



*"For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many."*

- Mark 10:45

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 29th Sunday in

Ordinary Time: In today's readings Jesus lets His disciples know that true greatness is found among those who wish to be servants of others. Initially the twelve disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus envisions a world that transforms power structures so that the least among us will benefit the most. True greatness needs to be seen in terms of simple and humble acts of kindness and service. We are Catholics, we are servants. Each of us must truly look at the ways we serve others.

By virtue of our Baptisms each of us is called to discipleship and to participate in the serving and teaching mission of the Church in following Jesus. Jesus models a greatness for Christians. Mother Theresa offered a wonderful example for Christians. Discipleship is about servanthood. This being World Mission Sunday, how aware are we of the mission needs of the Church? We are called to be Missionaries for Christ. We are also to pray for the missionary needs of the Church.

Grand Annual Collection: The packets for the Grand Annual Collection have been sent; and I believe by now you have received them. You know the needs of the parish—and you know that we need your help. Thank you for whatever assistance you are able to give.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese has reached 79.5% of its goal of \$15,000,000. Our parish has contributed \$83,241, which is 92.5% 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). Our Blessed Mother is an absolutely wonderful model of faith and example for all of us to follow. Praying the Rosary and reflecting on the its 20 mysteries is a wonderful prayer to offer for others.

A Second Collection will be taken up this weekend for Catholic World Missions. The monies will support the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Bible Classes will meet next on **Monday, Oct. 19th, 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 Ephesians. Please consider coming—as new people are always welcome and add greatly to our study.

Recommended Readings: Christ in the Mysteries by Blessed Columba Marmion, Zaccheus Press, Bethesda, 2008.

What Happens at Mass by Jeremy Driscoll, OSB, Liturgy Training Publications, Chicago, 2005.

My Daily Catholic Bible, edited by Paul Thigpen, Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, 2004.

Attention Vietnamese Families: Are you interested in having bilingual English and/or Vietnamese Masses in the Boston west suburbs? Are you interested in making the Vietnamese Catholic community more integrated with the Catholic parishes in the Boston west suburbs? If so, please call or email the Office of Cultural Diversity by Nov. 13th to give us your contact information (name, phone number, and email): Archdiocese of Boston, Office of Outreach and Cultural Diversity, Attn: Ms. Linda Russo, phone 617-746-5794, email: Lrusso@rcab.org.

Congratulations To

Samuel David Licciardo & Jennifer Marie Shaughnessy as they called each other to the sacramental covenant of marriage last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	Oct. 17	4:00 pm	Julia Nowak
Sunday	Oct. 18	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Dirci Bussell
		11:30 am	Donald McCarthy, Elizabeth Harrington, John Harrington
Monday	Oct. 19	9:00 am	
Tuesday	Oct. 20	9:00 am	
Wednesday	Oct. 21	9:00 am	Marie Deneen
Thursday	Oct. 22	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Friday	Oct. 23	9:00 am	
Saturday	Oct. 24	9:00 am	Ann Haran
Saturday	Oct. 24	4:00 pm	Kathryn Igo and Paul & Catherine Harrington
Sunday	Oct. 25	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	Enrico DeSimone
		11:30 am	Jane Marie McDonald



Collections

Weekend of Oct. 10-11

Amount collected: \$4,191.26
 Amount needed: \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under: (\$1,808.74)

Thank you!

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 21**, 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.

Youth Choir

Youth Choir rehearsal will take place on **Sunday, October 18th, from 5-6 PM** in the church. All young people of the parish, third grade through high school are welcome in Youth Choir.

Amy's Book Club will meet on **Tuesday, Oct. 27th, at 12:30 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

Senior Social Club: The Senior Social Club will meet on **Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 2:30 pm** in Ward Hall. We are pleased to have Ron Goldman, a singer, guitarist, and song writer as our entertainer. His program will include a variety of popular music made famous by artists such as Bing Crosby, Judy Garland, and Neil Diamond. We are sure to enjoy a program of familiar music that will bring back many memories. Members and guests are invited for the program and for refreshments that will follow.

STEWARDSHIP: "DO JUST ONE THING"

What can I do? Sometimes it can be as simple as smiling and saying hello. We too often underestimate the power of a friendly greeting in today's hectic and lonely world. We are looking for greeters who are willing to smile and say hello to fellow parishioners as we all come together to give thanks and praise to our God, the source of all hope and love, at the weekend liturgies. If you can come to Mass ten minutes early, smile and say hello - call the rectory at 781-444-3434. We need and want YOU!

The GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL for OUR PARISH was sent out last week. If you come to our parish to worship, we encourage you to help support the work of our parish. What we can do as a parish in the service of God depends on your generosity. The Grand Annual collection provides a significant contribution to our annual operating budget as well as our building maintenance fund. Thank you for your generosity to this annual appeal.

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My church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

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..

Open House: St. Sebastian's School, a Catholic, independent day school for 350 young men in grades seven through twelve, is hosting an Admissions Open House on **Thursday, Oct. 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.** All interested students and parents are invited to attend. For further information, contact the Admissions Office at 781-247-0125 or visit the website on: www.stsebastiansschool.org.

A Benefit Dance for Holy Ghost Fathers will be held on **Friday, Nov. 6th, 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, cash bar, refreshments, and raffles. Dance tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling Fr. Peter Nolan at 617-34-9500, Cathy Coppinger at 617-323-2800, Joe Berrio at 617-325-4229 or at the door the night of the dance.

**PRAY
for
PEACE**

Children and Youth

Religious Education:

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

Activities & Other News:

9th Grade Retreat: Sunday, Oct. 25th, from 11am-4pm at the Blue Hills Reservation.

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: Teams for Boys & for Girls 5th -12th grade. There is still room on most teams. There is a \$10 late fee for registrations received after Oct. 8th. 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.

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.

Pregnancy Help: This program of the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston offers free guidance and counseling for pregnant women who seek a solution other than abortion. For help, call toll free 1-800-649-0999. Local address and phone number: 5 Wilson St., Natick, MA 01760, 508-651-1900.

Domestic Violence: Do you or someone you know need help? Call 1-800-992-2600—a 24 hour hotline.

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*

Congratulations To:

Erin Margaret Gannon and
Molly Rose Gannon,
daughters of Timothy & Lisa;
Mason Robert Kruger,
son of Robert & Jennifer; and
Nicholas James Petrozzelli,
son of John & Julie
as these children are claimed
by Jesus Christ in the
Sacrament of Baptism
this weekend.



Bloodmobile: The annual Bloodmobile is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, from 2:00-7:00 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 could be made prior to our Bloodmobile was September 24th. Hope to see you at our Bloodmobile. If you wish to donate, you may call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531.



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time, Talent & Treasure

“GRANT THAT IN YOUR GLORY WE MAY SIT ONE AT YOUR RIGHT AND THE OTHER AT YOUR LEFT”

Might we, as James and John did, ask the same question? Knowing Jesus so intimately as teacher and Lord, wouldn't we want to spend eternity on His right or left? Would we notice Jesus roll His eyes, probably thinking they just don't get it. It's not about the glory, if we live according to Jesus' teachings. That's the Father's providence.

How often do we feel we really deserve something special, not necessarily because of something we have done; but possibly just because of our association with another. Jesus' response to this request was; "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"..... James and John replied "We can". But did they really understand what this meant? Service, sacrifice, not glory! "To sit at My right or at My left is not Mine to give, but is for those for whom it has been prepared".

What have I done in my "preparation"? The "Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many". How very difficult it is to view oneself as a servant. If we become a servant, it is often something that falls upon us and a role we did not choose. It may be a family issue. It may be something else. But we don't often choose it willingly. Catholics do choose it willingly.

"I am not more than a wisp of smoke to the world, but to God I am a flame of hope and promise in a darkened room". Joan Noeldechen*

Stewardship as a Way of Life can be that means to light "a flame of hope and promise." There are so many ways to serve, starting in your parish life. Father Phil and the staff have so many needs and so do our fellow parishioners. Do we reflect as did James and John and envision our glory at His left and right? Or do we take action now to be His humble servants doing what needs doing? Serving God and each other as ministers—Eucharistic, Lector, Altar Server, Usher—is hardly being a servant as the feelings and actions are so special. These ministers take part in our sacred services of worship and prayer. There can be no closer relationship with our God and each other than reverently reading His Words or saying and sharing "THE BODY OF CHRIST". Taking Communion to someone who is unable to go to church is hardly a sacrifice, but rather a great joy. Could we drink His Cup? No. But certainly we can share in His service. Be that "light in a darkened room." As Catholics, we should joyfully serve now and forever "in preparation" and in love of Him and each other. Now, not later! My choice.

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

*"The Inner Flame" Joan Noeldechen BEDSIDE PRAYERS June Cotner HarperSanFrancisco.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit)

invites you to join us on **Wednesday, October 21st**. The presentation will be:

"Mary: Mother, Teacher, and Queen"

Mary desires to walk with each of us in our journey of faith, as a Mother, Teacher, and Queen. Come deepen your relationship with Mary, God's Mother and ours. Daughter of St. Paul, Sister Maria Elizabeth, will lead us to rediscover in her the beautiful gift we've been given by God.

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.

A Men's Retreat Weekend will be held **Nov. 13-15** at the Franciscan Center, Andover, MA. Before the rush of the holiday season, join the men of the Needham parishes for a weekend to recharge your batteries with rest, reflection, sacraments, and the hospitality and counsel of Franciscan friars. Share the fellowship of other men seeking to live practical Christian lives. The retreat includes meals Friday evening through Sunday noon, 2 nights in a single room, and use of facility and grounds. Car pool transportation will be available. For details and registration, contact Ted Harrigan at 781-449-0335 or Marty Cunniffe at 781-444-9033. For general information about the Franciscan Center, visit www.franrcent.org.