



*He said to them, "This is my
blood of the covenant, which will
be shed for many..."*

Mark 14:24 (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 the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: Do we see God everywhere and in everyone? Throughout the day do we focus upon God and the ways that God blesses us? At the Last Supper Jesus showed that the love of God cannot be limited by space or time. In Jesus the past, present, and future all come together. Jesus offered the very gift of Himself to others. In our heart is our deepest desire union with God? In the Eucharist the Church is united in union with the Body of Christ.

Sometimes being present to others may seem to be so demanding. At other times people make us feel cherished, significant and wanted. Being present to others is what Jesus wishes us to be just like He is always present to us. How have we been present to others? "Do this in memory of me." The Eucharist is more than a gift for us; the Eucharist is also a gift through us for others. We are to bring the presence of the risen Christ to others. We extend God to others by our own self-giving.

Bible Study: Classes will continue on **Monday, June 15th, at 10 am** in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters 8-12 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!

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses this Sunday, June 14th.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 185 donors have pledged \$74,941 which is about 78.5% of our parish goal. Thank You. The Archdiocesan goal is 15 million dollars of which about 69.3% of the goal has already been achieved. There are immense needs and reasons to pray for the success of this appeal. Please know that our parish will receive 25% of all funds raised above our goal.

Year of the Priest: - Did you know that the patron saint of priests is St. Jean Marie Vianney, the Cure d'Ars? His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has declared that the coming year starting on June 19, 2009 is the Year of the Priest. May I ask that each of us pray for the priests of our church all over the world.

Farewells: We have been informed that both Fr. Hugh Lagan SMA and Fr. Francois De Paul SMA will be taking new assignments and will be leaving us as weekend help. Both have been a tremendous blessing to this parish and we wish both of them much success and happiness in all of their future work. Both gifted priests will be greatly missed by all of us. Their last weekend will be June 28. If you wish to send a note or card, their address is: African Mission House, 337 Common St., Dedham, MA 02026.

RCIA Program: Is there is any person interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about the process? Please call the rectory for more information.

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.

Second Collection: This weekend's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection.

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.

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.

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

COMING SOON - Automated Giving or EFT

In response to your many requests St. Bartholomew will soon be introducing Automatic Giving or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). This is an alternative means of support of our parish instead of donations through envelopes or the weekly collection. Rather than writing a check or giving cash, this program will collect monthly contributions that **YOU** authorize from checking, savings, or credit card account. There will be **NO COST** to you to participate in this program.

Why Automatic Giving? There are three reasons why we have decided to offer this method of supporting our parish. Many parishioners have requested this option.

The second reason is for better budgeting and planning purposes. Automatic Giving will enable our offertory collections and income throughout the year to become more consistent. Right now, our collections can vary dramatically from week to week and season to season, based on factors such as weather and vacations, etc.

We are a parish that teaches and encourages Stewardship. Stewardship, sharing of our time, talent and treasure, is an obligation that arises from our Baptism. We hope that Automatic Giving will be a tool to help to embrace a holistic approach to that is the fruit of prayer and planning.

What will be the benefits to you?

- It will allow you to plan your giving, in the same way you budget other financial considerations.
- You will no longer have to be concerned about catching up on donations when you miss a Mass.
- You will be able to easily adjust the amount of your automated contribution (up and down) at the rectory office or by Using a secure website address.
- You will no longer need to write a check or bring cash every week.

How will this be done?

After careful consideration and research, we have chosen a company called ParishPay to assist us in this effort to provide our community with a new and better way to support our Parish. ParishPay serves parishes throughout the country including many in the Archdiocese of Boston.

Your participation in Automatic giving is completely up to **YOU**. We do hope that you and your family will join us in the spiritual movement of Stewardship as you offer your time, talent and treasure back to God in thanksgiving for the many gifts He has given you.

COMING VERY SOON – Automated Giving or EFT**Why ParishPay?**

We were concerned about security and keeping confidential credit card and banking information on file in the parish. After careful consideration and research we chose ParishPay to assist us in this effort to provide you with the opportunity to use automated giving for your offertory donations. Their secure website, www.parishpay.com provides us with the most comprehensive and up-to-date security currently available. ParishPay serves parishes throughout the country including many within the Archdiocese of Boston. We hope, that as our parish continues to pursue the ideals of stewardship as a way of life, you will find automated giving one tool to better help you as you share your time, talents, and treasure.

What about my weekly envelopes?

Participation in the Automated Giving Program replaces the check or cash in your weekly envelope. For those who are uncomfortable not having something to drop in the collection basket there will be cards which can be picked up at the entrances of the church indicating you give by EFT. You may also give to second collections using ParishPay.

How much do I have to pay to use ParishPay?

You pay nothing! The parish pays a \$1 per month fee for each enrollee in addition to 1% of each donation processed during the month if you designate your donation as a debit from your checking account. However, if you choose to use a credit card then the credit card company will charge the parish an addition fee of 2 – 3%. We have reviewed these costs and found them to be reasonable and they should be offset by the anticipated decrease in administrative costs.

How and when will the parish receive my donations?

Contributions will be collected only once per month and not weekly. The transfer of funds will occur on the 5th of each month. This is done to minimize the costs to ParishPay and to the parish. Transferring money weekly is more work for the ParishPay staff which would mean higher costs for us.

Who will keep track of my donations for IRS purposes?

ParishPay will keep track of all donations made through the automated giving process and will send you a record of your donations for tax purposes. The parish will continue to track all donations that are made using the envelope system as well as any other gifts, or donations made directly through the parish office.

When can I sign up?

You can sign up starting next week.

How do I sign up?

Information for signing up for Automatic Giving – EFT will be in next week's bulletin.

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | June 13 | 4:00 pm | |
| Sunday | June 14 | 8:00 am | Special Intention |
| | | 9:45 am | Frank Heger |
| | | 11:30 am | Annie Harrington—Birthday Memorial |
| Monday | June 15 | 9:00 am | Marjorie McLaughlin—2nd Anniversary |
| Tuesday | June 16 | 9:00 am | Special Intention |
| Wednesday | June 17 | 9:00 am | John Barnes |
| Thursday | June 18 | 9:00 am | |
| Friday | June 19 | 9:00 am | |
| Saturday | June 20 | 9:00 am | Catherine & Cornelius Connolly |
| Saturday | June 20 | 4:00 pm | For All Fathers—Living and Deceased |
| Sunday | June 21 | 8:00 am | For all Fathers—Living and Deceased |
| | | 9:45 am | For All Fathers—Living and Deceased |
| | | 11:30 am | For All Fathers—Living and Deceased |

 *Collections*

Weekend of June 6-7

Amount Collected: \$4,963.56
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$1,036.44)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Are you in your 20's or 30's?

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 still brainstorming ideas about how to build community and faith. If you would like to join us or 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.



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

Supporting People who advertise in Our

Bulletin: The Church bulletin that is published weekly is one of the primary means of our parish to let you know what is happening each week. This is paid for by those who advertise in the bulletin. I invite you to make use of their services and if you wish to invite others to place ads as well in the bulletin. I believe that it pays to advertise in the bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

Today's Feast: THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The greatest gift Jesus left us is the Holy Eucharist. In our receiving of this gift in Holy Communion, we share in our Lord in the most intimate way possible. The Lord is not just up there; not just out there; not all around us somewhere; but truly within us in body and blood and spirit. The blessings we receive; the graces we experience; the ways our lives change as a result of this Eucharist reception are impossible to enumerate or even know. We, who are blessed to be frequent recipients of this Sacrament, do not know how our lives would be different, if we did not participate, because we cannot imagine living that way. We only know that the inability to receive would be experienced as a profound loss within our very being and in our connection with the Lord. We know: "those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance." Hebrews 9:11-15 We know: "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood will live in Me and I in him, says the Lord." John 6:57

One of the saddest aspects of a person's struggle with the Church, resulting in a withdrawal from participation in Church services, is the loss of the reception of the Sacraments. This is especially true with the loss of the reception of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a tragedy how one cannot look to the Lord in His teachings and Sacraments for help in the struggle, instead of turning away from the Lord and trying to solve the problem in human ways only. There is no human dimension strong enough to compete with the reception of one holy host. If we truly love each other as the Lord has asked, then we must pray for the return of those whose doubts have led them astray. Whether their doubts result from human disappointments or sacramental issues, pray that they return to the Church with their struggle, rather than going at it alone. If we personally know of someone in this unhappy state, we must invite him/her back with all the love of the Lord we can muster. "Whoever loves Me will keep My word, and My Father will love him and We will come to him." Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 Spread the Word: He will come, if we ask. Lord willing, we will all be together when He does come to us. No one should be standing alone.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is one that we can celebrate daily. And for that we rejoice!

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

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.

Summer Youth Night Schedule

Middle School 6-7pm

All are welcome to come or stay for pizza at 7pm
High School stays 7:30-8:30pm

June 24th

Pick Up Soccer (weather permitting)

July 8th

Movie Trivia night (in the O'Brien Room
basement of the rectory)

July 22nd

Xbox 360 tournament

Aug 12th

Ultimate Frisbee pick up (weather permitting)

Aug 26th

Assembling Back to school bags for
underprivileged children

Email melisahughes@cocmast.net to RSVP
**at least 2 days in advance. it will be
cancelled if there is not enough interest**