



*He has done
all things well.*

Mark 7:37

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.

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.



Welcome Back!! We welcome back all who have been away for the summer. Next Sunday at 11:30 A.M. we will have a special Mass followed by a cook-out. As has been the custom I will be speaking at all the Masses next weekend about the state of the parish. I hope that this will be a year full of blessings for all of us.

Parish Prayer for the Retreat: Each day at Mass we pray the parish prayer for the success of the parish retreat in October. This retreat will prove to be a significant and grace-filled moment in the life of the parish. Thank you.

Scripture Class resumes on Monday, September 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles which you should begin reading. Learning about what it was like in the early Church will help us to appreciate all that we have as a parish. Important questions to reflect on include: What does praying to the Holy Spirit do? What are some of the connections and similarities between the early Old Testament books and the Act of the Apostles?

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's gospel we see that Jesus had remarkable common sense. Jesus knew that Good News traveled fast and that the man he helped to hear and speak would not be quiet very long. The tale of Jesus' miracle would spread way beyond the ten cities. Do we hear and speak about the message of the Gospel and the way that we experience Jesus' love for people? We should be grateful and like Jesus help others in all kinds of ways. As the school year begins and the hectic pace of the fall will be soon upon us I hope we can stay hopeful in

Please Volunteer to Help for the Parish Retreat

We have begun to prepare for the parish retreat and help is really needed. The retreat will be from October 14th to October 19th. Please mark your calendars for this.

We thank those who have already volunteered to help with the Parish Retreat in October. You will hear from Fr. Phil or Sr. Julie in mid September. We are still in need of more people to assist with this big undertaking. A large number of volunteers is needed to bring something like this retreat to fruition.

We need you!! Please call!!

Second Collection: This weekend at all the Masses there will be a second collection for the Catholic University of America. This very fine Catholic institute of higher education is known for its areas of research as well as education in issues of social justice and the poor to mention two areas. If you are able to help, thank you.

Protecting God's Children

Workshops: All people who wish to volunteer at St. Bartholomew Parish as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir members, Soccer coaches, etc. must take a PGC workshop (CAP) if you haven't already done so. Dates for the fall are:

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

The workshops will be held in the McCulloch Room in the school. Please call the rectory to register at 781-444-3434.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 9	4:00 pm	The Harrington & McCarthy Families
Sunday	September 10	8:00 am	Sally & Jack Deegan
		9:45 am	Mavis Chiappisi
		11:30 am	James Shaughnessy—USMC Active Duty in Iraq
Monday	September 11	9:00 am	For All the Victims of 9/11-Both Living & Deceased
Tuesday	September 12	9:00 am	Rose DeMaio
Wednesday	September 13	9:00 am	Anna Silvestri
Thursday	September 14	9:00 am	
Friday	September 15	9:00 am	Artie Chiappisi
Saturday	September 16	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 16	4:00 pm	Jeanne Dawson
Sunday	September 17	8:00 am	Mary DeGeorge
		9:45 am	Opening Mass for the New Season

Scripture Readings

Week of September 10, 2006

- 10 **Sun** Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
- 11 **Mon** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
- 12 **Tue** 1 Cor 6:1-11/ Lk 6:12-19
- 13 **Wed** 1 Cor 7:25-31/ Lk 6:20-26
- 14 **Thu** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- 15 **Fri** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 (441)/
Jn 19:25-27* or Lk 2:33-35
- 16 **Sat** 1 Cor 10:14-22/ Lk 6:43-49
- 17 **Sun** Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

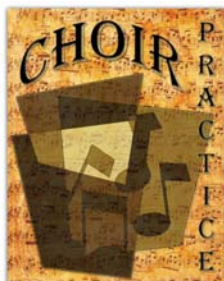
G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The Prayer Group resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 am in the O'Brien room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. We are most eager to have new members join us. This special time enables us to stop...listen...and grow closer to the Lord. It can be wonderful food for the soul!

AMY'S BOOK CLUB

Amy's Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 26, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed will be "Mountain Beyond Mountain" by Tracy Kidder. We welcome new members!

Youth Choir

The St. Bartholomew Youth Choir will have its first rehearsal of the season on Monday, Sept. 18th, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church (right after Rel. Ed. classes). Any young person from third grade through high school age is welcome! If you have any questions, call Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177. We are looking forward to a great year!!



Collections

Weekend of Sept. 2-3

Amount collected	\$4,457.50
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$1,542.50)

Thank you for your stewardship.



Religious Ed.

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.
- Schedules and policy information will be sent before classes to all families who have registered before Sunday, Sept. 10.
- 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

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Social Club: The Social Club welcomes members back and invites others to join us for the new season. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. A singing group, The Golden Tones, will present a program of familiar songs for our enjoyment. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Our fall trip is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 28. We will have a three hour cruise aboard the Mt. Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee while we enjoy a buffet lunch and musical entertainment. Please refer to your mailing or call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833 for details.

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

For many Labor Day is the time of renewed beginnings. The lazy, hazy days of summer are over and now it is time to get back to our real world. But what exactly is our real world? Is it just a time to return to our over scheduled lives?

In today's Gospel Jesus works another miracle making the deaf hear and also speak clearly. And then He says, "Don't tell anyone." Why would He ask that? Certainly He knows human nature better than anyone else. Who could keep witnessing such a miracle to themselves? "Jesus, therefore, commands silence in order that the healing can be kept in perspective: the focus isn't on the miracle, but that God comes to save."

As we begin this new season, let us put our lives and our relationship with God into perspective. Last week we were reminded that Jesus called the Pharisees and scribes "hypocrites" for keeping external observances and external conformity a way of life while their hearts were far from righteousness. Rather, the real work of life should be in the developing of our unique relationship with God. Keeping God's laws always directs us to this end. Stewardship!

"Let everything you do or say be in the name of the Lord with thanksgiving to God." Colossians 3:17
WELCOME BACK!

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

RETREAT: If you need a ride to any service, please call.



Congratulations To: Ryan Neil Barrett, son of John and Amy; and Vivian Ray Krawiecki, daughter of James and Belinda, as these children are claimed by Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

All Things Well *By Dr. Scott Hahn*

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading - that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (*mogilalon* = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible - in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater -- that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

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What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1-5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, Here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

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Our Parish Retreat Logo - Walking With the Word

- The open book, a Bible, represents the Word.
- The people in the book represent us. By our Baptism we are called to be people of the Word.
- The road represents our journey in and to the Word.

Help bring life and color to our Logo! This retreat is an important event in the life of our parish and we look forward to the participation of all our parishioners. In this spirit of participation we are sponsoring a **Logo Coloring Contest** for all children up to and including those in grade 5. (The picture to be colored is on page 7 of this bulletin.) Some of these colored logos will be selected for use in our retreat advertising and materials. All participants will receive recognition for their efforts. Entries must be brought or mailed to the rectory **on or before September 12th**. Thank you.

