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St. Bartholomew Parish

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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 Pentecost Sunday: We received from the Holy Spirit the mission to continue the work Jesus began. Pentecost Sunday has been called the birth of the Church because on that day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and transformed them in the most remarkable way imaginable. Jesus made it very clear that He came to do the will of His Father - just as we are created to do the same. We, too, are called to be disciples; and the Holy Spirit has been given to us as well to guide and sustain us. This is one of the ways that Jesus gives us new hope, as in giving us the Spirit He breathes into us new life making all things possible in His name. God can give us no greater gift than to share in His divine life.

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 this Mass. This is one of the most beautiful ways to say "thank you" to Mary and to unite our prayerful intentions with her.

Bible Classes will meet on **Monday, May 24th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. Please pray and reflect on Psalms 28-30.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 58% of its goal. St. Bartholomew's has had 142 families pledge for a total of \$51,388 which is 57.1% 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.

Our Prayers and Best Wishes are with the three men who were ordained to the priesthood for Boston on Saturday, May 22nd.

This 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.

Please Volunteer: At the present time there is a need for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. These ministries are vital to the celebration of Mass. There are a number of people who are away all summer which makes the need even greater. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider saying "Yes" to this call. You may contact Fr. Phil if interested.

Haiti Project

- 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 are available for viewing this 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!



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| Saturday | May 22 | 4:00 pm | William & Mary Stapleton |
| Sunday | May 23 | 9:45 am | Cecilia Suarez |
| | | 11:30 am | Special Intention |
| Monday | May 24 | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| Tuesday | May 25 | 9:00 am | Jane Marie McDonald |
| Wednesday | May 26 | 9:00 am | Bertha McDonough |
| Thursday | May 27 | 9:00 am | Stefania Palumbo |
| Saturday | May 29 | 4:00 pm | Richard T. Foley |

Youth Choir

The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be this 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.


**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
 or call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline with questions at 781-444-6559.

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

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.

Project Rachel Retreats: 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** is offering a post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, June 5. For more information and registration contact **Project Rachel** at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. All calls are held in strict confidence.

STEWARDSHIP: “ DO JUST ONE THING”

In the first Letter to the Corinthians Saint Paul writes: “No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body . . .and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.”

Today as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit – the birthday of the Church, I suggest that we take a few minutes to ponder the significance of this life-transforming gift in our lives.

We first receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at our Baptism when we are welcomed into the Body of Christ, the Church, and we are forever changed. Because of our Baptism our journey of faith is never to be a solitary one for we are never baptized only for our individual or personal salvation but for the good of the Body of Christ and the transformation of the world.

My initial reaction to this basic truth of our faith was “Yeah, right! And just how am I supposed to transform the world?” The reality is I can't! It is the work of the Holy Spirit, God's work, done in and through me by revealing the reign of God that can affect the transformation of the world; one word at a time, one gesture at a time, one action at a time, one person at a time.

So this week just do one thing: take the time to discern God's action in your life. What is God's plan for me? What are the resources that I have been given? What are my gifts, talents, treasures and how can I use them for the glory of God? How am I being asked to participate in the transformation of the world?

~Barbara Dury

We have a winner!. Congratulations to Cheryl Brown, the winner of our first 50/50 raffle to benefit our Haiti project.

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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.

**Bulletin Discount
COUPON**

To help you with First Communion and Confirmation gifts, **Pauline Books & Media** on Route 1 in Dedham is offering a 15% discount on a purchase of \$40.00 or more between April 24 and May 29. A copy of this coupon must be presented to receive the discount. Discount applies only to items not already discounted, or to dated material and is not good in conjunction with any other discount. This offer is valid only at this location. Limit on coupon per customer. Feel free to make copies of this coupon and give to your friends. For more information call 781-326-5385.

Are You Getting Married? The Archdiocese of Boston is offering a marriage preparation program at the Pastoral Center in Braintree on June 5-6. A previous participant commented: “A must have. Fantastic. I would strongly recommend this to all couples getting married.” Another participant said, “It was fabulous! We truly enjoyed both days and really grew as a couple.” For more information visit www.BostonCatholic.org/MarriageMinistries.org.

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.

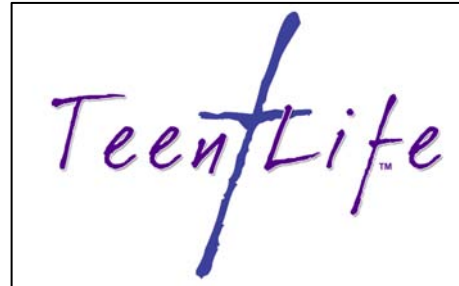
High School Leadership Institute:

"Witness to Truth" is a weeklong overnight leadership institute 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.

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



Dear Brooks,

My friend gossips a lot and doesn't think it's a sin-as long as her information is true. How can I encourage her to stop?

A. The Christian who gossips doesn't really care about others, especially the ones they're gossiping about. They just want to have juicy information to attract others to themselves. Ask your friend if she would want other people gossiping about her- with true OR untrue information.

I once heard of a lady who would ask herself three questions before ever speaking about someone else, and only if ALL three could be answered with a "yes", she would continue with the conversation. The 3 questions were: 1) Is it true? 2) Is it necessary? 3) Is it kind? She was shocked how often her conversation did not line up with all 3 criteria. It often kept her quiet!

You should pray for your friend. Ask God to convict her of her big mouth. Lead by example. Make sure that you do nothing to encourage her gossip and never let her catch you gossiping. You may even have to abruptly end your conversation with her and let her know that you refuse to have any part in gossip.

Ephesians 4:29 says, " Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

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STEWARDSHIP: A WAY O LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"LIVE AS FREE MEN, BUT DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM AS A COVER-UP FOR EVIL. LIVE AS SERVANTS OF GOD" - - 1 Peter 2:16

Soon it will be Memorial Day. This is one of several days our country has set aside to remember those who have given us the greatest sacrifice one person can give to another - - to die for us in the protection of freedom. Unfortunately, these days of remembrance have become more of a celebration of a three day holiday - - no work, beach party, baseball games, picnics, etc. It seems that veterans and politicians are the only ones pausing to remember.

Luci Swindoll in her essay "For You and Me" asks have you ever herd of Janina Atkins. "She was a Polish immigrant who came here with \$2.60 in her purse, a few clothes, old letters, and some books. She loved it here. She could buy a needle; she didn't have to stand in line for food; her phone and mail were not censored. She was free."* Do we even notice these freedoms? Or maybe you know of Emma Lazarus. This 34 year old Jewish poet wrote a sonnet "The New Colossus" which became inscribed at the base of the Statue of Liberty: 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' Remember Geraldine Ferraro? She was the first woman to run for Vice President saying "If you take advantage of everything America has to offer, there is nothing you can't accomplish." It is a free country. Christa McAuliffe? "A social studies teacher, she was the first private person to go into space. When the Challenger exploded, her freedom took her into eternity."* Woody Guthrie's song tells us that "this land is your land, this land is my land...made for you and me."*

Memorial Day is so much more. This free day is God given, as is every day a gift from Him. Jesus taught us to remember the dead - - to honor them. Let us pause to think, to honor, to teach our children and each other that we know what we have. We will not dishonor or forget the sacrifice of others. "IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE;" Galatians 5:1. Let us remember the families who shared and lost their loved ones. Let us look around and really see each other and think about how our lives would be different without a mother, father, brother, sister, friend, and many others in our loved inner circle, if he/she was not there, but had lost their lives at an early age for the love of our country and us. Freedom can be very lonely for some.

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* Thank you Luci Swindoll for your beautiful essay "For You and Me" THE WOMEN OF FAITH

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.

Springtimes of Life

by
 Jim Rohn

Become wise enough to recognize the faint glimmerings of the springtimes of life which manifest themselves each day:

- The opportunity to listen to the words of those wiser than ourselves;
- The opportunity to lift a child upon your knee;
- The opportunity to walk a beach with someone you love;
- The opportunity to absorb the value of a good book;
- The opportunity to speak good things of someone when the habit prompts you to find fault;
- The opportunity to watch the hummingbirds, or the flowers, or a butterfly...

Seize the infrequent opportunity to do nothing for a change, or something for a change; force yourself to turn off the television, and embrace the opportunity for having a family conversation - or even silence. Opportunity surrounds us all, appearing and disappearing just as fast, leaving behind fond memories to those who responded to its disappearance, or regret to those who were then too busy to bother.

(Taken from The Seasons of Life)