

Miracles

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over -- twelve wicker baskets full.

Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.



Matthew 14:19-21

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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

When we are hungry do we wish to be fed? When we are sick do we wish to be cured? In today's gospel Jesus shared food to satisfy the needs of the people there. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. We all have deeper needs and we all have areas in our lives that need healing. Jesus is there to heal us when we truly open ourselves to God's love.

Sunday Confessions: We will resume the practice of Confessions being heard after all the Masses on the second Sunday of every month during the school year. We will begin next Sunday, August 10th. This is in **addition** to the Saturday time of 3:15-3:45pm.

Bible Study will begin in September with the Gospel of Mark to be followed with the letters of St. Paul.

Questions to ponder this week:

How do I share the blessings that I have received from God with others?

How do we offer hospitality to others?

Second Collection This Weekend: We are pleased to welcome Fr. Michael Morris of St. Patrick's Missionary Society who will speak to us about the needs of his society and the wonderful work they do around the world. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Feast of the Assumption: Friday, August 15th, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, August 14th, at 4:00 PM and on Friday, August 15th, at 9:00 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Second Collection Next Weekend: Next weekend's collection is for the Home Missions which helps support missions here in the United States.

STEWARDSHIP
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

HYMNS

WE REMEMBER: We remember how you loved us to your death, and still we celebrate for you are with us here; And we believe that we will see you, when you come in your glory, Lord. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

O LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY: O Lord, I am not worthy that thou should'st come to me; But speak the words of comfort, My spirit healed shall be. And humbly I'll receive thee, The Bridegroom of my soul, No more by sin to grieve thee Or fly thy sweet control.

AMAZING GRACE: Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

When she reached adulthood, Helen Keller, blind and deaf since shortly after birth, when asked if she could have one sense restored, which would it, replied without hesitation "the gift to hear." She explained that without the ability to hear, she felt a tremendous sense of isolation and loneliness. She had no sense of connection to others.

What does this have to do with church hymns? God gave to each a voice, unique to each of us. It has been said that "to sing in church is to pray twice". To often we are too critical of our own voices, the choice of music in church, or maybe even a feeling of liking one cantor better than another. Consequently we don't pay attention to the music as an enhancement to our church experience, rather than an obstruction. How much more is the sense of community, when we join in the songs of worship together. There is no sense of isolation, when we sing together. Often the music and words of the songs are so beautiful, that they express thoughts and feelings that we aren't able to explain any other way. There is also a joy in music that stands alone. It touches the soul as nothing else can. How tragic to ignore or dismiss this gift. Next time you are in church sing, loud or soft, or just hum. God gave you this gift. Return it to Him in praise and love. You'll feel better. And that feeling you will take with you after you leave church. The sense of well being we feel from music is another gift from God. Let Him hear your gratitude, not only in mind and heart; but also from the lips. "And grace will lead me home."

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 2	4:00 pm	
Sunday	August 3	8:00 am	Special Intention
		9:45 am	John J. Kilcommons
		11:30 am	Michael Harrington
Monday	August 4	9:00 am	Thomas & Delia Heffernan
Tuesday	August 5	9:00 am	
Wednesday	August 6	9:00 am	Sarah & Edward Dowd and Rev. James Plavcan
Thursday	August 7	9:00 am	
Friday	August 8	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 9	9:00 am	
Saturday	August 9	4:00 pm	Billy & Phil Fahy
Sunday	August 10	8:00 am	Isabelle Reiz
		9:45 am	Margaret McElaney
		11:30 am	Martin & Catherine Cunniffe, Robert & Beatrice Sheedy and Mary Barrett

Scripture Readings

3	Sun	Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21
4	Mon	Jer 28:1-17 /Mt 14:22-36
5	Tue	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
6	Wed	Dn 7:9-10,13-14/2Pt 1:16-19/ Mt 17:1-9
7	Thu	Jer 31:31-34/Mt 16:13-23
8	Fri	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
9	Sat	Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
10	Sun	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



A basic component of this exciting new program are small groups who gather to pray & reflect on provided texts.

Are you being called to host a group or to facilitate the discussion?

Training, ongoing support and all materials are provided.

Curious? Speak to any of our Arise Team members: Allan & Patty Doyle, Carolyn Maynard, Peggy Powers, Dorothea O'Connell, Doug Motchok, David Tremblay, George Thissell or a parish staff member.

Amy's Book Club

The book club will resume in September. The book that will be discussed is: Joan of Arc: Personal Recollections by Mark Twain, Publisher: Ignatius Press.

We also invite you to bring in a personal list of your summer readings to share when we meet again in September.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the material blessings you have showered upon us, undeserving as we are. Help us to be generous, providing for the needs of our Church and our neighbors with sacrifice and love, giving from our first fruits.



Weekend of July 26-27

Amount collected	\$4,502.14
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,497.86)

Churches in Central & Eastern Europe

Amount collected	\$1,525.31
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Thank you for your stewardship.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Reminders

- Classes will begin again on Monday, Sept. 22nd
- Catechists are needed for September – roles/grades are flexible; we need people willing to teach (training and materials provided), classroom aides, small group facilitators. Please call the Religious Ed office for information 781-444-4343 or email melisahughes@comcast.net

Registration 2008-2009:

Registration Forms for 2008-2009 are available:

- for download at:
http://stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/religious_education.html
- At the back of the Church
- From the rectory during regular business hours

Most students who do not attend Catholic Schools attend Religious Education from 1st through 10th grade. Students in Catholic Schools please contact the Religious Education office for information regarding Sacramental Preparation.

Summer Activities:

1) Proud 2B Catholic Music Festival - Saturday, August 9, 2008 1-9pm at the Marist House Retreat Center, 518 Pleasant St, Framingham, MA

- This is the official event for youth for the Bicentennial Celebration of the Archdiocese of Boston, and **Cardinal O'Malley** is scheduled to celebrate Mass.
- Event includes music, inflatable games, an International Food Court, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, talks, Catholic products and more. Complete schedule will be released in July.

General Admission: **new price of \$15.00** per ticket; at the gate: \$20.00 per ticket.

St. Bartholomew Soccer Program 1st and 2nd grade Boys & Girls

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Fall/Spring 2008/2009 Registration:

Applications are still available be available at Needham Town Hall on a first come first serve basis.

****Head coaches and assistant coaches are needed! ****

Please call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline for information or questions at **781-444-6559**.

St. Bart's Soccer is a co-ed instructional program for Needham boys & girls born **August 1, 2000 - July 31, 2002**. Registration is for both fall 2008 and spring 2009 season.

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus, we ask you to bless our parish and all those living their commitment to as married couples, singles, sisters, priests, deacon and brothers. We pray that our young people may know their vocation and respond with enthusiasm and generosity of spirit. Increase the faith life of our parish and strengthen our family life. Bless our parish with many vocations. Grant, Lord, that faithfully sharing your mission in this life, we may come together to share your eternal life in heaven. Amen.

Catechists!

Our Religious Education Program is in need of parishioners to assist with both teaching and non-teaching roles with our students in most grades.

Classes for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade meet Mondays from 4-5 pm; students in 7th – 10th grade meet every other Monday from 7-8:30 pm.

Catechists – prepare and present the material to the students.

Parent aides – assist the catechist with classroom management and activities

Small Group Facilitators (evening session only) – Engage students in discussion or activities

Experience in teaching is not required

Please contact the Religious Education office for information: melisahughes@comcast.net, or 781-444-4343.



Congratulations To:
 Kiera Margaret Baker,
 daughter of Brad & Marielle;
 and Morgan Marie Kraft,
 daughter of Michael & Robin,
 as these children are claimed by
 Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

Project Rachel: Do you know of someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over a past abortion? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with that pain. Project Rachel will offer three "Come to the Waters" healing retreats this fall: Saturday, September 6, October 18, or November 15. For more information and to register for the date of your choice, call 508-651-3100 or email: help@projectrachelboston.com. All information is held in strict confidence.

Walk in the Footsteps of Christ

Have you ever imagined travelling the roads and pathways that the Lord himself was known to have walked during His time on earth just over 2000 years ago?

Here's your chance! Fr. Frank Silva, Pastor of Newton's Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, will conduct a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 12-21, 2009. The trip will visit sacred sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, and numerous places in between. Mass will be offered daily at some of the most holy Christian sites in the world.

Cost for the trip including air fare, hotel, meals, and more is \$2,600. For additional information about the Holy Land Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Frank Silva at 617-244-0608 or email: fsilva@ccbparish.org.

ARISE Together in Christ

In the fall, our parish will launch the ARISE Together in Christ program for Achieving Renewal, Inspiration, Sharing and Evangelization.

In preparation for the launch, our ARISE Parish Team has developed the "5 for 10" series: 5 questions for 10 minutes of consideration and response. This week we focus on Achieving:

1. What are my life's goals and what am I trying to achieve?
2. In the "big picture", is what I am trying to achieve really important?
3. Does my faith life influence what I am trying to achieve?
4. What is a disciple of Jesus Christ trying to achieve?
5. Do I want to learn more about the ARISE process as a focus on achievement?

Next week's "5 for 10" questions will be on Renewal.



Recently a local man returned from Iraq after being wounded in battle. He spent several months in a rehab center and then came back to his hometown for a visit. His arrival brought out crowds of people and everyone was very proud of his service and his courage. His parents devoted themselves to his care, working day and night to help him heal. It was a tribute to unconditional love.

Crowds of people swarmed Jesus and they were anxious to see Him. He pities them and works constantly to cure the sick, proclaim the good news and teach them. He even feeds them all with a few loaves and a couple fish. His concern is more than an empty promise or pious thoughts. He puts into action God's love for His people.

God loves us unconditionally, without reservation and without end. Nothing can remove Him from our lives. Through Jesus, the obstacles of sin and death are destroyed and eternal life with God is possible. We are never abandoned or left alone. He invites us to hear Him in His Word, to see Him in His sacrament and to follow Him in His Church.

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