

*Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth. As you sent
me into the world, so I sent them
into the world.*

John 17:17-18 (NAB)

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 7th Sunday of Easter: The gospel reading today comes from chapter 17 of John's Gospel which is referred to as Jesus' high priestly prayer. It is a prayer offered to the Father in the name of those Jesus has called to be His disciples. Jesus' prayer for His disciples at the last supper is also His prayer for all of us. Our prayer life is obviously important and even essential to staying in touch with God. We pray to God, we listen to God, but are we aware that Jesus prays for us as well. Jesus' prayer is that we know the truth and that we be consecrated in the truth. Jesus supports us by His prayers and prays that we share in His joy completely.

Bible Study: There are no classes on Monday, May 25th, because of the holiday. Classes will resume on **Monday, June 1st, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 3-6 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!

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed for the cause of Pro-Lie on **Sunday, May 31st, at 12:30 pm**. We encourage you to join us in prayer for this most important cause.

A Day of Prayer and Reflection for Priests will be held on Wednesday, June 10th, in the Archdiocese. Please pray for the success of this day.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 166 donors have pledged \$64,601 which is about 67.6% 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. All of us who have been so blessed by God are called to be caring and helpful to those who have needs. 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.

Parish Trip to Oberammergau

Please see the flyers at the doors of the church if you are interested in updated plans for the parish trip to Oberammergau and the passion play in 2010.

The 2nd Collection next weekend will be for the Seminaries: This collection supports the two seminaries in the Archdiocese of Boston. Most priests in the Archdiocese have been formed in one of these 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 as generous as your means allow.

Recommended Readings: Introducing Paul by Michael F. Bird, IVP Academics, Downers Grove, 2008.

Inhabiting the Cruciform God by Michael J. Gorman, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, 2009.

Memorial Day Prayer

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let us call on the name of the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing...

You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own: give us hearts as generous as theirs...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice...

Help us to shape and make a world where we will put down the arms of war and live in the harvest of justice and peace...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones: in our hearts let your healing be our hope.

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy. Amen.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	May 25	9:00 am	For those who served our country to bring freedom to this land
Tuesday	May 26	9:00 am	Joseph & Virginia Carrabino
Wednesday	May 27	9:00 am	Philip & Roseanna Murphy
Thursday	May 28	9:00 am	Helen C. Fagan
Friday	May 29	9:00 am	Richard T. Foley
Saturday	May 30	9:00 am	
Saturday	May 30	4:00 pm	Jane Marie McDonald—Month's Mind Mass
Sunday	May 31	8:00 am	Sally Turner
		9:45 am	Lawrence & Mary Cummings
		11:30 am	



Weekend of May 16-17


Amount Collected: \$5,532.51
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$ 467.49)

Catholic Communication Collection

Amount Collected: \$1,321.94

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

Youth Choir rehearsals are finished for this school year. Youth choir members should arrive at church at **9:15 AM on Sunday, June 7th**, to practice before the 9:45 AM Mass.

Congratulations To:



Abigail Leiberman,
 daughter of Aaron & Kerry;
 Madison Elizabeth Roach,
 daughter of James & Emily,
 as these children are claimed
 by Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism
 this weekend.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, May 27th**, 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?*

Activities & Other News

Soccer – St Bart's offers an instructional, co-ed, intramural program for all Needham children in 1st & 2nd grade. **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

“THEY SURE WERE A GREAT DISTRACTION.....”

A local newspaper reporter recently wrote an article about how the Celtics and Bruins sure gave us some great viewing moments in their quest for their respective sports titles. And in the process they provided us with times of welcomed distraction from all the negative things going on in our own back yards, as well as the on the world scene. One wonders, if you are not into being a sports fan in Boston, how you achieve the same level of enjoyment and escapism, if only for a few hours a night for a few weeks.

But those bits of excitement are over and it is back to the real world. The newspapers are once again enumerating the number of services that will be cut and listing the agencies that will close all for the necessity of the balanced budget. It is hard to argue against this necessity—a balanced budget--but the effect on our neighbors will be staggering. The elderly, the poor, children at risk, children with severe health issues, the mentally challenged, the uneducated, food pantries, housing losses, job losses, etc. the list seems endless. How do we prevent families from sleeping in cars, when they see no alternative?

Sports, hobbies, reading, whatever your distraction, we cannot take a vacation, however brief, from God and His message. John 17:22 “This is the prayer of Jesus: that His believers may become one as He is one with the Father, alleluia.” We are all His whether we sit next to each other in church or not. Please tune in, and not out. We must open our eyes and ears and come to know what is happening around us. If we discover an issue that is not acceptable for one of God’s children (and we are all His children), then we must help each other and do something. If we personally cannot do something at the moment of need, then perhaps we can find someone else or a local agency who can help. If, as today’s readings say, we are to become one with each other as Jesus is one with His Father, then we cannot live in the world of distraction and escapism, however joyful. Continue to pray for each other; take a neighbor who can’t drive to church; bring some food to the pantry; help us help others through our church activities; please do something!

There go I, but for the grace of God.

Stewardship Questions:: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., May 24 Parish Office Closed
- Tues., May 26 Amy’s Book Club-12:30 pm-O’Brien Rm.
- Wed., May 27 G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)
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
- Mon., June 1 Bible Study-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Wed., June 3 G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)
Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Thurs., June 4 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., June 6 First Saturday Devotions-following the
9:00 am Mass (unless there is a funeral)
- Sun., June 7 Community Sunday & blood pressure
screening-following the 8:00 & 9:45 am
Masses

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.

Circle of Comfort

Many thanks to the mother/child and grandmother/grandchild pairs who celebrated Mother's Day by assembling meals for the Circle of Comfort program. The freezer is now stocked with lasagnas and apple crisps for parishioners to bring to those in need. Again, it is as easy as calling the rectory to arrange a time to pick-up a meal and bring it to someone in mourning, sick, shut-in or in need. Watch the bulletin for more information regarding donations to be collected on the upcoming June Community Sunday and the Father's Day cooking night in June.

Thanks for all your support.

MEGA RAFFLE 2009

Last month the Archdiocese of Boston Announced that Hudson Catholic High School would be closing. The St. Michael Parish in Hudson would like to humbly request that you consider partaking in the MEGA 2009, a \$50,000 cash raffle fundraiser, to help insure the continuation of St. Michael Elementary School, the sister school to Hudson Catholic.

You can purchase a \$50 ticket at www.stmikes.org by simply clicking on MEGA Raffle. Please make sure that you indicate your parish in the notes, as there is a seller incentive provided. If over 15 tickets are sold by any entity, that entity would go into another raffle to win \$1000. The winning ticket for both raffles will be pulled on May 30th at 3pm; however, on-line sales will close at 1pm. If you cannot take part in this raffle we ask that you simply keep our schools, their staffs and families in your prayers.

The Annual "Food for Thought" Breakfast

The Circle of Caring at Hospice of the Good Shepherd is proud to be hosting this breakfast as part of the Hospice's *Center for Life Transitions*. It is an opportunity to create a community dialogue about topics such as health, aging, death, dying, grief and bereavement.

The breakfast will be on **Friday, June 12th, from 8:30-10:30 am** and is being held in collaboration with North Hill at 865 Central Ave., Needham in the North Hill Independent Living Main Dining Room. The program is free and open to the public. Social workers and nurses may request CEUs for a \$10 processing fee.

For more information about programs and services offered by Circle of Caring at Hospice of the Good Shepherd, please call the Hospice office at 617-969-6130 or visit our website at:

www.hospicegoodshepherd.org.

Women in Communion

A big note of appreciation to everyone who helped to make our Women in Communion gathering a delightful, prayerful, and thought-provoking morning! Hearing the reflections on Jesus' miracle at the wedding of Cana really offered new insights into how God is at work in our lives and how extravagant He is with love, mercy, and blessings.

If you are interested in helping with future women's spiritual events, please contact the rectory.

**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)

