, when a reporter put the microphone to her face, Laura blurted out the verse she had recited for years before every dive. Philippians 4:13 "She said later that she'd prayed before going to Sydney that God would use her. And in front of millions of viewers, God did exactly that."

Every day each of us has to climb up on our own platforms as disciples of Christ. Some platforms may be more painful, some more public, some more difficult than others. But nevertheless, each day we are presented with our own personal challenges. Healthy or sickly, as a man or woman or child, as a spouse, as a parent, as a friend, as a worker, the list goes on. We are tested with our Christian values to make decisions that affect our own and others' lives, as Jesus has taught us. Do we see God in our decision making? Or do we only see our decisions as questions, issues, or problems that have just arisen and need immediate answers before we can move forward? Decisions made that are secular, in this secular world in which we live.

"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." What is the verse that you recite every day-the one that motivates your every decision? The world is watching!

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Social Club

Our spring trip will take place on Tuesday, May 22. We will travel to Captain Jack's in Wakefield, RI for lobster or prime rib followed by a visit to Wickford Village. The bus will leave at 10:00 am and return about 4:00 pm. For last minute questions, call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833.

The Social Club Board hopes you have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Mark Your Calendars

We will honor all of our 2007 graduates - from high and college, from public and private schools— at a Mass that will be celebrated on Sunday, June 3, at 9:45 am. Immediately following the liturgy a brunch will be served. Please RSVP to the parish office at 781-444-3434 by May 27th so we know how much food to purchase. Graduates and families are invited.



Catholic Singles - "The Best of Italy"

Young Professionals—meet and greet Catholics from all over the USA on this "Take a Break" 8 day holiday from October 1-8, 2007. The trip will include Rome (with a Papal Audience), Tuscany (Wine Country), Florence and Assisi. The Cost is \$2450 per person/ double occupancy, based on a group of 25 paying participants, air taxes not included. Information and brochures can be obtained by contacting Best Catholic Pilgrimages and Tours at 1-800-908-2378 or e-mail: info@bestcatholic.com.

Women of Faith—"Amazing Freedom" What would it be like to be truly free? Can you imagine it? Are you ready to LIVE it? This year the Women of Faith Conference is all about the biggest, boldest promise in the Bible—the promise of freedom. Find out why your circumstances and your past don't matter. The Conference will be held at the TD BankNorth Garden July 27-28. You can obtain further information on how to register by visiting the website at www.womenoffaith.com or call 888-49-FAITH.

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.

PRAY
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Bereavement Support Group: The VNA Care Hospice in Needham is having this support group for those coping with the loss of a loved one due to death. Healing from grief takes time. That process can be helped by joining a bereavement support group. Find friends and comfort from 1:00-3:00 pm on alternate Thursdays on the following dates: May 31; June 14 and 28; July 12 and 26; August 9 and 23; September 8 and 20.

Sessions will be held at the Tippet Home, 920 South St., Needham. The group meets on the third floor. There is no fee for participating in this group. A second group meets 6:00-8:00 pm alternate Thursdays in Cambridge. For more information, please contact Ms. Webb Brown, Hospice Chaplain, at 781-455-6661, ext. 4263.

ST. PAUL CENTER FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

Perfection as One *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

Jesus is praying for us in today's Gospel. We are those who have come to believe in Him through the Word of the Apostles, handed on in His Church.

Jesus showed the Apostles His glory, made known the Father's name, and the love He has had for us from "before the foundation of the world."

He revealed that He and the Father are one (see John 14:9).

Jesus is the "first and the last" (see Isaiah 44:6), the root of David (see Isaiah 11:10; 2 Samuel 7:12), as today's Second Reading declares.

Wrapped in clouds and darkness as God was at Sinai (see Exodus 19:16), He is "the king...the Most High over all the earth," as we sing in today's Psalm.

Exalted at God's right hand, as Stephen sees in the First Reading, the Lord calls to us through the Church, His Bride.

He calls us to "the tree of life," to communion with God. This is the goal of His love, His saving purpose from all eternity - that each of us enter into the life of Blessed Trinity, be "brought to perfection as one" with the Father and Son in the Spirit.

The story of Stephen, the first martyr, shows us how we are to answer His call.

Listen for the echoes of the crucifixion: Stephen, like Jesus, sees the Son of Man in glory and dies with words of forgiveness and self-offering on his lips (compare Acts 7:56-60; Matthew 26:64-65; Luke 23:24,46).

We, too, are to commend our spirits to the Father, to pray and offer our lives in love for our brethren, awaiting His coming in judgment. We renew our vows in every Mass, coming forward to receive the gift of His life.

We answer His call by crying out a call of our own: "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"

And in our communion we answer our Lord's prayer: "That they may all be one, as You, Father are in Me and I in You."

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology
www.SalvationHistory.com*

SUNDAY FUNDAY

FAITH FACTS

The reading from the first Book of Samuel

These events took place about one thousand years before the birth of Christ.



Saul was the king of Israel. David (who had once killed Goliath) had been a favorite of King Saul. Saul became jealous when David began to be popular and successful. David eventually had to flee from the court, because Saul intended to kill him. David lived in the wilderness with a group of followers. Saul searched for him in order to kill him. This story tells how David had the chance to kill Saul, but did not take it. David eventually became king of Israel, after Saul's death.

CODE - BREAKER!

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:
Z = M, and J = W.

Crossword solution from last week

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W			N		A			
B	E	I	N	G	S	J	T	
L			T		B	U	S	H
V			H		S	E	E	
D	E	A	D	H	A	T	E	

SBE GUR ZRNFHER JVGU

JUVPU LBH ZRNFHER JVYY

VA ERGHEA OR ZRNFHERQ

BHG GB LBH

ANSWER

For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

DAVID STOOD ON A HILLTOP WITH THE SPEAR OF KING SAUL



David Fielding

READING: 1 SAMUEL 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23