



*Having willingly and humbly responded to GOD's vocation to serve others through his priesthood, our beloved former Pastor, Reverend Francis D. Garrity, celebrates Fifty Years of bringing countless people closer to Christ.*



# 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 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.



**Welcome Back Fr. Murphy:**

We give thanks to God that our prayers have been answered and we welcome Fr. Murphy's return this weekend.

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday May 25 is Ascension Thursday which is a Holy day of Obligation. Masses will be as follows: Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm and Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 5 pm

**Catholic Appeal:**

The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2006 has begun. 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.

Our Parish Goal is \$109, 500 the same as last year. The Archdiocese really needs our help.

**Please Pray for Vocations:**

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.

**The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet**

will be prayed next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 pm following the 11:30 am Mass.

**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.

**6th Sunday of Easter:**

Where there is love God is capable of helping all of us. God invites us to remain in his love and then share all the gifts He gives us with others. It is in serving others that we find our true potential and happiness in life. Last week we saw that Jesus was the vine and we are the branches. What a beautiful analogy and invitation to live the Christian message as followers of Jesus.

**May is a special month**

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

**Healing Mass**

On Pentecost Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 A. M. Mass there will be the giving of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need. Please mark your calendars and more details will be given in next week's bulletin. If anyone is in need of a ride, please contact the rectory.

**Eucharistic Minister Volunteers Needed For Briarwood Home.**

Any Eucharistic Minister or anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to the residents at Briarwood on a scheduled time is asked to contact the pastor. Training will be provided.

*Father Phil McGaugh*

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	May 20	4:00 pm	Rita M. Walsh
Sunday	May 21	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge Lawrence & Mary Cummings For the Intention of Joseph & Joan Ronayne on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Monday	May 22	9:00 am	Jane Vahey
Tuesday	May 23	9:00 am	The Chisholm & Lydon Families
Wednesday	May 24	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Vincent Sullivan Roseann Murphy
Thursday	May 25	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson Joseph Doolin
Friday	May 26	9:00 am	Helen Fagan
Saturday	May 27	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Marie McNeil Fred Muir—Birthday Memorial
Sunday	May 28	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Marguerite Treggiari James Shaughnessy—USMC Active Duty in Iraq



 *Collections*

**Weekend of May 13-14**

Amount collected	\$5,463.00
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 537.00)

**Communications Collection**

Amount collected	\$1,771.19
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**Thank you for your continued generous support.**

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of May 21, 2006**

<b>21 SUN</b>	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ 1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
<b>22 Mon</b>	Acts 16:11-15/ Jn 15:26—16:4a
<b>23 Tue</b>	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
<b>24 Wed</b>	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/ Jn 16:12-15
<b>25 Thu</b>	Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20
<b>26 Fri</b>	Acts 18:9-18/ Jn 16:20-23
<b>27 Sat</b>	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
<b>28 SUN</b>	Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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

Today's Gospel is all about the love Jesus has for us.

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in His love." Just think for a moment of the commandments Jesus' Father gave him for his life on this earth. And think of the commandments we have been given to live by in order to remain with him for all eternity. Would you want a switch?

An overheard prayer from a little boy--"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry. I'm having a real good time like I am." Adult interpretation. OUCH! So, I sleep in sometimes on the weekends or go to the beach. I go to Mass when I can. So what if I fudge my income tax a little. Everyone does it and I can use the extra money. I'm pretty good about my parents, when I have the time. Etc. etc. etc. LORD, MAKE ME A BETTER PERSON! I don't think so. How about ME making myself a better person. Jesus said "YOU keep my commandments, not I will keep them for you."

Today's Gospel....."You are my friends if you do what I command you.....It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.....This I command you; love one another." Stewardship--caring for all God's creation including most importantly, each other.

Another great love--the long overdue return of Father Charles Murphy this weekend. We prayed for him. We raised some money for his extraordinary legal defense. We believed in his person and the integrity of his priestly life. We tried to help ease his unfair burden. Just as his other parish welcomed him back, so do we. We cheer; we clap; we cry in relief; we thank God; and we thank you Father Murphy for hanging in there knowing you were innocent and believing in your own truth. We have always loved you. And thanks also to his many parish supporters who worked so hard for him. "Love one another..."

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

**Congratulations**  
to  
**Christopher Thomas Matossian,**  
son of Karekine & Leslie,  
as he is claimed  
by JESUS CHRIST  
in the  
Sacrament of Baptism  
this weekend.

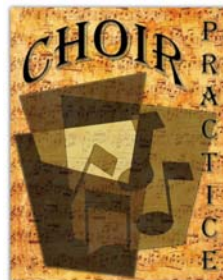


**Holy Day of Obligation:**

May 25th  
is a Holy Day of Obligation  
**(Ascension Thursday)**  
Masses will be as follows:  
Wednesday afternoon, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm and  
Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 am and 5 pm

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Rehearsal will be held on Monday, May 22nd, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the Church. This will be our last rehearsal before singing at Mass on June 4th.



**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!**



# Congratulations to our 2nd Graders on receiving their First Holy Communion.

Father McGaugh presided over a beautiful liturgy — despite the rain.



Teachers, staff, families and guests were all very proud of this class, as they received **JESUS** for the very first time.

**Please pray for our little ones.**

## 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.

For more information, please call:

617 451 7958

or email:

[katherine\\_hargadon@ccab.org](mailto:katherine_hargadon@ccab.org)

## 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



**ST. PAUL CENTER  
FOR BIBLICAL THEOLOGY**

## Begotten by Love by Dr. Scott Hahn

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16-18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost - the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5-11).

In His love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham, but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the sacrament of baptism, peoples are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7-9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others - that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him.



May 10, 2006

Dear Friends in Christ,

The sexual abuse crisis has caused intense suffering for survivors and their families and has been a source of shame and sorrow for our entire Church community.

The sexual crimes against children and young people by priests and the Church's initial failure to respond have fractured the trust necessary for the bonds of faith to flourish in our parishes and community.

With this in mind, I am writing to share with you my intention for a celebration of the novena to the Holy Spirit. This novena offers a graced opportunity to pray together for healing and renewal. Beginning on Ascension Thursday, May 25th, I will make a pilgrimage of visits to nine parishes that have experienced an especially painful history of sexual abuse of children and young people by priest, and at one parish, by a lay minister.

The Novena services will acknowledge in a particular way the sins of clergy sexual abuse that violated the innocence of children and are an offense to God. The service will include an act of reparation that will enable the clergy to join me in an expression of repentance for priests and bishops whose actions and inactions gravely harmed the lives of children entrusted to their care.

Our hope is that these services will bring together survivors, their families and friends, as well as members of the clergy, parishioners and members of the broader community whose lives have been touched by this tragedy. We earnestly invite all the people of this Archdiocese to join us at one or more of these services. Through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, may this time of prayer help us to restore the faith of our community.

The parishes that will be visited are located in five regions of the Archdiocese, which I hope will enable many to participate. A copy of the schedule of Novena visits follows.

Devotedly Yours in Christ,

+ *Seán O'Malley*

+ Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap

Thursday May 25 @ 7:30 pm	<b>Cathedral of the Holy Cross</b> 1400 Washington Street <b>Boston</b>	<b>MASS</b>
Friday May 26 @ 8 pm	<b>St Patrick Parish</b> 9 Pomeworth Street <b>Stoneham</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Saturday May 27 @ 5 pm	<b>St Agnes Parish</b> 22 Boston Road <b>Middleton</b>	<b>MASS</b>
Sunday May 28 @ 11:30 am	<b>St Edith Stein Parish</b> 71 East Main Street <b>Brockton</b>	<b>MASS</b>
Monday May 29 @ 7:30 pm	<b>St Michael Parish</b> 543 Bridge Street <b>Lowell</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Tuesday May 30 @ 7:30 pm	<b>St Joseph's Parish</b> 1382 Highland Avenue <b>Needham</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Wednesday May 31 @ 8 pm	<b>St Julia Parish</b> 374 Boston Post Road <b>Weston</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Thursday June 1 @ 8 pm	<b>St Paul Parish</b> 147 North Street <b>Hingham</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Friday June 2 @ 7 pm	<b>St Blaise Parish</b> 1158 South Main Street <b>Bellingham</b>	<b>Prayer Service</b>
Saturday June 3 @ 6:30 pm	<b>The Chancery</b> 2121 Commonwealth Avenue <b>Brighton</b>	<b>Procession from Chancery to St Columbkille</b>
Saturday June 3 @ 8 pm	<b>St Columbkille Parish</b> 321 Market Street <b>Brighton</b>	<b>MASS</b>

**All are welcome**

For more information call the Office of Pastoral Support & Outreach 617 244 9603