

Mighty Is The Lord



*...many who heard him were astonished.
They said, "Where did this man get all this?
What kind of wisdom has been given him?
What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"*

☞ *Mark 6:2* ☞

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 14th Sunday in Ordinary time Cycle B

As Americans living in freedom and independence God has blessed us in unique, varied and wonderful ways through families, gifts, talents and other things. Each day we hear of helpless or devastating situations and stories and we must ask ourselves, how being a Catholic makes a difference. Do we hear the words of the prophets? In the gospel of Mark a recurring theme is lack of faith. In light of this can you imagine a difference when people live faith with freedom and independence? Have we ever thought about the difference in our lives?

Notice that Jesus in love for His people does not let lack of faith on the part of His disciples and consequently us be an obstacle in the ultimate way. Jesus shows Himself as the Son of God even to those who wish Him to be a simple carpenter born to Mary and Joseph. Please notice also that lack of faith on the part of the disciples or our part does not lead to a lack of compassion or a lack of forgiveness on the part of Jesus. Do we too undervalue Jesus or anyone else? As we celebrate the Eucharist this weekend our prayer is that others too may have freedom and independence to experience and live God's love for them.

Bible Study: We have concluded Bible Study for the summer, ending with St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. Class will resume in the Fall. All are welcome, Bible Study meets on Mondays 10-11am in the O'Brien Room of the rectory.

Thank you to those who have already signed up for automatic giving or Electronic Funds Transfer.

We hope many families sign up for this new service.

Extra Confessions will be heard next Sunday July 12th after all the Masses.

Arrival: We are blessed to welcome back Fr. John S.M.A. who was with us three summers ago and made a wonderful impression on all of us. Please welcome him in the wonderful way that St. Bartholomew Parish has become known for over many years.

Year of the Priest: - St. Jean Marie Vianney, the Cure d'Ars, is the patron saint of priests. 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.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers needed: With the summer upon us many people are away and it has become very apparent that we are in need of more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the Sunday Masses. Please call the rectory if you are interested in helping. Training will be provided.

2nd Collection next weekend July 12, 2009 Black & Native Americans: Next weekend's second collection is for the purpose of supporting programs to strengthen evangelization programs that otherwise would be in danger of being cut among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut communities in the United States.

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.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 197 donors have pledged \$79, 117 which is about 87.9% of our parish goal of \$90,000. Thank You. The Archdiocesan goal is 15 million dollars of which about 72.5% 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.

Recommended Readings:

The Catholic Companion to the Psalms by Mary Kathleen Glavich, Acta Publications Skokie, Ill. 2008.

Supporting People who advertise in Our Bulletin: The Church bulletin 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.

Please Note

Effective immediately, the parish office hours for the summer are 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday — Friday.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 11	4:00 pm	Alicia K. Madden
Sunday	July 12	8:00 am	Thomas G. & Capitola K. Broughton
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	Marie Augeros
Monday	July 13	9:00 am	
Tuesday	July 14	9:00 am	
Wednesday	July 15	9:00 am	
Thursday	July 16	9:00 am	
Friday	July 17	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 18	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 18	4:00 pm	Michael B. McCarthy
Sunday	July 19	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	James & Margaret McElaney

 *Collections*

Weekend of June 27-28

Amount Collected: \$ 5526.20
 Amount Needed: \$ 6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: \$ (473.80)

Thank you!



Family Fun on the Fields
 Last Saturdays of the Month
 July 25th, Aug 29th

Movies & Games
 on St. Bart's soccer field

Come to 4pm Mass, Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy around 5pm, join in some easy outdoor games (pick-up soccer, kickball, bocce, horseshoes, etc.) around 6pm, and set up your blanket and settle in for a family-friendly movie around 7:30pm

**This activity is weather dependant, it will not be moved inside or postponed in the event of uncooperative weather*

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.

Come join us! We are getting together on **Thursday July 16th** at 7pm for dessert to get to know each other better.

If you would like to join us or to be notified of future events for Young Adults, email melisahughes@comcast.net

Come as you are, all are welcome, single, married, children or none, even if you aren't active in the Church at this time in your life, you are always welcome to join us.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

INDEPENDENCE-----FREEDOM

Webster's Definition: "Freedom: the quality or state of being free: as a) the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action b) liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another. 'Independence'-- the quality or state of being or released usually from something onerous"

Catholic Definition: "Freedom: is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude. Freedom is exercised in relationships between human beings. Every human person, created in the image of God, has the natural right to be recognized as a free and responsible being. All owe to each other this duty of respect. The right to the exercise of freedom, especially in moral and religious matters, is an inalienable requirement of the dignity of the human person. This right must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and public order." *

As we celebrate this wonderful holiday, let us be thankful that we live in a country whose citizens defined, fought, and continue to die to protect its people and give them the right to have this freedom and independence. From Jesus we learn that freedom is not the right to do anything we want, whenever we want to satisfy only our own desires, even if we don't hurt anyone in the process. Rather, freedom has a deeper meaning. Freedom is the choice TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO. Jesus is not the "onerous" one defined by Webster, the one we need to be released from; the One who restricts, coerces, or constrains us. Rather, the freer we are, the closer we will move toward Him. "For freedom Christ has set us free." (Gal 5:1)

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

* CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Automated Giving or EFT

In response to your many requests St. Bartholomew has begun 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.

- 1) Many parishioners have requested this option.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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 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 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 up to **YOU**. We 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.

Why ParishPay?

We were concerned about security & 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 \$1 per month 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 made using the envelope system as well as any other gifts or donations made directly through the parish office.

IT'S HERE! Automated Giving – EFT

SIGN UP NOW TO BEGIN AUTOMATED GIVING – EFT AS OF JULY

WHY IT'S BETTER

In today's busy world, time and money are extra precious commodities. So to make it easier to fulfill your offertory commitment to our parish, ParishPay now offers the time and money saving convenience of automated giving. With automated giving, you put an end to writing and sending checks. By signing up with ParishPay you can be assured that your donations are arriving on a regular basis to our Parish. You make your donations go further by reducing administrative costs and you help the parish in its planning by providing a known, regular, revenue stream for each month. Best of all it's completely secure.

ParishPay will never share or sell your personal financial information to any outside organization.

You can edit your information at anytime by going to www.parishpay.com, and logging into your account using your username and password or by calling 1-866-727-4741.

There are coupons you can print to put into the offertory basket indicating you pay by EFT if you would like to do so.

3 easy ways to sign up:

ONLINE

Go to www.parishpay.com

On the home page go to: Already know where you would like to give? Type in the zip code 02492.

Select your Church below. Choose St. Bartholomew (the only choice right now.) Click on proceed to Step 2.

Fill in the amounts you would like to give monthly to Offertory, Easter, Christmas and all special collections.

All our special collections are listed on the website. Click on proceed to Step 3.

Fill in name, address etc. Choose a username and password. Fill in email address

Choose type of Transfer and fill in required information for the type of transfer you are requesting.

Click on proceed to Step 4. Review the information. Click on "process my donation" and you're done. It's that simple.

BY PHONE

Call 1-866-727-4741. A ParishPay representative will walk you through the process, take your information over the phone and set up an account for you.

SIGN UP AT THE PARISH OFFICE BY FILLING OUT THE SIGN-UP FORM

You may bring or mail the form to the parish office or you may place the form in a regular offertory collection. All forms will be shredded when registration is completed.

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— Middle School 6-7pm, All are welcome to come or stay for pizza at 7pm, High School stays 7:30-8:30pm. Next Gathering: **July 8th** Movie Trivia night (in the O'Brien Room basement of the rectory)

Email melisahughes@comcast.net to RSVP at least 2 days in advance it will be cancelled if there is low interest

SIGN UP FORM FOR EFT

Fill out the sign up-form below. Please print or type.

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____
 # Street town state zip

Create a User Name: _____

Create a password: _____

Email address: _____

Choose a type of transfer:

Bank transfer – checking account: Routing number Account number

Bank transfer – savings account: Routing number Account number

Credit card: Credit Card Type: Visa MC American Express Discover

Credit Card number _____ Exp. Date _____

Collections and Amount you wish to give:

Please transfer \$ _____ per month from my account as my **regular offertory donation**.

Easter Collection \$ _____

Christmas Collection \$ _____

Regular Special Collections at St. Bartholomew

Jan: Church in Latin America \$ _____	Jul: Black and Native Americans \$ _____
	Eastern Europe \$ _____

Feb: Holy Father \$ _____	Aug: Home Missions \$ _____
	Catholic Relief Services \$ _____

Apr: Holy Land Shrines \$ _____	Sept: Catholic University \$ _____
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May: Communication \$ _____	Oct: Missions \$ _____
Seminaries \$ _____	

Jun: Clergy Benefit Trust \$ _____	Nov: Campaign for Human Development \$ _____
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Dec: Retired Religious \$ _____
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