



The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.
In green pastures you let me graze;
to safe waters you lead me;

~ Psalm 23:1-2

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 what you would like prayers said.



Reflection for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Many are called, but few are chosen. Jesus is the perfect host. Each time we come to Mass we are blessed with hearing the Word of God and the opportunity to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. Do we use the gifts of forgiveness, respect, tenderness, love, mercy and kindness to try to bring Jesus to others?

The ARISE Program: We have begun! All of the groups have met—and enthusiasm is high! Please continue to pray for the success of this program in our parish and in the other parishes in the Archdiocese.

October is the month of the Rosary.

Request for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:

Thank you to the people who have already volunteered. This is a time of new excitement and vision. We are in need of both lectors and Eucharistic ministers. If you are interested, please call the rectory. We will train you. I will also be approaching some people to ask for help in these important ministries. This is one way we can give back to God in thanksgiving for all that God does for us as well as becoming more involved in the parish. If you are willing to help us at this time in these important ministries, please call the rectory. There will be a training session for new **Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 pm in the Church and for new Lectors on Tuesday, October 14th at 8:00 pm in the Church.**

Bulletin Sponsors: We are very blessed and thankful to have generous bulletin sponsors who make our beautiful weekly bulletins possible. Please thank them and patronize their services when possible.

Bible Study: There will be no class on Monday, October 13th, in observance of the Columbus holiday. Classes resume on Monday, October 20th, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room. Please read chapters seven to ten in Mark's Gospel.

St. Andrew Dinner: The next St. Andrew Dinner with Cardinal Sean will be on **Tuesday, November 4th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm** at St. John's Seminary. Any young man thinking of the priesthood who would like to attend this dinner is asked to speak with the pastor.

Sunday Confessions: Confessions will be heard after all the Masses this Sunday, October 12th.

Catholic Appeal: Presently we are at 91% of our goal with \$ 86,713 having been pledged. If you have not already made a contribution, may I ask you to consider this worthy cause. Our parish has had two hundred and eight pledges made to reach this amount. Our designated goal of participation had been set at two hundred and seventy-eight pledges. Many of the programs of the Archdiocese which address the needs of the poor come from this program. In any event, thank you for whatever ways you can help.

Reflection Questions
Would I consider accepting the invitation to join the Arise movement in the parish as an invitation from the Lord and a means of renewal of living my Catholic faith?

What do you think that you are spiritually missing in life?

What have you done for God this week or recently?

Second Collection: Next Weekend is World Mission Sunday and this collection is used to make a difference in the life of the poor around the world. By virtue of our Baptism each of us is called to be missionaries and to support the Church's worldwide mission in prayer and sacrifice. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you.

Recommended Reading

A New Heart, Eleven Qualities of Holiness by Bishop Robert Morneau, Orbis Books: Maryknoll, New York, 2008

The Way of Mary: Following Her Footsteps toward God, Mary Ford-Grabowski, Paraclete Press, Brewster Ma. 2007.

Prayer Centered Healing, Finding the God Who Heals by Rick Mathis, Ph.D. Liguori, Liguori, Missouri, 2000.

Movie Night will resume on Tuesday, October 21st, at 7:00 pm in the O'Brien Room in the rectory. We will be showing "Uganda: Ready to Forgive" which is an amazing story about Immaculee Ilibagiza who also wrote "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust." This is a must-see film.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 11	4:00 pm	Shauna & Meghan Murphy
Sunday	October 12	8:00 am	Robert & Margaret Scheidler
		9:45 am	Sally & Leo Heffernan
		11:30 am	Maureen Beatrice Dowd
Monday	October 13	9:00 am	John Vaccari
Tuesday	October 14	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Wednesday	October 15	9:00 am	
Thursday	October 16	9:00 am	Agnes & Joseph Minton and Mary Roberts
Friday	October 17	9:00 am	Marie Higgins
Saturday	October 18	9:00 am	Richard & Catherine Keyes
Saturday	October 18	4:00 pm	Julia Nowak
Sunday	October 19	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Joseph & Margaret Lyons
		11:30 am	Donald McCarthy and Elizabeth Harrington

 *Collections*


Weekend of October 4-5

Amount collected \$6,255.21
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under \$ 255.21

Thank you for your generosity.


Prayer Group
 G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, October 15th, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Rom 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.

Adult Choir
 Are you looking to join a ministry at St. Bartholomew's? Why not consider the Music Ministry. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Church. **No auditions!** Consider joining a fun group of people who enjoy praising God with beautiful and meaningful music. You can also join just to sing for the Little Christmas Concert. If you have any questions, please call Marianne Germano at 781-326-3670.



Congratulations To:
 Benjamin Joseph Thanh Vu,
 son of Liem & Thuy,
 as this child was claimed
 by Jesus Christ in the
 Sacrament of Baptism
 last weekend.

YOUTH CHOIR: There will be no rehearsal this Monday, October 13th, due to the Columbus Day holiday. Our next rehearsal will be **Monday, October 20th, from 5-5:45 PM** in the church. New members, third grade through high school, are always welcome.

Bloodmobile

 The annual Bloodmobile is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18, from 2-7 pm.** It will be sponsored by St. Bartholomew Parish and St. Sebastian's School. There has to be 56 days between blood donations; therefore, the last date that a donation can be made prior to our Bloodmobile is September 20th. Hope to see you at our Bloodmobile!

Children and Youth

Religious Education

- There is NO CLASS on Monday, Oct 14th in observance of Columbus Day
- Classes will resume on Monday, Oct. 20th, for all grades
- Students in Kindergarten – 6th grade have class weekly from 4:00-5:00pm
- Students in 7th – 10th meet every other week from 7:00-8:30pm

First Communion DVDs have arrived; they may be picked up at the beginning of class. Cost is \$10.00 each.

Kids Night Out

In order for our movie night for children to continue, co-leaders are needed to run it on a rotating basis. This is a simple but rewarding task involving approximately ½ hour of advance preparation (selecting the movie, emailing the parish your selection in advance, ordering pizza), set up (technical training provided) being present and engaged with the children while they are there, and clean up. At least 4 individuals to co-lead are needed before this program can be restarted. Please contact the rectory and leave your name & contact info.

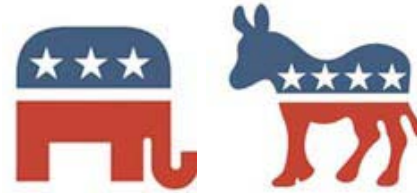
CYO Basketball

CYO Basketball is an inter parish social-competitive league with some local travel. There are leagues for boys and for girls 5th grade and up. There is still room on our teams, applications are available at the back of the church. Please include a copy of your child's birth certificate. Fee for the season is \$150.00.

Coaches & assistants needed.

Amy's Book Club will not meet in October. The next time will be **Tuesday, November 25**. One of the books to be read is "Touching the Holy: Ordinariness, Self-Esteem and Friendship" by Robert J. Wicks. There will also be a book about Advent which will be detailed in another bulletin.

Mom's Night Out: Join us for conversation and cuisine at Bertucci's in Needham at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, Oct. 15th**. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other mothers from our faith community. Please RSVP to Mary Garber, from the Activities Committee, by Monday, Oct. 13th, by calling 781-453-1921.



Women in Communion

Feeling "Politically Homeless"? How does one vote as a reflective, intelligent Catholic? All women are invited for a special "Women in Communion" to explore Catholic Social Teaching & the Election. Together we will explore tools to analyze the moral complexities of political issues through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching which is not partisan or sectarian, but reflect fundamental principles common to all people.

Sunday October 19th following the 9:45 Mass in the McCulloch room

Please sign up by calling the rectory – cost is FREE, continental breakfast will be served

Senior Social Club: The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. The New Bostonians, a Men's Choral Group, will entertain us at that time. This group was founded in 1947 and has continued to the present, adding new members along the way. We enjoyed their musical program last year and, as many of you have requested, we have invited them to entertain us again.

Our fall trip to New Hampshire to the Castle in the Clouds and Hart's Turkey Farm is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 23. Please refer to your mailing or call Ann MacQueen at 781-444-8833 for details. We need a minimum of 35 people for this trip. Please reserve as soon as possible.

We invite members and guests to join us for a very enjoyable musical program on Wednesday, Oct. 15, and for refreshments at its conclusion.

Benefit Dance for Holy Ghost Fathers: The 24th Annual Benefit Dance to aid the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers and their Missions will be held on **Friday, November 7, at 8:00 pm** at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be music by the Andy Healy Band, Irish step-dancing, raffle, cash bar, and refreshments. Dance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from members of the Holy Ghost Committee, including Fr. Peter Nolan at 617-364-9500, Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800, Joe Berrio at 617-325-4229, or at the door on the night of the dance.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

“Unless we have been living under a rock for the past month or so, we have all become filled with distress, confusion, insecurity, some fear, and various other emotions regarding not only our country’s financial stability but also the state of the world’s. More immediate is the nervousness about our own personal states regarding jobs (will I still have one?), the major increases in the cost of living of all our basic needs (food, fuel, housing, auto, etc.), and the ability to provide a sense of security and well being for our loved ones, now and in the future. On this rough road, have we asked God to accompany us? Have we remembered that He is always with us, even if we have failed to acknowledge Him? Now may be the time that we need to go back and reread the “good book”.

(“Do these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”)

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your request known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in Me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians)

“In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.”
.....Fill us at daybreak with Your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands! (Psalm 90)

“LET GO; LET GOD!”

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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Protecting God’s Children

All volunteers must complete a one-time awareness training “Protecting God’s Children” PRIOR to starting their service.

Sign up online at: <http://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/protecting-gods-children-signup-form>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., Oct. 13 Parish Office Closed
- Mon., Oct. 13 No Bible Study
- Mon., Oct. 13 No Religious Ed classes, Pre-school Story Hour or Youth Choir Rehearsal
- Tues., Oct. 14 Altar server training-4 to 5 pm-Church
- Tues., Oct. 14 CAP Training-7 to 9 pm-McCulloch Room in the school
- Tues., Oct. 14 Training for New Perspective Eucharistic Ministers-6:30 pm-Church
- Tues., Oct. 14 Training for New Perspective Lectors-8:00 pm-Church
- Wed., Oct. 15 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Wed., Oct. 15 Senior Social Club-2:30 pm-Ward Hall
- Wed., Oct. 15 Altar server training-4 to 5 pm-Church
- Wed., Oct. 15 High School Eucharistic Minister training-4:00-5:30 pm-Church
- Wed., Oct. 15 High School Lector training-5:30-7:00 pm-Church
- Wed., Oct. 15 Mom’s Night Out-7:00 pm at Bertucci’s
- Thurs., Oct. 16 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Oct. 19 Women in Communion Gathering following the 9:45 am Mass
- Mon., Oct. 20 Bible Study-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 20 Religious Ed classes for all grades
- Mon., Oct. 20 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in O’Brien Room
- Mon., Oct. 20 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 to 6 pm
- Wed., Oct. 22 Prayer Group-10 am-O’Brien Room
- Thurs., Oct. 23 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sun., Oct. 26 Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet-12:30 pm-Church

Open House

St. Sebastian’s School, a Catholic, independent day school for 355 young men in grades seven through twelve, is hosting an Admissions Open House on **Tuesday, Oct. 21, from 5:30-7:30 pm.**

All interested students and parents are invited to attend.

For further information, contact the Admissions Office at 781-247-0125,
Visit the website: www.stsebastiansschool.org

Monthly Pro-Life Column

Experience

Whether it's from a legislator opposing restrictions on abortion, or a pro-abortion activist at a demonstration, one of the most common objections voiced against those who would eliminate abortion is, "Who are you to tell this woman she can't have an abortion? You do not know what it's like to be pregnant, nor can you judge her personal experience in the midst of this crisis. Only she knows what she is going through, and therefore only she can decide."

First of all, those who advocate against abortion are mostly women, a vast number of whom have been through the very experiences of crisis pregnancy that pro-abortion activists claim pro-life people don't know. Moreover, many of them also know the experience of having an abortion--the very bitter experience which, if experience is an argument at all, is one of the strongest arguments *against* abortion that there can ever be. One of the many blind spots of the pro-abortion movement is precisely that it downplays the experience of those who suffer from abortion, even decades after they have had the "simple" procedure.

Secondly, it is noteworthy that the ability to experience pregnancy only seems to be required for those who speak *against* abortion, not for those who speak *for* it. Among the latter would be men who are former Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, legislators and activists who fight hard and speak loud about "upholding the right to choose." And, of course, don't forget the fathers and boyfriends who tell the girl that she has to have an abortion, even over her objections, because they "know what is best" in that situation.

Thirdly, experience is not the only factor to consider in evaluating whether a particular activity should be allowed or prohibited in society and law. I have never experienced the personal pressures a crisis pregnancy brings. But neither have I experienced the personal pressures which would lead a parent to abuse her children, nor the psychological twists and turns of the drug addict, or of the latest person to rob a bank. What is going on within them, to lead them to such actions? I have not experienced it.

Am I therefore to be silent about their actions?

Some choices have victims, and when somebody's choice destroys somebody else's life, the experience of that chooser is not the most relevant factor. The most relevant factor is the protection for the lives and rights of those around him or her. The fact that we do not have the same experience should make us compassionate, and motivate us to strive to understand the person. But it brings no obligation to permit destructive activity.

A final word on experience. With more and more studies showing the likelihood of fetal pain, and with great awareness of the brutality of abortion procedures, is it not appropriate to also consider the experience of the baby who is aborted? Experience, indeed, cuts both ways.

Source: [Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It](#), by Father Frank Pavone, M.E.V., © 2006, pp. 52-53; Catholic Book Publishing Corp., New Jersey. Visit catholicbookpublishing.com and priestsforlife.org for more information. For questions or comments about this article, please contact Tricia at catholicgirl73@gmail.com

"Living with Cancer Workshop"

St. Mary's Parish, Dedham, is offering a workshop on the subject of living with cancer. It will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8th from 9:30am to 2:30pm. It is aimed at those who have the disease, their families and care-givers. There is no charge. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches (drinks will be provided.) The workshop will be led by Rev. Msgr. Thomas McDonnell who recently authored the work: "Walking in the Dark Valley (Ps.23); When Cancer is Your Constant Companion." The workshop will consist of a prayer service, talks and discussions and will take place at the parish Center (25 Avery St.)

Msgr.'s book can be obtained at the Parish Center.
A donation is accepted but not required