

Teach Us

TO COUNT OUR DAYS ARIGHT,

*That
We
May
Gain*



WISDOM OF HEART

Psalm 90:12

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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

What is the cost of discipleship? How do we throughout the day let people know what Jesus means to us? Discipleship is more than just denouncing possessions as it is all about finding true happiness in Jesus. Being a disciple means looking after those who have less than we do and encouraging everyone to do the best they can to build up the kingdom of God. This is more than giving up things; it is a way of life. Liturgy and prayer makes ultimate sense in terms of mutual concern for others modeled after the teachings of Jesus. It is important to remember that we do not walk alone and that Jesus calls each of us to greatness in the work of His kingdom.

Coming in September: The scripture course this fall will be Women in the Bible. This will include both the Old and New Testament and hopefully will help all of us have a new awareness of the many wonderful ways and the wonderful contributions that women have made in biblical times. Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 17th, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien Room at the Rectory. Recommended readings for the course include Women in the Old Testament by Irene Nowell and Women in the New Testament by Mary Ann Getty Sullivan. (If you are not able to get these books, do not worry).

2nd Collection This Weekend: There will be a second collection taken up at all the Masses this weekend for the Catholic University of America. This collection underwrites scholarships to help financially deserving students complete their education at Catholic University of America.

Renew Program: The Archdiocese will be implementing a diocesan wide program called Renew in September 2008. We will be looking for volunteers to help us bring this program to our parish. Please consider this in prayer. If you are interested, speak with the pastor or staff member or call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 79.3% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's 215 people have pledged \$ 83,083 which is 82.7% of our goal. It is hoped that we will reach our goal this year.

Change in Time for Confessions Next Saturday: Confession on Saturday, September 15th, will be from 3:00 to 3:30 pm.

New Seasons, New Goals: How is this coming academic and church year going to be used to enrich our lives and the lives of people around us? What new goals and interests do we plan to pursue at this time? This year as a parish I hope that one of our major concerns and desires is for all to work for renewal of Liturgy and Ministries with greater attendance and participation at Sunday Mass, the special Liturgical Services, and meetings of the various ministries. As always we are in need of more participation by more volunteers. Each of us needs to do our part.

St. Bartholomew's New Website: Be sure to visit the new website for our parish! It is absolutely fantastic!! Log onto www.stbartholomew-needham.org. There is all sorts of information that you should know about as the school year starts up and the parish comes out of "vacation mode".

Recommended Reading: Tender Mercies Prayers for Healing and Coping by Mary Peter Martin FSP, Pauline Books and Media, Boston, 2007.

Congratulations To:
Sarah J. Sharp,
daughter of Eric & Anne Marie,
as this child is claimed by Jesus Christ
in the Sacrament of Baptism
this weekend.

An illustration of a baptism font. It features a purple cross on top of a white garment, with blue water being poured from a yellow container into a blue font. There are green leaves on the right side.

Briarwood Outreach Program: Join members of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, Sept. 15th, from 2:00-3:00 pm at Briarwood Nursing Home. We will begin another season of celebrating the birthdays of those Briarwood residents born during the month by singing old songs and serving cake and punch. The residents really appreciate these visits. You can have fun while doing good. For more information, call Marty Cunniffe at 781-444-9033.

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

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | September 8 | 4:00 pm | Thomas, John and Anna Kiley |
| Sunday | September 9 | 8:00 am | |
| | | 9:45 am | Thomas Sampson |
| | | 11:30 am | The Gilchrist Family |
| Monday | September 10 | 9:00 am | |
| Tuesday | September 11 | 9:00 am | |
| Wednesday | September 12 | 9:00 am | |
| Thursday | September 13 | 9:00 am | |
| Friday | September 14 | 9:00 am | |
| Saturday | September 15 | 9:00 am | |
| Saturday | September 15 | 4:00 pm | Nellie Meehan |
| Sunday | September 16 | 8:00 am | The Sabo Family |
| | | 9:45 am | Artie & Mavis Chiappisi |
| | | 11:30 am | Elizabeth Harrington—Birthday Memorial |

Scripture Readings

- 9 Sun Wis 9:13-18; Phlm 9-10m 12-17; Lk 14:25-33
- 10 Mon Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11
- 11 Tue Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19
- 12 Wed Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
- 13 Thu Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
- 14 Fri Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- 15 Sat 1 Tm 1:15-17 (442)/Jn 19:25-27* or Lk 2:33-35*
- 16 Sun Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Collections

Weekend of September 1-2

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| Amount collected | \$4,614.00 |
| Amount needed | \$6,000.00 |
| Amount over/under | (\$1,386.00) |

Thank you for your stewardship.

Youth Choir: The St. Bartholomew Youth Choir program will be getting underway in the coming weeks. We are looking for anyone, from **3rd grade through age 19**, who likes to sing or would like to give it a try. We are also looking for any young person who would like to play an instrument for the group. The first rehearsal will be **Monday, Sept. 17th, from 5:00-5:45 pm** in the church (right after Rel. Ed. classes). We look forward to seeing returning Youth Choir members as well as some new faces! Youth Choir practices every week on Mondays at 5:00 pm, and we sing the 1st Sunday of each month at the 9:45 am Mass.

If you are interested, just come to the church on Sept. 17th, at 5:00 pm. If you have any questions, call Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177. We are looking forward to a great year!

Adult Choir: The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are always looking for new members.

All are welcome!!!

Amy's Book Club: The Book Club will begin on September 25th and every fourth Tuesday thereafter at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The summer reading assignment was for everyone to read books of their own choosing. Please bring to our first meeting the names of the books read that you feel other book club members will enjoy. We look forward to hearing about new authors and books that we might not have read and would make for good reading during the year. **We welcome new members!!!**

Summer Reading Club for Children

Amy's Book Club invited our children to join its summer reading group. We hope those who participated enjoyed the adventure! There will be a picnic for book club members and the summer readers at the rectory on **Sunday, October 14th, after the 11:30 Mass**. There will be a prize for everyone who participated!

Please call Debby at the parish office (781-444-3434) to sign up so we know how much food to buy.

Children and Youth

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

- Classes start Sept 17th for all grades
- **Class registration** – registration forms are available at the back of the church, in the rectory or from the parish website www.stbartholomew-needham.org. Live registration will take place after all Masses this weekend, **Sept 8th -9th**.
- We are in need of catechists for the **8th grade**. Please call Melisa or Maryellen in the Rectory. Without sufficient volunteers we will not be able to run an effective and efficient program!
- **Pediatricians, nurses, LICSWs, or childhood educators:** The Religious Education program is looking for parish professionals to assist with the presentation of our personal safety program. This requires only a limited time commitment, all training and materials are provided.
- **First Communion DVD update:** The DVDs have arrived! Those who ordered the DVDs may

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN will begin next Sunday, Sept. 16th, at the 9:45 am Mass.

TEEN MINISTRY

In addition to classes our parish has begun offering teen activities for all students in 6th grade and up but we are looking for ideas from Middle School and High School students:

1) Be a part of our YOUTH BOARD – anyone in 6th-12th grade – share your talents & ideas, and help make

2) DO SOMETHING –Join us at the Waltham Food Project Community Farm on **Saturday, Sept. 29th**, to help with the harvest and help those who are hungry. Be prepared to get dirty! Meet at St. Bart’s at 9:00 am to “caravan” to the farm, pickup at the farm at 12:30 pm. This is open to students 6th grade and up. Please register with Melisa at: melisamelnyk@comcast.net.

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

Those of us old enough to remember The Ed Sullivan Show or Milton Berle, probably also remember the late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and his half hour show. The Bishop was a brilliant, scholarly man, who pulled no punches when delivering spiritual wisdom in his own extraordinary dramatic manner. In a recent EWTN's rebroadcast of one of his shows, Bishop Sheen was speaking of the horror of evil in this world. His particular message at that moment included a passage from Macbeth regarding the evil plotting and execution of the murder. Bishop Sheen made a statement that was not meant to be a highlight, but rather an aside. He picked up the book to read the necessary passage for his message. He rarely needed to read as his brilliant mind usually committed his quotes to memory. Before reading the passage, he apologized for reading this quote by saying "I never commit to memory those things that are evil. I only keep those things that are good in my mind, never evil."

This simple statement given by a man of extraordinary brilliance should provoke a reexamination of our own thoughts and how much we pay attention to what we allow to take residence in our own minds. In the current world, the age of the media, we are inundated at every waking moment with various messages intended to grab our attention and stick in our minds. This effort has become an art and science of which we and our children are the targets. Unless we remain constantly vigilant, we are persuaded without even being aware of it. And this does not apply just to our commercial purchasing life. The newspapers, books, movies, TV, etc. often present a way of life or situational ethics in direct conflict with Catholic values. In today's readings, Christ asks us just how much are we willing to turn away from in order to be His disciple. "...Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." (Gospel according to Luke)

Pray! LORD.. Fill our thoughts with Catholic principles, values, and prayers, so that every day our minds expand with Your love and grace. Help increase our faith so that there is no room for secular clutter in our minds, but only the goodness of Your creation. Lord, we accept with gratitude that we are made in Your image and likeness. May we never desecrate this image with the evil that surrounds us all. Evil exists, but never in me. I am a Catholic and a disciple of Christ!

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

Social Club

The Social club welcomes members to our new season and invites others who may be interested in our group to join us at our first meeting. We will gather on **Wednesday, September 19, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall to be entertained by the New Bostonians. This group, which features men singing in four part harmony, has been popular for many years. We look forward to great entertainment and to great refreshments after the meeting.

This is also an opportunity to sign up for our trip on Friday, October 12th. We will go to Newport for a trip on the Islander Touring Train followed by lunch and time for shopping in Newport. Members will find full details in the recent mailing. Non-members may call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833 for information.



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 after all the Masses this weekend or at the rectory during the week 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. You also may purchase them by calling Jeanne D'Alleva at 781-400-5083 or email her at jeannedalleva@comcast.net

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. Come on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, as we welcome Bob Lesnfsky (aka Righteous B) 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 the website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area!

Protecting God's Children

This is a mandatory, one-time workshop for all staff and volunteers who work with children under the auspices of a parish in the Archdiocese of Boston.

We currently have four workshops scheduled for the fall: Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 1:00 pm; Tuesday, Sept. 11th, at 7:00 pm; Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 7:00 pm.

Please call Barbara Dury in the rectory at 781-444-3434 to register

St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Adult Faith

Formation: This Fall we invite you to join us as we grow in our Catholic faith, learning our Catholic Sacred Tradition and the deposit of faith found in Part I ("The Profession of Faith") in our new *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Fr. John Corapi, SOLT will be our instructor (on video) and Fr. Alfred McBride, O.Praem. will guide us as we use his book, "Essentials of the Faith". We meet every Monday evening in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's from 7:40-9:00 pm. to listen to Fr. Corapi and then share our faith in group discussion. The first session is Monday, Sept. 17. Registration fee is \$25, which covers the cost of Fr. McBride's book. Bring your own copy of the Catechism. Call Abe Heck at 781-444-53237 for information or to pre-register.

The St. Bartholomew/St. Joseph Parish Nurse Ministry is beginning another fruitful year!

The **Blood Pressure Clinic** is on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 9:30 am in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's.

The weekly **Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise Program** will resume on Thursday, Sept. 13th, in the Linse Room also. Take advantage of this gentle muscle strengthening program for men and women.

Volunteers make these programs and other services that our parish nurses provide happen! Additional leaders for our exercise program are needed. A fitness background is not necessary. Orientation and teaching support will be provided.

On **Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 7:00 pm** there will be a meeting of all interested health care professionals (nurses, social workers, etc.) in the Linse Room to consider joining our core volunteers for our special programs and home visits to the ill. We are looking forward to some new faces for an exchange of ideas and plans. If you have any questions, contact Julie Good-

A PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

sponsored by America Needs Fatima will be held on **Saturday, October 13, 2007** at the Needham Town Common from 12 Noon to 2:00 pm.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Make it a priority...mark your calendars.

Our Lady's call to conversion is for everyone. Public sins need public reparation. The Catholic faith is ridiculed in schools and culture. And, yes, Our Lady asked for prayer and penance. The Rosary is the prayer...standing in a public place is the penance.

If you are not familiar with Our Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima, please contact Patt Casey at 781-444-1166.



Catholic Daughters of America: There will be a meeting of the Court of Our Lady on **Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 7:00 pm** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Highland Ave. in Needham. We have a new State Regent this year, Joyce Ann Fleming. She would appreciate our support by bringing new members to our court. Let us start by having perfect attendance at this meeting.

Rodman Ride for Kids: On **Saturday, Sept. 29**, a Catholic Charities team of 20 riders will bicycle to support the Rodman Ride for Kids, which raises money for non-profit agencies that promote healthy, positive lives for children throughout Massachusetts. Money raised by these riders will benefit the programs and services for children offered by Catholic Charities throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

You can support Catholic Charities by making a check payable to the Rodman Ride for Kids, and mail it to Catholic Charities, 75 Kneeland Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02111. Donations may also be made online by visiting www.rodmanrideforkids.org. For more information about the Rodman Ride for Kids, contact Catholic Charities at 617-451-7958.

Counting the Cost by Dr. Scott Hahn

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us upfront the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds" - to "anyone," to "whoever" wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have - even our family ties and obligations - can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23-26, 57-62).

Jesus brings us the saving Wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world, could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on High, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus himself paid the price for to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction, no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed, given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him - no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak of His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart, taught us to number our days aright.

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