

YOU SHALL love THE
Lord, YOUR God,
with all your

HEART BEING STRENGTH WIND
BEING & MIND

AND YOUR
neighbor
AS *yourself.*

Luke 10:27

St. Bartholomew Parish
Needham, MA

July 15, 2007
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 5:00 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 what you would like prayers said.



Reflection for 15th Week in Ordinary Time: In today's Gospel in the story of the Good Samaritan we see the true meaning of love of neighbor. Notice that Jesus gives us a very specific formula for loving God and neighbor. All human beings need our help and our prayers. Without the grace and help of God we could not be as good and focused on helping ourselves and others. This week what will we do to show love of God and love of neighbor? This week may we also pray for world peace.

It is my hope that each one of us will have a prayerful, faith-filled and restful summer.
Fr. Phil

Catholic Appeal:
Giving in Faith, Giving with Love

To date 205 people have pledged \$79,058 which is 61.9% of people goal and 78.5% of the financial goal. Thank you. Your contributions are very necessary for the overall well being and the programs to help the needy and the poor of our Archdiocese. If you have not already done so, please consider making a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Please pray also for the success of the Catholic Appeal.

2nd Collection: There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses next weekend for the Church in Eastern Europe. This collection helps to build parishes in many distant and unknown places. Your support helps seminaries, social services, youth ministry, parish centers, and the spreading of the Gospel message. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Parish Picnic Tickets

Tickets to the Annual Parish Picnic that will be held on Sunday, September 16th, after the 11:30 am Mass are available at the rectory for a cost of \$4 for adults, \$2 for children ages 3-10, and free for children under age 3. This is sure to be a great event with BBQ, entertainment and more. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne D'Alleva at 781-400-5083.

Volunteers Needed

The annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 16, after the 11:30 am Mass. This is a great event with lots of fun for all!! BBQ, entertainment and more. To make this event the best ever, we need your help! Look for the volunteer sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Any questions, please contact Jeanne D'Alleva at 781-400-5083.

New...Parish Events Committee: Do you enjoy coming to parish events? Would you like there to be more events? Then, please come join the Parish Events Committee. This committee will be responsible for planning the great, current parish events like the Parish Picnic, Pancake Breakfast with Santa and the Easter Egg Hunt. It will also plan some new parish events throughout the year. Come—share your ideas. We invite anyone interested to join us. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Any questions, please contact Jeanne D'Alleva at 781-400-5083.

Prayer for Summer

Dear God,

You made the four seasons. Each summer arrives as part of your perfect pattern and will—yet is unique unto itself. This summer, help me to see not only the enjoyment of vacations, but the joy our your will. Help me to feel not only the pleasure of a warm sun, but the contentment of a life guided by you. Help me to know, not only the satisfaction of a project completed, but the fulfillment of a heart filled by you. Help me to see you in all things, Lord — in all the seasons of life you give

Pilgrimage to Portugal & Spain from October 29 to November 9, 2007 led by Fr. Ed Riley, Spiritual Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Boston. The pilgrimage will be to Fatima, Lisbon, Santiago de Compostela and other shrine sites to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions and the Year of Grace and Mercy. The cost is \$2,299 plus taxes. Please contact Vi Corey at 781-326-6185 for further information.

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

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

"A MOMENT'S PEACE"

Luci Swindoll in her essay "Take Off Your Shoes", asks "Have you ever felt God gave you more than you could bear? I have. On those days my long-term goal is to have the anxiety go away. My short-term goal is to find a moment's peace. Since only God can provide the former, I try to work on the latter." Her short-term solution is to "take off my shoes, go barefoot, and mess around in my garden." In so doing, before she knows it, she is humming or even singing. Has the anxiety disappeared? No. But her ability to deal with it, her physical tolerance of it, and her perspective about it, is for the moment much better.

It is the rare and fortunate person, who cannot identify with Luci. We are all caught up in this anxiety state at one time or another. And sometimes it can be very long lasting. Her short-term solution is something that we all should consider. What would work for each of us individually? How could "I" find "a moment's peace"? When was the last time you read a book, just for the pleasure of losing yourself in it? You may actually not learn anything new or increase your intellectual curiosity; but for a few moments, nothing else occupies your mind and maybe you even have a few laughs. When was the last time, you just stopped to watch a beautiful sunrise or sunset? When was the last time, you just stopped?

There is no better time of the year to get off the "scheduled track". Summer is meant to be restorative. We all need a change. Our children need it too. Do we give them license to have their "moment's peace"? Do we allow them and ourselves a time to do nothing? "The whole earth is full of His glory." (Isaiah 6:3) Have you noticed? When was the last time, you just looked around, walked barefoot on the beach, or watched the clouds and sky go by, and said "Thank you, Lord". "This is the day the Lord has made" and I thank you that I have all my senses to enjoy it.

Our generous God has asked us to turn to Him and pray for His help. He accepts our burdens as His own. But we must also remember, that God helps those who help themselves. So in prayer, let's find "a moment's peace". Summer and our attitude as to what it means, is truly a gift. Don't forget to open your gift. "The whole earth is full of His glory".

Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: Saturday, August 4th, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children MUST be pre-registered if they wish to attend. Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children.

This month's movie: "Flushed Away" is rated PG.

Summer Reading Club for Children

Amy's Book Club is inviting our children to join its summer reading group. A suggested book list and reading log can be found at the back of the church. At the end of the summer there will be a picnic for book club members and the summer readers. There will be a prize for everyone who participates! Children of all ages are welcome!

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 16 the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. In 1945, the first atomic bomb, code named Trinity, was detonated on July 16. 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. Our annual Exposition and Adoration on this feast will begin in St. Joseph's Lower Church at the 9:00 am Mass on Monday, July 16; and conclude before the 6:50 am Mass on Tuesday, July 17. Come and pray for our forgiveness and protection. Sign-up sheets are at the exists of St. Bartholomew's and in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's. Or....just drop by!



Religious Ed.

Our Religious Education Program is very much in need of teachers when classes start in September. Yes, we know the summer has just begun, but the planning must take place during these two months. We already know that 3 teachers are needed in both the 3rd and 5th grades. Additional teachers are also needed in the upper classes. Please call the rectory at 781-444-3434 and leave a message for Debby with your name and phone number. Please know that you will receive all the help you need when you volunteer for this wonderful ministry of sharing your faith with the children of our parish.

Campaign in Support of Marriage

The Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts have announced a statewide prayer and educational campaign in support of the vocation of marriage. The first phase of this campaign is one of prayer. The bishops have produced a Marriage Prayer card, which you will find at the entrances of the church. The Cardinal has asked us to make an effort to pray the prayer daily. This initial time of prayer and reflection on the importance of our Catholic teaching on marriage will be followed by an educational phase of the campaign in the coming months. As a parish family we will be praying the Marriage Prayer at the weekday Masses.

Marriage Prayer

Heavenly Father,
 Through the intercession of the Holy Family,
 Help us treasure the gift of marriage that
 reflects the love of Christ for the Church,
 where the self-giving love
 of husband and wife
 unites them more perfectly and
 cooperates in your plan for
 new life created in your image.
 Help us support men and women
 in their vocation of marriage,
 especially in difficult times when
 they join their sufferings to the Cross.
 Help us uphold the institution of marriage
 as the place where
 love is nurtured and family life begins.
 Help us acknowledge that our future
 depends on this love and on your
 providential care for us. Amen.

Prayer for Our Grown Children

O Lord, our children have grown and gone into the world, and yet they remain always in our thoughts, in our hearts, and in our prayers. Once we could take them on our knees, tell them of life, and guide their steps. That time is no longer, at least not as it was. We worked at seedtime, and now the harvest must be entrusted to Your provident Hand. Hold them close to You, O Lord, and to Your Church. In time of weakness or sin, lead them ever back to You. May they be shining witnesses to You in this world so full of need. O heavenly Father, hear this earthly parent's prayer. Amen.

LIFT—Catholic Worship for a New Generation:

Join us for LIFT—an exciting new monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. LIFT is for all ages—from young adults to adults to teens to entire families. Come on Tuesday, July 17th, as we welcome Sean Flynn as our speaker. The evening runs from 7:00-9:00 pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd., Milton. Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on our website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come and join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Proud2BCatholic announces that their 7th Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, August 11th, from 1:00-9:00 pm at the Marist House, 518 Pleasant St., Framingham. Cardinal Sean O'Malley has endorsed the festival because the event is centered around our youth, but appeals to the whole family. We are excited to announce that this event will be the Official Event for the Youth of Boston for the 2008 Bicentennial Celebration! Nationally recognized singers and witness speakers will present Catholic music and inspiring talks. There will be an opportunity for confession and adoration. Mass will begin at approximately 5:30 pm. If you want further information, visit www.Proud2BCatholic.com.



FAITH FACTS

THE SAMARITANS

The Samaritans were a mixture of Israelites and foreign settlers who disagreed with the other Israelites about how God should be worshipped.

The Samaritans would not worship at the temple in Jerusalem. They had their own temple on Mount Gerizim.

There was a lot of hostility between the Samaritans and the other Israelites. Most Jews looked down on the Samaritans.

It is interesting that Jesus told a story in which the "good neighbor" is a Samaritan.



CODE - BREAKER!

The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: I = E and W = S.

Crossword solution from last week

S	K	Y	D	E	M	O	N	S
A	T	O	W	N	D	R	Y	C
A	O	L	J	O	I	N	E	K
N	L	V	N	R	E	X	U	L
A	N	E	W	E	X	U	L	T
R	S	O	N	L	E	N		
M	R	E	N					
S	O	L	D					

GLVMWX NIWYW MW XLI

MQEKI SJ XLI MRZMWMFPI

KSH, XLI JMVWX - FSVR SJ

EPP GVIEXYVIW.

ANSWER: Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creatures.

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A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

THE GOOD SAMARITAN



GOSPEL: LUKE 10, 25-37

David Fielding

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