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WHO  
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*refuge*  
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HIM

*Psalm 34:9*

# St. Bartholomew Parish

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## Parish Staff

Fr. Philip E. Mc Gaugh, Pastor  
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Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades 7-10  
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## Weekend Celebrants

Fr. Hugh Lagen, S.M.A.  
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## Important Numbers & Addresses

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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.

## 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.



**Parish Prayer for the Retreat:** Each day at Mass we pray the parish prayer for the success of the parish retreat in October. There is also a prayer for individuals to pray at home each day. If per chance you visit someone who is not able to come to Mass, please bring them a prayer card, pray this prayer with them, and let them know they are important to us and please ask them to join us in praying for the success of the retreat. This retreat will prove to be a significant and grace-filled moment in the life of the parish. Thank you.

**Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed this Sunday, August 20th, at 12:30 pm following the 11:30 am Mass.

**Couples Club:** Anyone interested in forming a couples club is asked to speak with the pastor.

**Singles Club:** Anyone interested in forming a singles club is asked to speak with the pastor.

**Scripture Class** resumes in September with the study of the Acts of the Apostles. The class will be held at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. For those interested, please start reading the Acts of the Apostles.

**Second Collection:** There will be a second collection this weekend for the Home Missions. This collection allows Catholics to support and strengthen local communities of Catholics where they are few in number but have great needs. Part of this money is also used to in the Archdiocese of Military Services for Catholics who are serving our country in foreign military bases.

### Please Volunteer to Help for the Parish Retreat

Coming this fall: A Parish Retreat...Your help is really needed. The mission will be from October 14<sup>th</sup> to October 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful and significant spiritual event in the life of our parish. The fall will be here before we know it. If you would like to help, please speak to Fr. Phil or Sr. Julie as soon as possible.

**Special Collection:** At all the Masses next weekend there will be a second collection "Rebuild Church, Rebuild Hope." The monies donated will help assist the diocese of Biloxi and the Archdiocese of New Orleans as they seek to recover from the devastation brought on by Hurricane Katrina. The needs continue to be great. For more information you can log onto [www.rebuildchurch.org](http://www.rebuildchurch.org).

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** I hope all are praying for the success of our parish retreat. Today is a good time to think about how we approach and how we receive the Eucharist. Do we take time to offer thanks after the privilege of receiving the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament? Does receiving Jesus make a difference the rest of the week? If someone who did not believe was to question us about our beliefs in the Eucharist what would we say to him or her? Can others see how we are better people for receiving Jesus?

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

*Mass Intentions*

Saturday	Aug. 19	4:00 pm	Mary E. Burns and Rev. William Burns
Sunday	Aug. 20	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	John Schortmann Mary DeGeorge Joseph B. Sullivan—8th Anniversary
Monday	Aug. 21	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	Aug. 22	9:00 am	
Wednesday	Aug. 23	9:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's Church
Thursday	Aug. 24	9:00 am	
Friday	Aug. 25	9:00 am	
Saturday	Aug. 26	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	Aug. 27	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Amy Malzone Sarah & Edward Dowd

 *Collections*

**Weekend of Aug. 12-13**

Amount collected	\$4,227.34
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,772.66)

**Thank you for your support.**

*Scripture Readings*

**Week of August 20, 2006**

<b>20 SUN</b>	Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
<b>21 Mon</b>	Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
<b>22 Tue</b>	Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
<b>23 Wed</b>	Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16
<b>24 Thu</b>	Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
<b>25 Fri</b>	Ez 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40
<b>26 Sat</b>	Ez 43:1-7ab/ Mt 23:1-12
<b>27 SUN</b>	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 60-69

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

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise.." (Ephesians 5:15)

How many times have we "older folk" thought to ourselves or said to others, "Boy, I'd like to feel 25 again, but I wouldn't want to go back to that mind set again." Why? Because as we grow, we learn and enjoy the confidence of experience and the wisdom in living every new year. This is not to say that we have not made mistakes. With every year, however, wisdom becomes a more comfortable and exciting companion.

"Being a good steward is a wise and good way to live." Knowing enough to accept how vital God is to our existence; giving thanks for all our blessings with the realization that all our blessings are from God; and recognizing that we all are "partners" with God to continue His work on earth are some of the beliefs we have living in His stewardship. Wisdom hopefully has taught us that our lives begin and end with Him and not with I. This partnership should give us all great comfort knowing that we are never alone. Love and forgiveness abound from our God, who never turns away from us, no matter our blunders or our perceived earthly needs.

Give yourself a gift this summer. Read from the short Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament. It is "the source of eternal and temporal happiness." Or read the Psalms. Read our Lord's words and His story in the Bible. "... let us everywhere leave tokens of joy, for this is our portion, and this our lot." Wisdom 2:9

**Stewardship: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862**  
**e-mail: kreilly15@yahoo.com**

RETREAT: If you need a ride to any service or you wish to volunteer to assist before or during the Retreat, please call me.

## **Stewardship Reflection**

*Stewardship is a wise and good way to live. It is wisely recognizing that all we have comes from God. It is thanking God every day for all His blessings. It is recognizing that God has blessed us for a reason and He wants us to be partners with Him in His work here on earth.*

## **Fall Courses for Laity Starting on September 5th:**

The Master of Arts in Ministry Program is offering the following fall courses at St. John's Seminary in Brighton at Peterson Hall beginning September 5th:

### Tuesday evenings 5-7 pm

Foundational -Theology Rev. Paul Ritt

The Mass: How to Achieve Full, Active, and Conscious Participation - Rev. Brian Mahoney

### Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:30 pm

Faith & Reason - Rev. Christopher O'Connor

Ecclesiology - Rev. Philip Merdinger

### Thursday evenings 5-7 pm

Moral Theology - TBA

Marriage & Canon Law - Prof. Amy Strickland

### Thursday evenings 7:30-9:30 pm

Old Testament - Prof. Celia Sirois

### Wednesday evenings 6:00-8:00 pm

Satellite Course St. Anne Parish, Littleton, MA

Understanding Catholicism - Prof. Anthony Keaty

Registration forms can be obtained by going to [www.rcab.org](http://www.rcab.org)

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter:**

The first reading today tells us to "advance in the way of understanding..." A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a great continuing education for your marriage.

Upcoming dates are Sept. 15-17 and October 20-22. For more information call Dave & Karen Demers at 1-800-710-9963 or visit the webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).



**Summer Greetings!!** In preparation for this year's Religious Education program please note the following information:

- All classes will start on Monday, Sept. 18. Both afternoon and evening sessions will commence with an Opening Mass.
- Registration will continue until the start of classes; however, to facilitate the process we would appreciate having registrations turned in as soon as possible. Registration forms will be available at the back of the church and can be returned to the rectory or mailed to the Religious Ed office.
- We will be available after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 9-10 to answer questions and collect outstanding registrations.
- Schedules and policy information will be sent before classes to all families who have registered before Sunday, Sept. 10.
- We will be back in the office on Tuesday, Sept. 6.
- Teacher meetings will be held on Monday, Sept. 11: Grades K-6 at 4:00 pm and Grades 7-10 at 7:00 pm. New teachers are reminded that they must attend the CAP training as soon as possible. (The schedule for session dates can be found in the next column.)

We look forward to a productive, enjoyable, faith-filled year!

Peace to all,  
Elizabeth Healy  
Mary Ellen Jennings  
Religious Education Coordinators

“Walking with the Word”  
Prayer for Success of Our Mission

Dear God, My Creator and Savior,  
bless my parish as I open my heart  
and mind to hear Your word.

With Your love and guidance,  
help me to spiritually enrich  
my life with increased faith.

May Your grace help me  
to share Your word with all  
those I meet along the way.

Give courage and incentive  
to those who have never  
attended a mission to come.

Inspire our spiritual leaders with  
the words, the strength and the  
confidence to bring each of us to  
that road on which You walk.

Amen.

**Protecting God's Children**

**Workshops:** All people who wish to volunteer at St. Bartholomew Parish must take a PGC workshop (CAP). Dates for the fall are:

August 29th at 7:00pm  
September 10th at 1:00pm  
September 12th at 7:00pm  
September 19th at 7:00pm

The workshops will be held in the McCulloch Room in the school. Please call the rectory

## Fr. Francois: Update on the Jeep

The money donated to the SMA Jeep fund is a contribution to Fr. Francois' missionary work in Africa in very, very difficult areas. It will be used to honor the intentions of the donors. Fr. Francois is extremely grateful to the wonderful, generous, loving people of St. Bartholomew's Parish. As a token of his appreciation he will come soon to say a Mass at St. Bartholomew's for the intentions of these donors. He asks God to bless all who have contributed to this fund. Father hopes that next year he will be able to stay longer with us. To date we only have \$5115 towards the \$12,000- \$15,000 he needs. Please send whatever you can to "SMA Jeep", to St. Bartholomew's, 1180 Greendale Ave, Needham, MA 02492 as soon as possible. We need all contributions before Sept 1. Donations are tax deductible (checks are still being held, not deposited yet). Travel in Africa is extremely difficult and Fr. Francois has a huge territory including the Congo, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana, North Togo, and North Benin. Fr. Francois just arrived in the Boston area and is in Peabody for the next week or two.. He will visit with us before he returns to Africa around Labor Day Weekend. Call Ted at 781-449-4876 with any questions. Thank You.

**The Power of Prayer!** During our journey through life, we are called to live through days of loss and suffering. When our bodies hurt, we have recourse to medicine and vitamins. Our hurting hearts, however, can be healed through the mystery and power of prayer.

You are invited to come to a special retreat, Sept. 15-17, celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Sorrow at the Franciscan Center, Andover, MA. Keynote speaker is Johnnette Benkovic, author, mother, and TV and radio host. Last year, Johnnette lost her only son who, upon returning from a tour in Iraq, died in a car accident at 18 years of age.

Other speakers include Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, author of many works about Divine Mercy. This is sponsored by the National Apostolate of Prayers for Life in cooperation with Eternal Life Radio. For retreat information, call 781-391-1396 or log onto [www.eternalliferadio.org](http://www.eternalliferadio.org).

## Wisdom's Feast By Dr. Scott Hahn

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading. We must become like children (see Matthew 18:3-4) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness -- maybe even madness -- to believe that Jesus can give us His flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my flesh" and "my blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses, not the ordinary Greek word for eating, but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see 1 Corinthians 1:18-25). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His flesh is true food, His blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see Proverbs 9:10). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven -- in which God our savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see Isaiah 25:6-9).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

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