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October 1, 2006



Caitlin Beranger Age 10

Let us embrace the Word



Abigail Beranger Age 4

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Bartholomew Parish

1180 Greendale Ave.
Needham, MA 02492
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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 7:30 pm in
St. Joseph's Lower Church.
Benediction is at 7:30 pm.

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.



Please come to our parish Retreat the week of October 15th Monday through Thursday.

What is a retreat? No person can go full speed all the time without taking time to recharge. Retreats are a time to put our priorities in life in perspective. A retreat is time to return to the basics to recharge our spiritual lives. Every aspect of our lives is enriched by a spiritual retreat. A retreat is a time to come, take part in and let God work His miracles in life.

Couples Club: If anyone is interested in forming a Couples Club, please contact Fr. Phil.

Communication & Publicity Committee: If anyone is interested in joining this committee, please contact Fr. Phil. He will also be calling people to join.

Catholic Appeal: 34 Parishes have already exceeded their goals. We are presently at 79% of our goal with 210 donors having pledged \$86,935. Thank you. If you have not already given a pledge, I would appreciate it if you would consider helping if you are able. The needs of the poor of this Archdiocese are great. Thank you.

Is there a desire? Is there an interest as a parish to attend "A Dancer's Christmas at the Robsham Theatre Arts Center at Boston College on either the weekend of December 8th or 17th? Please speak to Fr. Phil if interested.

Scripture Class will be held this Monday, October 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. Please read chapters 5-8 in the Acts of the Apostles. Important questions to reflect on include: What does it mean to be called to repentance? What are some different forms of healing? How can the Holy Spirit renew parish life? Could we cheerfully suffer for Christ? What challenges of faith do we experience today? Please come even if you have never come before.

St. Andrew Dinner: The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Boston is sponsoring a dinner with Cardinal Sean on Wednesday November 8, 2006 from 5:30P.M. to 8P.M. at St. John's Seminary. This dinner is for high school young men who might be considering a vocation to the priesthood. The event is casual and provides an opportunity for conversation with Cardinal Sean. Any young man interested is asked to contact Fr. Phil.

Parish Retreat Requests

Video Help: We are in need of video help and equipment to tape the parish retreat. Anyone able to help in either way is asked to speak with Sr. Julie or Fr. Phil. The mission will be from October 14th to October 19th. Thank you.

Drivers: We also need drivers for those who need rides to the retreat services. If you are willing to be of such service, please call Mrs. Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862. Thank you.

Please continue to pray for the success of the parish retreat.

Please read the accompanying letter on Page 7 from the Retreat Committee.

It is the mission of people who know what
the love of God means to save the lives of our
brothers and sisters in need
by love, education, and prayer.
In God we place our trust.

Darfur Concerns: I call your attention that according to save Darfur.org page since 2003 the Sudanese government sponsored genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan has killed over 400,000 people and has forced another 2.5 million people to leave their homes. Other heinous atrocities have happened there as well. The Save Darfur Coalition now comprises 175 human rights, humanitarian and faith-based organizations united in trying to stop the ongoing genocide in Darfur,

Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Lord Jesus heals people every day and He forgives us when we come to him sorry for our sins. The readings today are all about giving our lives to Jesus in serving others which includes letting all know of the importance of repentance and forgiveness of sin. What do our desires reveal about our relationships with others and with Jesus?

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 30	4:00 pm	John Mahoney and Charles & Ruth Brady
Sunday	October 1	8:00 am	The Parishioners of St. Bartholomew Church
		9:45 am	Karen Wright—10th Anniversary
		11:30 am	Dr. Francis Creedon
Monday	October 2	9:00 am	Irene Siedlecki
Tuesday	October 3	9:00 am	Anthony San Martino
Wednesday	October 4	9:00 am	For the Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	October 5	9:00 am	Edward J. Cavan
Friday	October 6	9:00 am	Marie Guenveur
Saturday	October 7	9:00 am	
Saturday	October 7	4:00 pm	Eugene Egan
Sunday	October 8	8:00 am	Anthony Morganti
		9:45 am	Anthony Morganti
		11:30 am	Enrico DeSimone

Scripture Readings

Week of October 1, 2006

- 1 **Sun** Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- 2 **Mon** Jb 1:6-22 (455)/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- 3 **Tue** Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/ Lk 9:51-56
- 4 **Wed** Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/ Lk 9:57-62
- 5 **Thu** Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12
- 6 **Fri** Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/ Lk 10:13-16
- 7 **Sat** Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/ Lk 10:17-24
- 8 **Sun** Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 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

The next gathering of Amy's Book Club will be on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 12:30 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed will be announced in next week's bulletin. We welcome new members!

Youth Choir:
The next rehearsal for the St. Bart's Youth Choir will be this coming Monday, Oct. 2, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church. It is not too late to join! Any young person in the parish grade 3 through high school is welcome!

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

 *Collections*

Weekend of Sept. 23-24

Amount collected	\$5,637.90
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 362.10)

Thank you for your stewardship.



Classes: Because Needham Public Schools will be closed on the following two Mondays (Oct. 2nd and Oct. 9th), there will be no Religious Ed. classes in either the afternoon or evening programs until Monday, Oct. 16th.

In the meantime, here's a prayer for our afternoon students to say with their families:

*"Jesus, when you were a child like me,
You learned a lot from your family.
You learned God's laws.
You learned how to pray.
And you learned to help others in loving ways.
Help me to be a lot like you by what I say, by what I do."*

And here's one for the older students"

*"Dear God,
You have a great and loving plan for our world and for me. I wish to share in that plan fully, faithfully, and joyfully. Help me to understand what it is you wish me to do with my life. Help me to be attentive to the signs that you give me about preparing for the future. And once I have heard and understood your call, give me the strength and the grace to follow it with generosity and love. Amen."*

We look forward to seeing you on the 16th!

Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings
Religious Education Coordinators

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Sun., Oct. 1	Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening-following the 8 & 9:45 am Masses
Sun., Oct. 1	Baptisms-12:30 pm
Mon., Oct. 2	Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Rm
Tues., Oct. 3	Parish Pastoral Council-7 pm
Wed., Oct. 4	Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm

The Social Club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 2:30 pm in Ward Hall. Our speaker will be David Muise who has worked in radio broadcasting for forty years. His program, "The Golden Age of Radio," includes a brief history of radio with memorabilia such as crystal sets. We will hear recordings of well-remembered programs including mysteries and soap operas. Finally, he will recreate a "live" radio broadcast. Refreshments will be served after the program. Members and guests are invited to attend.

A Night at the Movies: Please join with us for Movie Night at St. Bart's!! On Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 pm in the McCulloch Room in the school we will be showing the wonderful movie "The March of the Penguins." From all that we have heard it is a "must see." There will be popcorn and soda, too! We're hoping this will become a regular occurrence—so if you have any recommendations, give us a call at the rectory.

Help Needed: A parishioner is in need of an LPN to work part-time. If you or someone you might know is looking for this type of work, please call Fr. Phil or Debby at the rectory.

BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 2nd, from 2:00-7:00 pm will be jointly sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Sebastian's School. This year the St. Bartholomew Social Club has volunteered to conduct the blood drive by making phone calls to perspective donors and providing the volunteer staff at the bloodmobile. We call attention to our loyal blood donors that there has to be 56 days between blood donations. Therefore, anyone who donates blood after September 8 cannot donate at the Nov. 2nd Bloodmobile.



Retreat Remembrance Basket

Please notice in front of the altar is a basket into which we invite you to put in your petitions, prayers, remembrances that will become part of our retreat experience. We will all pray for those spiritual expressions that have been requested. The basket will remain until the retreat is over.

International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

We are pleased to announce that the International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting St. Bartholomew's Church on Monday, October 9, from 7:00-10:00 pm. We will start with Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Here is a very appropriate way to pray for greater respect for life and for the success of our upcoming parish retreat. Please pray for these intentions.

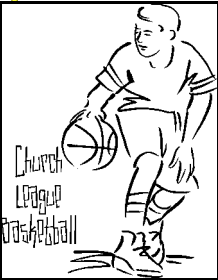
STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

THE ELECTIONS; TIS THE SEASON

The ads have begun. The newspaper articles, and magazines and debates will occupy our time and thoughts. Exactly how much of our time is an interesting question to ponder. The promises made by previously elected officials in office seeking another term will be challenged and dismissed by the opposition as opportunities never delivered. If we are responsible citizens, we will listen and try to sift out what is truth and what is campaign talk before we vote. We should take the process seriously and act accordingly because the outcome and the people elected will influence how we live.



CYO Basketball: Sign-up for CYO basketball continue this week. Applications can be picked up at the entrances of the church and at the rectory. To have an application mailed to you or if you have any questions, please call Barbara Dury at the rectory 781-444-3434. You can also register in the cafeteria of the school on Sunday, October 1, from 9:00 - 11:00AM. The deadline for applications is Oct. 2nd. We need to submit the number of teams we are fielding this season on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.



Thanks and Go St. Bart's!



Interestingly enough, the greatest influence on our lives is rarely given the same time, thought, and responsible action-GOD. What are His promises? What has been His influence on our lives? on our family? on the world? Would you work on His campaign? And if you would work on His campaign, what would you do? That opportunity is there for us every waking moment of our lives. Not only do we have an opportunity to work in His name, but we too can influence the lives of all those around us every day. For example, take Martin Cunniffe. He quietly spends untold hours caring for our parish garden in Mary's honor. Its beauty has given great comfort to those who walk its paths. Or maybe we should also notice and thank our choir who give of their time to add to the spirituality of our services. Or how about the many Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, who give of their time repeatedly. Or how about the parishioners who go to the homes (private, nursing, assisted living) of those who can not get out and give them communion, a smile, or just reassurance that someone remembers them. God's campaign workers are legion. Some we know. Some we don't. This is one campaign you cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and be an observer. Teach your children to be activists. If all you can do is pray, do it.

THE WORLD NEEDS US! STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE!

Procedures for Entrance to Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston:

The Placement test for all Catholic High Schools will be administered on Saturday, November 18, and again on Saturday, December 9. For registration forms and



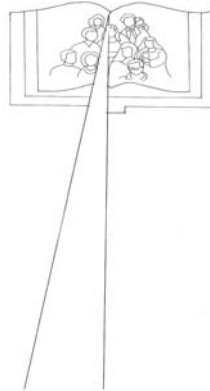
information on test locations, contact your local Catholic High School, or the Catholic School Office at 617-298-6555. Catholic education is a key to success.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam

Nationally, more than 90% of Catholic high school graduates go on to college and students learn Catholic morals, values and discipline to help succeed in life.

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

(If you need a ride to any service, please call Kathy at the above phone number.)



Are you in a rut; emotionally, physically, spiritually? Do you find yourself doing the same old things day in and day out? Do you long for a change, an escape, from the ordinary sameness of life? Do you feel a need for refreshment and renewal? Do you sometimes find yourself crying out from the depth of your heart “ Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief”?

Can you refuse a dare? We hope not! Before you hunker down for the long, cold, dark, stress-filled winter season, we dare you to do something different. We dare you to let God enter into your life in a new way. Have you ever been on a retreat? If your answer is yes, you already know what we are talking about. We know you will be there if you can!. If your answer is no, we invite you to come to the Parish Retreat and allow yourself to be refreshed and renewed at the very center of your being by God’s sustaining and unconditional love for you..

What is a retreat? The dictionary defines the word retreat as “ the act of withdrawing into safety or stillness; A safe, secluded place; a refuge.” The Parish Retreat is just that, a opportunity to leave your daily trials, frustrations and tribulations at home if only for an hour or two, and allow your relationship with God to be transformed..

So today, we extend to you this invitation to let God enter into your very being. In our busyness we all allow ourselves to be distracted by the daily, routine, but very real demands that are made upon us. We tend to push our relationship with God out to the fringes of our life. In doing that, do we realize that we are cutting ourselves off from the most basic and essential need that we have? Yes , we might say our morning and night prayers; maybe even grace at meals or perhaps the rosary; but do we allow God and His love for us to enter into our very being ? Whether we recognize it or not, the purpose of our journey of life is to bring us to God and it is in our relationship with Him that all our needs and desires will be met.

The two preachers who are coming to give our retreat are nationally known as dynamic and entertaining preachers who will, if given the chance, enliven our faith; provide a spark to lift our spirits; remind us to count our blessings and enable us to truly make a difference in our own lives and the lives of others.

Take a few minutes to look inside yourself and answer these two questions?

- Would you answer God’s call if you knew it was God that was calling?
- If you knew that Jesus, yes **that** Jesus- the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, was going to speak in person at St. Bartholomew’s, would you make the effort to come?

Yes, we dare you! We dare you to accept God’s love; to open yourself to hearing God’s call; to listen to God speak to you in the very Word He gave us!

**Come to the Parish Retreat
“Walking with the Word”
October 16 – 19, 2006
9:00am Mass and 7:00pm Service**

The Parish Retreat Committee