



*So they went off and
preached repentance.*

Mark 6:12 (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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The greatest news that the twelve disciples carried with them wherever they traveled was the Good News of Jesus. Jesus knew that the disciples would make mistakes, but it was time for them to do what Jesus had instructed them to do. The mission that Jesus gave to His disciples and gives to us comes from the Father. He received this mission when He was baptized by John. It is both awesome and humbling to realize that Jesus entrusts His mission to us. God has bestowed upon us a divine favor in Jesus Christ. By our Baptisms we are challenged to be bearers of the Good News and to preach repentance. This raises some questions for our considerations. When was the last time any of us thought about our Baptism or what this rite says? What does it mean to be a parish community that passes on the Good News of Jesus to others? How do evangelization and social action go hand in hand? How do we help others discover their inner gifts to promote God's Kingdom of love, justice and mercy? Do we let people know what they mean to us and how they reflect God to us?

We are so blessed to once again have 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.

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

The Second Collection this weekend supports programs for Black and Native American populations. Proceeds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States.

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Appeal: Presently 199 donors have pledged \$79, 842 which is about 88.7% of our parish goal of \$90,000. Thank You. The Archdiocesan goal is 15 million dollars of which about 74% 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. If you have not already taken part in the Catholic Appeal, may I ask you to prayerfully consider doing so.

Recommended Reading: Mary's Song Living Her Timeless Prayer by Mary Catherine Nolan, O.P. Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN. 2001.

Help Needed: Fr. John, SMA will be covering the parish while Fr. Phil is away. We need volunteers to drive him if he needs to visit someone at the hospital, perform a prayer service at a wake, make a Communion visit, etc. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to assist us. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number. Thank you.

Fostering and/or Adopting

There is a dire need for loving, temporary foster care in our area. You can help! Whether you are young, old, single, or married you can help by becoming a foster parent. My wife, Joan, and I have been fostering little babies for more than a year; but you can foster children of any age. It is very rewarding, and you get more from it than you give.

If you are interested in fostering and/or adopting, there are eight week (one night a week) training courses that are held periodically in our area. For more information or to get in touch with a social worker from Mass. Department of Children and Families, call Richard Carey at 781-449-0495.

In the meantime, please continue to pray for all children, born and unborn. Thank you.

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	Catherine Harrington—Birthday Memorial
Tuesday	July 14	9:00 am	Leo Casey
Wednesday	July 15	9:00 am	The Gillis & Thissell Families
Thursday	July 16	9:00 am	The Chisholm & Lydon Families
Friday	July 17	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 18	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 18	4:00 pm	Michael B. McCarthy—2nd Anniversary
Sunday	July 19	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	James & Margaret McElaney



Collections

Weekend of July 4-5

Amount Collected: \$ 3,476.00
 Amount Needed: \$ 6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$ 2,524.00)

Thank 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.

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 melisa-hughes@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.



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*

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: On July 16, 1251, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel appeared to Simon Stock and gave him the brown scapular, putting those who wear it under her protection. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII made July 16th the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In 1945, the first atomic bomb, code named Trinity, was detonated on July 16th. In many of her apparitions, Our Blessed Mother has appeared as Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, eg. at the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

The annual Exposition and Adoration on this feast will begin at St. Joseph's Lower Church after the 9:00 am Mass on Thursday, July 16th, and conclude before the 6:50 am Mass on Friday, July 17th. Come and pray for our forgiveness and protection. Sign-up sheets are at the exits of St. Bartholomew's and in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL”
 AND OTHER ORIGINALS

“America! America! God shed His grace on thee,”
 Michael, Elvis, Frank, Marilyn, Diana, Farrah —just
 some of the names of “originals.” (How many do you
 recognize?)

Unless one has been on a desert island, devoid of any
 ability to communicate these last couple of weeks, the
 attention to the sudden death of Michael Jackson is
 extraordinary and raises some questions. Questions
 about how he died are not the real issue. Rather, our
 attention to and reaction to his death compel the
 questions. Channel 5 in its reporting called Michael an
 “original.” They then explained this “original” definition
 as someone or something that possesses a talent or gift
 or style that is so attractive or compelling or different that
 people all over the world recognize it and go on often to
 the extreme to imitate it. This imitation in some
 becomes obsessive. Maybe it’s a hairstyle, a dance
 move, a style of dress, various personal
 mannerisms...whatever. We see or hear it. We know
 who or what it is.

Obviously, Michael was not perfect. Was there much
 worth imitating or desiring other than his musical and
 dance talent? ICON—IDOL—KING—are just some of
 the titles people gave him. In our lifetime we have all
 admired some singer, artist, sports figure, etc. The
 attention to Michael makes this a good time for some
 self-reflection. Whom do we admire these days? To
 what degree? Why? Do we adapt our lives in any way
 today to include this admiration? Does it rule our ac-
 tions, change our lifestyle or thinking?

JESUS, THE TRUE AND ONLY REAL ORIGINAL!
 What is the depth of our love and admiration for Him?
 Do we change our lives and habits to be His follower?
 In today’s Gospel when Jesus summoned His Twelve
 Apostles, He sent them out with only a single tunic,
 sandals, and a walking stick. They needed nothing else
 because He was with them always. Their power was in
 His power. Jesus’ message and love would sustain
 them. Where are we in this world of false idols? “I am
 your Lord and God. You shall have no false gods before
 you.” How do we make this network and world news?
 The slow death of the world’s devotion and following of
 Jesus’ message and the road to our salvation are the
 real news. Nothing is worth more than an imitation of
 His life. Now, there is an original thought!

Stewardship questions: Kathy Reilly, 781-444-0862
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*Song: America the Beautiful



At the community college, a local band put on a
 mini-concert to publicize their upcoming appearance.
 They performed over the lunch hours in the cafeteria.
 Many students got up and danced, or clapped, nodding
 their heads in rhythm with the band. In an article in the
 newspaper, one student was quoted as saying, “With
 music, you just have to dance. It is not a spectator
 event.”

Jesus sends the Apostles out, two by two, to try their
 hand at proclaiming the Gospel. It was not a time to
 watch and see, but rather a time to say and do. They
 expelled demons, anointed the sick and cured many.
 The Kingdom of God comes in power, moving aside
 anything that stands in its way. It is music to the soul
 that causes its listeners to proclaim, to love, and to
 serve. Faith is not a spectator sport!

God calls each one of us. From the moment of your
 Baptism, you are given spiritual gifts to be used for the
 sake of the whole community. You are to serve as best
 you can, advancing the cause of the Gospel and
 announcing in all you say and do that the Kingdom is at
 hand. By word and deed, we live the Gospel,
 witnessing to the saving power of grace, and the joy of
 faith that gives life purpose, meaning and power. Are
 you still on the sidelines watching? It’s time to be part
 of the mission, time to find and use your gifts. Pray,
 work, serve, and lead. It’s time to be His disciple.

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Summerfest is Back: Catholic TV’s demonstration
 to show the world that Jesus and His Mother make a
 difference! A day of prayer, entertainment and food!
 This event will take place on Wednesday, August 12th,
 at Lombardo’s in Randolph from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
 The day will include the Rosary, Q & A, Crowning of
 Mary and Mass. A roast chicken dinner will be served.

Summerfest sells out very early every year. Get your
 tickets NOW by calling Marie Casey at 781-449-4579.
 The cost is \$50.

Automated Giving or EFT

We would like to thank the parishioners who have already signed up for Electronic Giving – EFT.

The following are answers to questions that we have been asked over the last couple of weeks. We will also continue to answer any questions you have in the following weeks.

Do I have to give by Electronic Giving – EFT?

No, this is just an option for giving that many parishioners have requested.

Will I still get envelopes?

If you currently get envelopes and do not sign up for Electronic Giving – EFT you will continue to receive monthly envelopes.

If I don't choose to sign up for Electronic Giving – EFT how do I give to the church?

The same as you do now – through the offertory collection.

I signed up for Electronic Giving – EFT and there was no place to contribute to the Grand Annual. What should I do?

Once the Grand Annual Campaign for 2009-2010 gets underway, you will be able to give to the campaign on the parishpay website.

Why are you encouraging people to sign up for Electronic Giving – EFT?

There are many reasons.

- Electronic Giving – EFT allows the parish to have a more reliable revenue stream. Currently, when people miss mass due to weather, vacations etc. we experience a critical drop in offertory. Regardless of whether you come to mass, the parish needs to be able to pay its bills. To be financial viable and continue to offer the programs and services that we do we need approximately \$6,000 in offertory each week. Last week, the fourth of July weekend, our offertory was \$3,476.00. This kind of revenue variation, which often happens in the summer and inclement weather, creates many challenges as we try to meet our current obligations and plan responsibly for the future.
- The process of signing up for Electronic Giving – EFT forces people to look at how they support our parish. We know times are very difficult for many of you. . For our part, we are doing what most organizations are doing. Salaries have been frozen. The members of our staff are taking on more responsibilities and we are asking them to do more with less resources. What we are hoping is that you will take a serious look at how you give to the church. Is the support of our parish a budgetary item in your household? In today's world it is all too easy to forget that the gifts and talents we use to earn our living and fund our lifestyles are not ours alone but unearned gifts of our generous God. By virtue of our Baptism, God expects us to share our time, talent and treasure to help build the Kingdom of God here on earth. This is an essential part of who we are as Catholics. It is not just an afterthought. Even if you don't sign up Electronic Giving – EFT please look at how you support our parish mission.
- Last, but not least, it's easy and convenient. We are glad to assist you if you run into any problems signing up.

IT'S HERE! Automated Giving – EFT**SIGN UP NOW TO BEGIN AUTOMATED GIVING – EFT AS OF JULY**

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: **Tuesday, July 21.** There will be an Xbox 360 tournament to be held in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

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