



*When he disembarked and saw
the vast crowd, his heart was moved
with pity for them, for they were like
sheep without a shepherd; and he
began to teach them many things.*

Mark 6:34 (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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. How do we know the voice of the Good Shepherd? How do we restore divine values to a fallen world? In today's gospel we notice that Jesus wishes to gather all the sheep so that there will be unity, one flock and one shepherd. Jesus established the church to carry out His work. The Church is here to help us so that we do not become spiritually lost. We know that in life there are always choices and some choices are much better than others. One of the important elements of life is renewal, spiritual renewal. There is a balance involving work and renewal which most of us have probably not found yet. Jesus often went off to pray by Himself and often His Apostles did the same because they needed to. Jesus invites all of us also to take time to come aside with Him and renew ourselves. Do we ever take time to retreat to a place by ourselves for prayer and renewal?

Second Collection: Next week's second collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. While the countries of those regions and the former Soviet Union endured decades of communist oppression, the Church suffered grave wounds to its spiritual life and its ability to serve the people. Through this collection, Catholics can now build bridges to these countries, spread God's Word over vast areas with modern communications media, train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. We appreciate whatever contribution you are able to give.

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.

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 201 donors have pledged \$80,117 which is about 89% of our parish goal of \$90,000. Thank You. The Archdiocesan goal is 15 million dollars of which about 74.6% 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.

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 18	4:00 pm	Michael B. McCarthy—2nd Anniversary
Sunday	July 19	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
		11:30 am	James & Margaret McElaney
Monday	July 20	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	July 21	9:00 am	Mary E. Gillis
Wednesday	July 22	9:00 am	Paul D. Frawley
Thursday	July 23	9:00 am	Mark Hansen
Friday	July 24	9:00 am	Frank Gillis
Saturday	July 25	9:00 am	
Saturday	July 25	4:00 pm	Charles & Ruth Brady and John Mahoney
Sunday	July 26	8:00 am	Jane Marie McDonald
		9:45 am	Gaston Brassard & Catherine Fitzpatrick
		11:30 am	Theresa & John Martin



Weekend of July 11-12

Amount Collected: \$4,408.52
 Amount Needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount Over/Under: (\$1,591.48)

Black & Native American Collection

Amount Collected: \$1,433.00

EFT Giving for July

Amount Collected: \$1,599.25

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*



“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

Mark 6:31

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

This Summer "TAKE THE PLUNGE!"

Sheila Walsh in her essay "Take the Plunge"* tells us about how she, at the age of sixteen, still did not know how to swim despite living by the ocean. She had always been too afraid to take the plunge. One day she decided that this was the day, enough was enough, and went to the pool by the ocean and jumped in the deep end. "There was nothing gracious about my performance, but I swam. I was terrified and thrilled and alive!"

In MERE CHRISTIANITY, C.S. Lewis writes "If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to or even into the thing that has them." Sheila continues, "In other words, you must take the plunge. God is not a stagnant pool but a mighty river running faster and faster, suddenly curving in a different direction, resting a while, then racing off again in breathtaking power and beauty. Those who describe their relationship with God as dull and dusty have never plunged throwing everything they have in with God, without reservation."

"How sad it would be to stand on the edge of the water of life and never get wet. Jump in! The Most High will be there and you will be terrified and thrilled and alive!"*

In this long awaited for season, Summer, we shed our heavy clothes, exercise our winter bodies with new found freedom, and in general, attempt to change our lives in a vacation place or mind set. We deserve it. We need it. It's good for us. As C.S. Lewis states, "...we must get close to or even into the thing that has" what we are looking for. We must take action, take "the plunge", seek and ye shall find. Find what? This summer, let us do at least just ONE thing to grow closer to God. Just ONE thing! Standing on the sidelines is not an option for finding God; for growing closer to God; to be alive in our faith. TAKE THE PLUNGE! Read a book. Go to some extra Masses. Receive the Sacrament of forgiveness. Pray more often and differently. Watch Catholic TV/EWTN. Do something unexpectedly for another. Feel the thrill and be alive in Christ. You will never regret jumping in over your head.

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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*"Take the Plunge!" Sheila Walsh from the book THE WOMEN OF FAITH Daily Devotional

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.

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week July 19-25

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. The dates also mark the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother. For further information, contact nfp@uscbb.org.

Catholic TV

Catholic TV is available in St. Bartholomew Parish:
Comcast Cable: Channel 268
(Digital Set Top Box required)
Verizon FiOS: Channel 271
Sky Angel IPTV: Channel 142
RCN: Channel 85

The following subjects can be found by visiting the website for Catholic TV: www.CatholicTV.com:

"Learn about Catholic Marriage" The show is called "The Future Depends on Love." It is hosted by Dr. David and Angela Franks.

"Get to Know Cardinal Sean" The show is called "Conversations with Cardinal Sean."

"Tired of Trashy Television"

"Catholic Website Safe for Kids"

"Can't Make it to Daily Mass?" You can watch the daily Mass on Catholic TV every day live at 9:30 am or you can watch the re-broadcast daily at 7:30 pm.

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