

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.

Mark 10:14-15 (NAB)

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 7:30 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 for what you would like prayers said.



Reflection on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today is Pro-Life Sunday. Every human being is made in the image and likeness of the Trinitarian God and destined for a full and happy life because of God's covenant. The readings talk about the covenant that God established with His people and the sacredness of marriage. We are responsible for the sacredness of relationship because God made us to be this way in His image. This includes the welcoming of children into life, but it does not stop there. This involves issues around the covenant and all of life.

What are God's ways of love and how do we stick with them? At times all of us can feel stressed or overwhelmed with life—whether it be the single life, religious life or the married life. As members of society all of us are called to a stewardship of life and God's plan for salvation and mission. This means we live a way of life marked by thankfulness, responsibility, generosity, and a genuine attitude of gratitude for all of God's blessings on us.

Everyone has to do something for pro-life. This starts with prayer and the recognition that all things are possible for God. This means we pray for those who are having trouble in their lives. This means that we take our commitments to the neediest seriously. We are to act in the best interests of these people. This means that we hold onto the ideals that God intends for us. How do you see them?

Bible Classes will meet on **Monday, Oct. 5th, at 10 am and 7 pm** in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. Presently we are continuing our studies on the Letters of St. Paul. Please read St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. These classes prove to be fun and exciting. New people are always welcome! Please join us!

Involvement in the Parish: Last week in the state of the parish homily I spoke about the need for many more volunteers. If you are interested in any particular area of parish life, please contact the rectory of a parish staff person. The brightness of the future of this parish depends on the willingness of each of us to help others and plan for the future.

Extra Confessions will be heard after all the Masses **next Sunday, Oct. 11th.**

Thank You to everyone who worked on the parish picnic last weekend and in particular to the members of the Knights of Columbus who so willingly volunteer their time year after year. Thank you one and all!

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 78.9% of its goal of \$15,000,000. Our parish has contributed \$82,074, which is 91.2% of our goal of \$90,000. Thank you!

October—the Month of Mary: During this month of Mary, please consider joining us for the 9:00 am daily Mass Monday through Saturday followed by the praying of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (except on the days when there is a funeral at 10:00 am).

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together™

Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, first said "The family that prays together stays together" more than 60 years ago. That's still true today! Father Peyton believed in families and encouraged them to pray the Rosary daily. He understood that faith is important in helping brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers to grow together and remain strong. So for the 100th anniversary of Father Peyton's birth, we are honoring his memory with this theme for the Try Prayer! It Works! Contest. How does your family pray together? What do you pray for? How often do you pray together? Do you pray the Rosary as a family? If so, how does that strengthen your family?

Open to Grades K-12
\$100 US for each First Place winner
\$200 US to sponsor of each First Place winner

For an application please visit our website at
www.hcfm.org
or call us at 1-800-299-7729.

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Mass Intentions

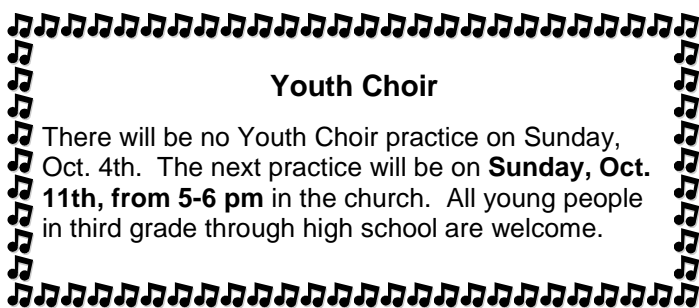
Saturday	Oct. 3	4:00 pm	Intention of Christine & Wladimir Petruniw's 13th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday	Oct. 4	8:00 am	Francis McManus
		9:45 am	William & Norah Irwin
		11:30 am	Deceased Members of the O'Connell Family
Monday	Oct. 5	9:00 am	
Tuesday	Oct. 6	9:00 am	
Wednesday	Oct. 7	9:00 am	
Thursday	Oct. 8	9:00 am	Anthony Morganti
Friday	Oct. 9	9:00 am	
Saturday	Oct. 10	9:00 am	Meaghan & Shauna Murphy
Saturday	Oct. 10	4:00 pm	Dr. Francis Creedon
Sunday	Oct. 11	8:00 am	The Scheidler Family
		9:45 am	Joseph & Margaret Lyons
		11:30 am	The Members of St. Bartholomew's Church



Weekend of Sept. 26-27

Amount collected: \$4,477.58
 Amount needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under: (\$1,522.42)

Thank you!



Youth Choir

There will be no Youth Choir practice on Sunday, Oct. 4th. The next practice will be on **Sunday, Oct. 11th, from 5-6 pm** in the church. All young people in third grade through high school are welcome.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 7**, from 10-11 am in the O'Brien Room at the rectory.

We begin with a short social, followed by prayer and discussion. As we Grow In Faith Together, we are enriched by the Word of God and each other. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Reilly at 781-444-0862. We hope to see new faces, and we will guarantee to put a smile on them.

Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening

will be held following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses this **Sunday, Oct. 4th**. This is our first Community Sunday of the new season. Come down to Ward Hall for coffee, donuts and fellowship.

Amy's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 27th, at 12:20 pm in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be read and discussed is *Heart and Soul* by Maeve Binchy. Bring a friend and lunch, if you wish. Any questions, please call Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862 or E-mail kreilly15@yahoo.com.

Adult Choir



The Adult Choir rehearsal is held every Thursday at 7:30 pm. We welcome new members. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of Pets

In honor of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron of Animals and lover of all creation, a special blessing of pets will be offered by Fr. Phil in the Peace Garden after the 4pm Mass on Saturday Oct 3rd and after the 9:45 & 11:30 Masses on Sunday Oct 4th. After Mass, go home to get your pets and bring them for their special blessing

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

STEWARDSHIP: continued

Last week the beginnings of Stewardship in our parish were put forth. St. Bartholomew's parishioners' response to the call for their participation in the role of caretakers of God's creation, most importantly each other, has continued to grow in the ensuing years. Today, we have come far and done much. But there is still much to do. The current societal issues have never been greater with so many affected by the down turn of our economics, job losses, home ownership tenuous, single parenthood; the concerns of the elderly; the list goes on and on. God's stewards cannot ignore these issues. Another pressing strain on so many is the struggle some are having with their faith. This especially must be recognized in our parish, as we plan for the future. Our spiritual life and growth as we seek to know our Lord more deeply and love more completely are a great part of our mission.

Stewardship today in our parish: The concrete aspects of Stewardship began with an assessment of exactly what we were doing in the parish and a follow-up question as to whether we were meeting the needs of our parishioners of all ages—educationally, socially, spiritually, in social justice. With each new activity introduced or the elimination of a program, this was determined by studied needs. As our population's issues have changed, so too must our actions. Stewardship became the umbrella under which all committees were organized and all programs were carried out. A very informative booklet was developed which explained 'life within St. Bartholomew parish'. (If anyone did not get one of these booklets when they were passed out, contact me and I will see you get one. It's a very comprehensive study of our parish activities and goals.)

Barbara Dury, long time parishioner, and the parish Business Manager, has been enrolled in a degree program which she has recently completed and is now our new Pastoral Associate, as well. She will work closely with Father Phil, assuming the role Sr. Julie once held. Barbara has, in this new role, also assumed the Chair of Stewardship. She is also a member of the diocese Stewardship Committee. She has a new and vital outlook as to the necessity and importance of Stewardship in our parish and how best to implement its actions. Her continued involvement on the diocese level will give us all a unique insight as to available resources and ideas for our own programs.

Kathy Reilly has taken on a singular and more concentrated role in our Stewardship life—that of the development of our program to see to the needs of the homebound. The homebound might be a temporary situation—a hospital, rehab, nursing home stay or home from the hospital (surgery, an accident, a new baby, etc.); a person unable to leave the home without aid; someone in need of food assistance; a driver for appointments; a ride to religious services; etc. etc. etc. The needs of the homebound person might also be permanent, such as with the elderly. As we all know, not many multi generational families are living together or even close by. So we must recognize the even greater need to assist one another. We have many wonderful parishioners taking care of their family members, friends, and neighbors already. However, if that good person gets sick or goes away, this leaves the person(s) in need unaided. So to begin this mission, I am sending out a plea to all. The success of this program will only come to be IF NO ONE GOES UNDETECTED. I need to know of all those who are currently receiving any service. I need to know of anyone you know who needs a service, no matter how small. I need to know those giving a service so that there will never be a gap in a service being delivered. I need to have YOU call me, if you need anything. All information I receive will remain private. I NEED YOU ALL TO HELP ME. We are Christ's family and we need to stick together. I welcome your call. I look forward to meeting those I have not already met. If it is only a visit you wish, please call. Your physical and spiritual wellbeing is what our parish life is all about. We are especially concerned about those faithful who are not receiving the Eucharist. To give is easy. To receive sometimes requires more strength. We're all in this life together, as our Lord's chosen children. Please get involved and help me to help you to help others. Thank you.

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

SAVE THE DATE

On **October 18, 2009 at 7:00PM**, Rev. Brian Mahoney, former Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship, will be giving a presentation on the Mass.

We encourage you to attend this evening of enrichment if:

You are **interested in wanting to know more** about the Sunday liturgy.

This meeting is mandatory if:

You are **interested in becoming a member of our liturgy planning committee.**

You are **serving as a liturgical minister: lector, Eucharistic Minister, cantor, choir member, usher, greeter, adult altar server.**

You are **interested in becoming a liturgical minister.**

This year has been designated as one of liturgical renewal here at St. Bartholomew in anticipation of the release of the New Roman Missal at the beginning of Advent 2010. Father Brian is a wonderful and knowledgeable speaker and this evening is a great way to start out this year of liturgical renewal..

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

Next class for all grades **Monday, Oct 19th**, please see the full calendar online.

Activities & Other News:

Greeters: Students 8th grade to adult are needed as greeters to welcome and assist our parishioners with mobility difficulties into the parish. Sign up sheets in the back of the church or contact the parish office.

St. Bart's CYO Basketball: Registration deadline Oct. 8th Teams for Boys & for Girls 5th -12th grade. St. Bart's CYO basketball program is a social-competitive league with travel to local towns. Weekend games, weekday evening practice, fair playing time, good sportsmanship & fun! Registrations are accepted on a first come first served basis to allow all children the opportunity to play. Registration forms available for download at: www.stbartholomew-needham.org/children_youth/sports.html. Contact Brian at stbarts.bball@gmail.com for info.

New England Youth Rally: Sat., Oct 17th, 9-5:30 at Xaverian High School in Westwood, \$25.00. A day of uplifting worship with Ike Ndolo Band, talks by Righteous B (Catholic hip-hop artist) and Lisa Epperson (director of resources at Life Teen), Adoration, Mass with **Cardinal Sean O'Malley**. Yellow permission forms available at the back of the church. A bus is available to transport students to Westwood and back to the parish. All 7th & 8th grade students are welcome even if not participating in Religious Education classes.

Youth Mass—starting in **November**, we aim to have one 11:30am Mass a month served by parish youth. In order to do this we need:

Lectors: Any student in at least 7th grade

Musicians/Singers: Students with musical experience will select songs to practice at home

Eucharistic Ministers: Students who have already received Confirmation.

Ushers: Must be at least 17 years old

Contact the parish office if interested, training is provided.

Get on Board!

Tuesday Oct 20th 7:00pm

*Concert & Storytelling by
ValLimar Jansen & Tom Kendzia*

After seeing them perform this summer, the staff couldn't wait to share this experience with the whole parish.

Come celebrate how exciting our faith is!

Bring a friend, bring the whole family

Women in Communion

Sunday, Oct 18th, after the 9:45 Mass

"Mary, our Modern Role Model" with guest speaker Cynthia Giardina

October is the month of Mary and the Rosary. Women of all ages can relate to Mary as mother, as young woman born without sin, as the Christ-bearer. Come learn, pray and share about this amazing woman, ever ancient, ever new.

Please call the parish office and leave your name & contact info to join us for breakfast and prayer

A free will offering is appreciated

BLOODMOBILE

Yes, we are going to have our annual Bloodmobile that is jointly sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Sebastian's School. It will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 17th, from 2:00-7:00 pm**. We need a few more people to make phone calls to our faithful Blood Donors. If you can help, please call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531. Please note that there must be 56 days between blood donations. Therefore, if you plan to donate blood on Nov. 17th, you cannot donate at any other place after Sept. 22nd. We look forward to your usual generous response to this Bloodmobile.

Social Justice Convocation Saturday, Oct 17th

Join parishes from around the Archdiocese to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching, celebrate the work for justice already going on, and find out concrete ways to connect faith with action in the service of justice.

Boston College High School
150 Morrissey Blvd • Boston, MA 02125

Featuring:

- Prayer & Opening Remarks by Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston
- Keynote Address by Fr. J. Bryan Hehir, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services for the Archdiocese of Boston
- Panel discussion led by Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P., Executive Director of RENEW International with Tiziana Dearing, President of Catholic Charities Boston, and Fr. David Couturier, OFM. Cap., Director of Pastoral Planning
- Breakout sessions with experts in Social Justice from the Archdiocese, RENEW International, Catholic Relief Services and more

Registration fee: \$5. Please bring your own lunch.

Contact the parish office to register or for information



Congratulations To:
Marilyn Marie Nichols,
daughter of Christopher & Elizabeth,
as this child is claimed
by Jesus Christ in the
Sacrament of Baptism
this weekend.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

invites you to join us on **Wednesday, October 7th**. The presentation will be:

"Marriage: What It *IS* and What It *IS FOR*"

Join us as we look at the role of marriage in society. Husband and wife team Stephen Colella (Co-Director of Youth and Young Adult ministry) and Kari Colella (Coordinator of Marriage Ministries) will help us examine how marriage between two baptized persons is raised by Jesus to the dignity of a sacrament, and reflect on marriage as a way to grow in holiness.

WINGS provides a wonderful opportunity for women of all ages to grow in faith by gathering to listen to inspiring speakers and share with one another. Please come for coffee, refreshments, and inspiration on **Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. in the Linse Room downstairs at St. Joseph Church**.

Newcomers are always welcome and babysitting is available. We hope you consider joining us for our fall season, whether you can attend each week or just some weeks.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Sat., Oct. 3 | Blessing of Pets following the 4 pm. Mass |
| Sun., Oct. 3 | Blessing of Pets following the 9:45 & 11:30 am Masses |
| Sun., Oct. 4 | Community Sunday and free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 and 9:45 am Masses-Ward Hall |
| Sun., Oct. 4 | Parish Baptisms-12:30 pm |
| Mon., Oct. 5 | Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room |
| Mon., Oct. 5 | Religious Ed classes for all grades |
| Mon., Oct. 5 | Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm-O'Brien Rm. |
| Mon., Oct. 5 | Bible Study-7 pm-O'Brien Room |
| Wed., Oct. 7 | Prayer Group (Growing In Faith Together) 10 am-O'Brien room |
| Thurs., Oct. 8 | Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm |
| Sun., Oct. 11 | Youth Choir practice-5 to 6 pm-Church |
| Mon., Oct. 12 | PARISH OFFICE CLOSED |
| Mon., Oct. 12 | No Bible Study or Religious Ed classes |
| Wed., Oct. 14 | Prayer Group (Growing In Faith Together) 10 am-O'Brien Room |
| Thurs., Oct. 15 | Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm |
| Sun., Oct. 18 | Women in Communion following the 9:45 am Mass |
| Sun., Oct. 18 | Presentation on the Mass-7:00 pm-presented by Rev. Brian Mahoney, Former Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Worship |