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Prayer Line

This is a phone network of people who pray for special intentions. Call 781-444-3434 and leave a message for whom or for what you would like prayers said.

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)

Mission Statement

Our Mission is:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of a community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments, especially daily and Sunday Eucharist, prayer groups, educational opportunities, retreats and other programs.
- To live Christ through active stewardship by encouraging and enabling each other to contribute our time, talent and means to help others and to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring together women, men, young and old to take joy in life and each other.

We implement our mission through many programs, and all that we do is intended to develop our faith community and help us to live Christ and the teachings of our Catholic faith.



Reflection on the Feast of the Assumption:

The Assumption is a sign of God's mercy being fulfilled. It is also a sign that our true home is with God.

How many of us have ever thought about writing our own magnificent...our own prayer of thanks to God? This would be a great witness to Him as there is great pain and sin in the world. Some people have lost their meaning in life or their awareness that God is the source of love and goodness. At times it almost seems like the way of the world is competition and fear.

We contrast this with the example of Mary who is a beacon of hope. She found joy in being chosen by God. This solemnity celebrates the great thing God has done for Mary. Mary made the total gift of herself to God. She is a powerful example for all of us to learn from. Mary experienced pain; but she took that pain to grow closer to God and experience refinement. In all things Mary draws us to her son Jesus.

Do we let our pain transform us into more compassionate people? Do we point people to the Lord as well? God desires for all of us to share in the same promised eternal life.

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Missions within the United States. This appeal helps strengthen the Catholic communities in mission dioceses by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Catholic Appeal: We are reminded that by virtue of our Baptism each of us is called to say "thank you" to God by the way we use our God-given gifts and talents to praise God. Thank you for all you do by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Presently, the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 70.9% of its goal. At St. Bartholomew Parish 180 households have pledged \$74,600 which is 82.9% of our goal. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Thank you.

Ministry Spotlight - Choir

When you sing, you pray twice!

As Catholics, our liturgies have music as a way to be engaged at a multitude of levels, physically, emotionally, poetically, verbally, and more. The beauty of music should inspire us to see God and our world as beautiful as well, a reminder of angels singing, the loftiness and grandeur of God in the most profound way. However, the music at Mass is never intended to be a "concert" to which we sit and listen, but an invitation to participate. Although our choir members are talented and gifted singers and musicians, singing at church is not just for those with a good voice!! Every member of the congregation is called to offer up a joyful noise to the Lord, not a perfect-pitch.

The choir leads the congregation in song as a way to praise God with the gift of musical ability He has given them.

Music speaks what words cannot, it invites and enables an affective response capturing the heights and depths of human experience. As Catholics, our human experience is inexorably bound up with Christ's life, death and resurrection – a mystery beyond words. The choir leads us to express this reality through song together, a symbol that we are gathered as the Body of Christ.

Liturgy should engage us to full, conscious, and active participation; as we bring our whole self to worship, praise, glorify, and pray to God. Throughout the Liturgical year we hear a variety of different music – some highlighting specific themes, but also the tone, speed, and pitch of the songs helps us enter into the appropriateness of the season.

At St. Bartholomew we have different elements to our music ministry: the adult choir, the youth choir and our cantors each provide a different perspective and a different avenue to enter into the richness of the Liturgy.

If you love to sing or express yourself through music, please speak to Marianne Germano, our Music Director to see where your gifts might add joy, beauty, and reverence to our Masses and special celebrations.

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



Saturday	August 14	4:00 pm	Dominic, Phyllis & John Marrone
Sunday	August 15	11:30 am	Margaret Buckley
Monday	August 16	9:00 am	Kathleen Kent
Tuesday	August 17	9:00 am	William Murphy
Sunday	August 22	8:00 am	The Dury & Langis Families

**St. Bartholomew Soccer
Fall/Spring 2010/2011 Registration:**

For 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls:
Applications will be available at
Town Hall beginning June 7.

More info online [www.stbartholomew-needham.org/
children_and_youth/sports](http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_and_youth/sports)
or call the St. Bart's Soccer hotline
with questions at 781-444-6559.

Volunteer Parent Coaches needed



July Collections

Offertory collections	\$14,411.90
ParishPay & Electronic banking	3,593.27
Total Offertory	\$18,005.17
Budgeted Offertory	\$20,000.00
Needed Offertory	\$24,000.00

* Actual vs budget \$ -1,994.83
**Actual vs needed \$ -5,994.83

*Budgeted income is a realistic expectation of income based on past giving trends.
**Needed income is what we actually need each month to cover the expenses of running the parish.

Special Collections

Central and Eastern Europe	\$ 1,526.71
Mission Collection for Propagation of the Faith	\$ 1,830.10
Black and Native Americans	\$ 3,579.89

Volunteer Office Help Needed: The parish secretary is not in the office on Thursdays. Presently we have volunteers who come in to answer the door and the telephone. At the present time we have 5 people, and would like to have more so they are not called upon too often. There are three shifts....one from 10:00 am to 12 Noon, one from 1:00-3:00 pm or another from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please call the parish office at 781-444-3434 if you are interested in volunteering.

Mass Offerings: Effective August 15th, all Mass offerings and Mass cards will be \$10. This is for announced and unannounced Masses.

Children and Youth

Religious Education Classes

Registration: Forms are available in the parish office, online, and at the back of the church. Please note at this point there is a late fee for registrations, This helps to cover the costs of extra shipping charges, increased book and resource rates.

As always, the fees help to cover the cost of the Program. If money is tight at this time, there are full or partial scholarships available with full confidentiality. Just let us know what we can do to make things easier.

Religious Education Classes start Monday, September 20th for all grades.

Children must be registered prior to the first day of class so that registrations can be processed and children assigned to a class before they can begin.

Classes for **Kindergarten – 6th grade** are held **Mondays 4:00 – 5:00pm**. Classes for **7th – 10th grade** are held every **OTHER Monday 7:00 – 8:30pm**.

- Generally children in Public/Secular schools begin Religious Education classes in Kindergarten and continue yearly through 10th grade to formally supplement the faith development you do already as a family at home as well as Mass.
- **Catholic School children entering 2nd grade** are preparing to receive First Penance and First Communion. They should register and attend classes throughout the school year 2010-2011.
- **Catholic School students entering 10th grade** should register, but students do not begin classes until January 2011 for Confirmation preparation.
- **A Pre-School drop-in program is offered during the K-6th grade session.** This program is free and does not require registration; but we do ask that a parent/adult stay with the child. Any child at least 3 years old is welcome to hear stories and do simple crafts to start to learn about God, our Church and holidays.

Catechists: A catechist is more than a teacher. They are individuals who share the joys and struggles of faith with children so they learn by example what it means to know, love and serve God in the day-to-day, and to look forward to joyfully being with Him in Eternity.

If you could squeeze in about 2 hours a week AND have an excitement to see kids get excited about God AND want to expand your own faith... You might be called to be a CATECHIST!

In order to run our programs safely and effectively we need several more catechists for this year. Please contact Maryellen Jennings (mej161@msn.com) regarding being a Catechist in the Kindergarten through 6th grade program or Melisa Hughes melisa-hughes@comcast.net regarding the 7th – 10th grade program. Resources and guidance will be provided.

*** We encourage students 17 years old and up, single people, families without children at home, as well as parents of current students to prayerfully consider assisting in the program ***

Altar Servers a fun, interesting and faith-filled ministry

Altar Servers are an essential ministry of the church. Assisting on the altar allows for a smooth and beautiful liturgy and offers an opportunity for children, teens and adults to see other aspects of the Mass. Altar Servers can be either boys or girls in at least 4th grade who have received First Penance and First Communion. As some of our "veteran" servers go off to college, we are looking for new Servers for all Masses. Training times will be announced in September.

Altar Server Celebration – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Tuesday August 24th 2:00pm at Kings Bowling in Dedham. Friends of Servers are welcome as well as anyone considering Serving this year. Please email to let us know you'll be there melisahughes@comcast.net

Altar Server Appreciation Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley Saturday October 2nd 2010 11:00am Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Mass will be followed by a "Make Your Own Sundae" Social with representatives from Religious Orders present. Register by calling the parish office to leave Servers' name and how many guests will attend.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE**Sharing: Time Talent Treasure**

HOW DO YOU MAKE GOD LAUGH? TELL HIM YOUR PLANS FOR TOMORROW

Silly as this question seems to be, it is extremely timely and important to comprehend now. God alone is in control and is the only One who knows the future. We 'know not our time' nor do we have any power to control the length of our time. Because we don't like to think about this, we rush forward making all kinds of plans and the never-ending To Do List. Summer is too rapidly coming to an end and so we are in the throes of September planning for back to school, our work life, social obligations, change of season clothing, etc.

How many times have we read or listened to others imploring us to live in the moment? The past is finished and unchangeable. The future, at best, uncertain and unknowable with no guarantees. The present moment is all we have. And how many present moments have we had this summer in which we never thought of God, prayed to Him, or thanked Him for all our blessings? God has made known His infinite love for us. We are incapable of such infinite love. And so He has said that "all we do for others, we do for Him". How many little or big things have we done for others recently? Have we even noticed the 'others'?

Stewardship is a 'way of life' as stated at the top of this message every week. Our Lord gave us everything with the request that we lovingly care for His gifts and return them in greater abundance by the end of our lives. This return on His investment is not something we should do or plan to do in the future. Maybe a Christmas gift? A Thanksgiving service? An Annual monetary gift? September 11th should be in our minds as we make all those Fall plans. That day 3,000 plus people got up, dressed, and left for their workday or other plans. 3,000 plus people never spoke again or came home to loved ones. Thousands and thousands of people's lives were turned upside down when 3,00 plus never came back. Not one of these people knew their day would end as it did. It certainly was not on anyone's To Do List. Planning is a necessary part of our lives; and it would be irresponsible to ignore. However, everyday is a present moment in which we should include our Lord and remember "today is the day that the Lord has made". Today I am your good steward. It is the most important, #1, item on my list of things I MUST do.

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

If anyone needs a ride to Mass or a home Communion visit, please contact me.

Change Shoes, Change Lives

Fundraising Walk-a-thon for the Walker School –
Sunday, Sept. 12th, Noon to 2:30pm

The 1st Annual Walk for Walker begins and ends at DeFazio Park, and follows a 3-mile loop through Needham Center. There is an alternate 1-mile route for those who require a shorter route.

"The Walker School provides special education and mental health services that improve the lives of children and families, while supporting the public schools and communities with professional expertise, advocacy, and leadership."

For more information on the Walker School or the Fundraiser, visit www.walkerschool.org

School Supplies

All children need adequate supplies in order to learn. As a parish, we will be collecting new school supplies for families for whom these yearly expenses are impossible throughout the month of August.

We are collecting supplies for children in Elementary, Middle and High School

Supplies may be dropped off at the table near the altar until Aug. 29th





**Time to register for ARISE Season 5!
We Are the Good News!**

*Only if you are new to Arise, it is not necessary to register if you are continuing with the same group

For the past two years we have been on a spiritual journey in which we were invited to ***ARISE Together in Christ.***

This is the last of the small group sessions

- In the first season of ***ARISE*** we were invited to encounter Jesus Christ in Scripture.
- In the second season of ***ARISE*** we recognized the need to change our hearts in ways to prepare for experiencing the Risen Lord at Easter.
- In the third season of ***ARISE*** we became disciples as we walked in the footsteps of Christ living lives of charity and justice.
- In the fourth season of ***ARISE***, we experienced a new heart and a new spirit as we explored the need for forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing.

We are now entering Season 5 of ***ARISE Together in Christ.*** During these next six sessions, we will discover that we are called to be Good News for other people. What does it mean to be Good News? The technical term for it is "evangelization," and it simply means bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ into every human situation.

**SIGN-UP WEEKENDS September 11th & 12th AND 18th & 19th after all Masses
Faith Sharing starts October 3, 2010**

