



*And when he had said this, he
breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the holy Spirit" .*

John 20:22 (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 Pentecost Sunday: This is an important feast in the life of the Catholic Church. "Peace be with you." When Jesus breaks through the hearts of the disciples something happens and their courage and joy starts to blossom. Their hearts catch the fire of the Holy Spirit and it makes all the difference in the world and they become full of hope and prayer. It is the breath of the Holy Spirit that sends us forth, too. We too often wait behind walls of fear. Pentecost gives us breath and fire. It is the breath of God that gives us life as we are made in His image and likeness. The truth of the Spirit teaches us a way of life that is; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Each of us is invited to discover the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the life of the world. How does the Holy Spirit help us to reach out to others?

Bible Study: 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 this **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 in the Archdiocese of Boston will be held on **Wednesday, June 10th**. Please pray for the success of this day.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 171 donors have pledged \$67,251 which is about 70.4% of our parish goal. Thank You. There are immense needs and reasons to pray for the success of this appeal. 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. 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 this 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.

Are you in your 20s or 30s?

It can sometimes be hard to know where you fit into the parish & where the parish fits into your life and schedule. It would be nice to get to know others our age and do things together once in a while.

A few of us in our 20s & 30s are getting together casually on **Thursday, June 4th**, to brainstorm ideas about how to build community and faith. If you would like to join us on Thursday, or if you would like to be notified of events for Young Adults, please email Melisa at:

melisahughes@comcast.net

Come as you are, all are welcome... even if you aren't active in the Church at this time in your life.

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

Mass Intentions

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	Mildred E. Hedberg Izzi
Monday	June 1	9:00 am	Leo Casey
Tuesday	June 2	9:00 am	Jane N. Vahey
Wednesday	June 3	9:00 am	Edward Murphy
Thursday	June 4	9:00 am	
Friday	June 5	9:00 am	Rev. William Burns
Saturday	June 6	9:00 am	Charles Barnes
Saturday	June 6	4:00 pm	Leo Paul Crowley
Sunday	June 7	8:00 am	Virginia Ray—3rd Anniversary
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Gertrude & John Costello


 *Collections*

Weekend of May 23-24

Amount Collected: \$5,058.51
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$ 941.49)

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

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses on **Sunday, June 7th**. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship. This will be the last get-together until we resume in October.

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.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, June 3rd**, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

First Saturday Devotion

"Mary promised at Fatima each time that she appeared to help us if we pray to her to banish war and fear." In response to her promises First Saturday Devotion will be held on **June 6, following the 9:00 am Mass**. (The Devotion will not take place if there is a 10 am funeral Mass.) Please plan to join in this effort for peace and unity.

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

Movies & Games on St. Bart's soccer field

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

TO HONOR.....

"Honor thy mother and father" is so important that it was made one of the Ten Commandments. Remembering and honoring the living and dead are important elements of our faith. Remembering and praying for those we have loved will hopefully hasten their journey to be with our Father for all eternity. We pray for those who have no one to pray for them. We remember..... We pray.....

In May we remember and honor our Blessed Mother. We have just had Memorial Day on which our country remembers and honors those who have made military sacrifices, some the ultimate, with the giving of their lives for their country. We remember.... This year and every year our parish acknowledges the death of some of its parishioners. We will remember them. We will miss them. On the small right side altar, that of the Holy Family, we have placed a book in which is written the name of each parishioner who dies this year and is buried from St. Bartholomew Parish. "The Lord will open to them the gate of paradise, and they will return to that homeland where there is no death, but only lasting joy." We will remember them in all Masses this year....our family, our friends, our neighbors.

January: Robert Blakeney, Eleanor Costa: February: Arthur LaCroix: March: Gary Jones, Richard Graham, Nicholas Burdett, Eleanor Clancy, Margaret Guillet: April: Virginia Crowley: May: Jane Marie McDonald, Gilbert F. Sullivan.

TODAY: FEAST OF PENTECOST

"The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. It hold all things together and knows every word spoken by man, alleluia." Wisdom 1:7

"The love of God has been poured into our hearts by His Spirit living in us." Romans 5:5; 8:11

May we always remember and honor ourselves as the vessels holding the Holy Spirit who works in us and through us in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sun., May 31 Rosary & Divine Mercy-12:30 pm
- Mon., June 1 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., June 1 Parish Pastoral Council-&:30 pm
- 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
- Mon., June 8 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., June 10 G.I.F.T. (Growing In Faith Together)
Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Thurs., June 11 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm

Circle of Comfort

On June 7th, our last Community Sunday before the summer, we will be accepting donations for the Circle of Comfort Program. We need no-bake Barilla lasagna noodles, small 8 x 8 aluminum tins and monetary donations.

Remember, you can place your donations in the Circle of Comfort basket on the altar. Thanks to everyone who is making this program successful.

The Northeast Catholic Family Conference will take place on **Sunday, June 28, at St. Mary's in Waltham beginning at 1:00 pm.** The conference offers prayer, music and workshops for adults, children and teens. Cardinal Sean will celebrate Mass and join us for the family cookout! For more info or to register, please go to: www.schoolofnazareth.org or contact Fr. Michael Harrington at: mharrington@rcab.org or call 781-956-0548.

Save the Date!!

Join Kevin Youkilis for brunch on Saturday, July 25th, to support the Riverside Trauma Center's youth suicide prevention efforts. Please Contact Dawn Hayes at dhayes@riversidecc.org for more information.

The Newman Catholic Center: Planning or considering on attending the University of Mass. at Amherst? Know that the Newman Catholic Center offers the opportunity to grow in your faith as well as participate in community outreach. Student-run activities and the 7:00 pm Student Mass are great ways to make lasting friendships. Feel free to email us with questions at peers.newman@gmail.com or visit us at www.newmanumass.org.

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.

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.

North Cambridge Catholic High School seeks volunteers to assist the school in advancing its mission to educate underserved youth from throughout greater Boston. Current volunteer opportunities include positions in the following departments: admissions, campus ministry, corporate work study, development, guidance, health, library, physical plant and technology.

North Cambridge Catholic High School is a sponsored ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston and a proud member of the national Cristo Rey Network dedicated to insuring that Catholic education remains available, affordable and accessible to urban youth. The Network consisting of 22 schools located in 16 states has been featured in media outlets, including 60 Minutes and the New York Times.

If you are interested in volunteering or coming to visit, please contact the school principal, Fr. Jose Medina, fscb at 617-876-6068, ext. 20 or email at: volunteer@mynccchs.org.

The death of Jesus was not the end of his power and presence, for he was raised up by the power of God. Nor did it mark the end of the disciples' union with him. After Jesus had appeared to them and when they received the gift of the Spirit, they became apostles of the good news to the ends of the earth. In the face of poverty and persecution they transformed human lives and formed communities which became signs of the power and presence of God. Sharing in this same resurrection faith, contemporary followers of Christ can face the struggles and challenges that await those who bring the gospel vision to bear on our complex economic and social world. ~ Economic Justice for All

