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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
UNITED STATES CONFERENCE
OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

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 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The readings today show us that it is always God's intention to provide the best for all people and He is always working to bring us back to Him. When we sin or do something dumb God is always there to welcome us back. Great spiritual joy follows repentance.

Catechetical Sunday: Today is Catechetical Sunday and we salute and offer thanks to God in a special way for Melisa Hughes and Maryellen Jennings, our co-coordinators, and all of our wonderful teachers in the Religious Education Program. Please pray for each of them that God will richly bless them and the students this year. Classes begin tomorrow.

Parish Picnic: Many people have been working behind the scenes to insure that our parish picnic will be a lot of fun and a success. As a parish that seeks to follow His will and be socially active we are off to a good start for the season. Our thanks to all the people who volunteered to help on the picnic.

A Word of Thanks to all who very quietly year after year work on the soccer program so that our young people may have a chance to appreciate and experience soccer from a young age. This is and has been a very well run program that requires a great deal of time on the part of many. Thank you.

Women in the Bible will include both the 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).

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.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 79.5% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's 216 people have pledged \$84,083 which is 83.7% of our goal. We are now within \$16,500 of our parish goal. The needs of our poor brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese are great. I hope that we can reach our goal this year. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. If you have not made a pledge please prayerfully consider the needs of the poor.

Respect Life Sunday: Massachusetts Citizens for Life is sponsoring the 2007 Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children on **Sunday, Oct. 7th**. The walk will begin at 2:00 pm with registration and Pre-Walk celebrations at 1:00 pm at the Boston Common Bandstand, corner of Tremont and Boylston Sts. (This is a new starting location.)

Volunteer Family: This request was given to me on Monday of this past week. A student from Olin College here in Needham is looking for a Catholic host family this fall. Any family interested in hosting a student or is looking for more information is asked to contact the pastor immediately.

Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets: It has been called to my attention that for a second time the list of volunteers to help at the parish picnic was taken from the Church. This means that some of the people who so kindly offered to help on the picnic will not be called. We regret this as the generous assistance of volunteers is so much needed.

Just a Reminder: People wishing to leave publications or literature of any type in the Church must have the permission of the pastor. Without this permission anything left will be disposed of.

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.

Recommended Reading: [Mother Teresa Come Be My Light](#) by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C. Doubleday, New York 2007.

[Jesus, the Apostles and the Early Church](#) by Pope Benedict XVI, Ignatius Press, San Francisco 2007.

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

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	September 17	9:00 am	Eugene Hurley—Birthday Memorial
Tuesday	September 18	9:00 am	The Gilchrist Family
Wednesday	September 19	9:00 am	Grace Ryan
Thursday	September 20	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Friday	September 21	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 22	9:00 am	
Saturday	September 22	4:00 pm	James O'Shea—6th Anniversary
Sunday	September 23	8:00 am	Edith Campbell
		9:45 am	Special Intention
		11:30 am	Stewardship Appreciation

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 8-9	
Amount collected	\$5,866.46
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 133.54)
Catholic University	
Amount collected	\$1,553.25
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 Monday Sept 17th for all grades
 4 pm for grades K-6; 7 pm for grades 7-10
 All students meet in the Church.

- **Class registration** – registration forms are available at the back of the church, in the rectory or from the parish website www.stbartholomew-needham.org
- **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.
- **Pre-School Story Hour** – starting **Sept 24th** during the afternoon session of Religious Education classes (4-5 pm) we will be holding a cooperative story hour for families with children younger than Kindergarten held in the O'Brien Room of the rectory. Registration is not required; however a parent is asked to remain for the story time.

ACTIVITIES

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** – starts this weekend during the 9:45 Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program for children to hear and reflect on the readings and Gospel at an age appropriate level. Children are dismissed from Mass following the opening prayer and return at the Prayers of the Faithful. No registration necessary, all are welcome.
- **Altar Servers** – Being an altar server is a wonderful experience of Mass and service in our parish, open to all in grade 4 and up. New altar server registration forms available in the back of the Church, training will take place before the end of September.
- **Rosary Workshop** – Ever wondered how to say the rosary? Come find out! In preparation for the rosary rally, instruction available **Sunday Sept 30th** following the 8:00 am, 9:45 am (with special rosary activities for children in the McCulloch Room) and 11:30 am Masses. Open to all ages, especially families with children.

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 things happen that are fun, interesting, and different!
- 2) CYO Basketball** – we are offering boys and girls teams from 5th grade through 12th grade. Registration forms are available in the back of the Church
- 3) Service Opportunity** –join us at the Food Project Community Farm **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 9:00am to "caravan" to the farm, pick up at the farm at 12:30pm. Open to all students 6th grade and up. Please register with Melisa melisahughes@comcast.net or 781-444-4343 ahead of time.



World Youth Day is a gathering of thousands of teens & young adults (16 yrs +) from all over the world to celebrate our Catholic faith with Pope Benedict XVI July 15- 20, 2008, in **Sydney, Australia**. For information regarding participation please contact Melisa Hughes at 781-444-4343 or melisahughes@comcast.net

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will begin the year on **Wednesday, September 26, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The format is simple: a short social followed by prayer and reflection. For those who have never been to the Prayer Group, we invite you to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord, to grow in your spirituality. Try it...you'll be glad you did.

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 two more workshops scheduled for the fall: **Tuesday, Sept. 18th, at 7:00 pm; and Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, at 7:00 pm**. The workshops will take place in the McCulloch Room in the school. Please call Barbara Dury in the rectory at 781-444-3434 to register.

PRAY for Conversion of America and World Peace

We invite family and friends to join together for the **Public Rosary Rally** to be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007 on the Needham Town Common from 12:00 pm—2:00 pm

Each one of us has an obligation as a Catholic to further the cause of Conversion and Peace in the world. PRAYER AND ACTION is the way! The recitation of a public Rosary combines both to form a most powerful weapon against the evils of today's world. The presentation of the Mysteries as proclaimed before each decade of the Rosary unites us with Christ in His journey of love—from His conception in the womb of Mary to His Glorious Ascension into heaven.

We must act now, as good Christians and citizens, to demonstrate our faith in God and Country. Mary leads us to Jesus, and Jesus listens to Mary as He did at Cana, His first public miracle.

**Please make the commitment now to attend.
Mark your calendars for October 13th.**

Boston Catholic TV Telethon: Catholic TV in Boston belongs to all of us and needs our support. It is reaching people in this great archdiocese and in other dioceses that have never been reached before. The faithful and regular viewership grows each day. Many of those channel surfers who stop for a brief moment end up staying with them. The reason that they stay is because Catholic TV speaks to them about their life with God in Christ Jesus.

During last year's telethon they received over 5,250 calls and raised more than \$238,000 in two days. This might seem like an exorbitant amount of money, but they have to keep in mind that their annual budget is in excess of \$3.1 million. The upcoming telethon will be the sixteenth.

**It will be held on Friday and Saturday,
September 28th and 29th, 2007
From 9:00 am to 9:00 pm each day.**

Obviously, the money raised is essential. Perhaps even more important are the phone calls themselves. They have to prove to the cable companies that they can deliver an audience and the number of people who call help them to do just that.

So tune in and call to help support this very important work of the Church.

Project Rachel

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for women will be held by the Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston on: the weekend of October 19-21 or a one-day retreat on Saturday, November 10. If you or a loved one are seeking a life-changing experience of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation from post-abortion pain, call Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 for information about the retreat and other services. All calls are confidential.

***Trust in the tender embrace of God's
mercy and love.***

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.

