



the **LORD**
will guard
your coming
and going
both now
and forever.

Psalm 121:8

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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Our God is a God who is full of surprises. The readings today are a powerful reflection on the meaning of prayer. It is God who helps us to triumph over our sinful ways. In prayer we can see also our dependency on God. Prayer serves as a powerful reminder of the presence of God in our lives. We also pray when we enter fully into the words and actions at Mass. In prayer we also uncover some of the real meaning of Christian life.

Women in the Bible: Next class will be Monday, **October 22nd, at 10:00 am** in the O'Brien Room in the Rectory. We are about halfway through the course. New members are always welcomed.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet: We will be praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on Sunday, October 21st following the 11:30 am Mass for the intention of furthering the cause of Respect Life. Praying the Rosary and Chaplet is a powerful way to express to God our desire for greater respect for the cause of life.

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 a staff member.

Catholic Appeal: Presently the Archdiocese of Boston has reached 82.3% of its goal. Here at St. Bartholomew's we have pledged \$86,445 which is 86% of our goal. We are now within \$14,100 of our parish goal. The needs of our poor brothers and sisters in this Archdiocese are great. I pray that we can reach our goal this year. Please continue to pray for the success of the Appeal. As we move toward achieving our parish goal, it is important that we all try to help however we are able. If you have not made a pledge, please prayerfully consider the needs of the poor. If you have given in the past, but cannot give as much this year, would you consider if you are able to give half of what you gave? If you have already given but have been really blessed this year, would you consider helping in place of someone who is not able. Again, whatever you can do, thank you. God blesses us everyday in ways that we cannot even imagine.

Extra Mass on Saturday, October 27th—St. Sebastian's School has a football game on this particular afternoon. Since this often creates parking concerns for the 4:00 pm Mass we will **add** a 5:30 pm in addition to the 4:00 pm on this particular Saturday in the hope that this will take away some of the inconvenience and parking concerns. This appears to be the only time during the football season this year that a parking conflict may occur. We will observe to see if this helps.

Second Collection: This Sunday October 21st – This is Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection for the needs of the Missions. World Mission Sunday celebrates our oneness as children of God and members of the human family providing us an opportunity to support the life enriching efforts of the Church among the suffering and the poor throughout the world.

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.

MARK THE DATE!!

St. Bartholomew's Parish is excited to announce that we will have a Handbell Choir performance on Sunday, December 9th, at 2:00 pm followed by light refreshments. Please plan to join us!!



The Adult Choir will be performing at the Christmas Concert that will take place on Sunday, Dec. 16th. We would like to have a larger choir for that performance. We hope that there are singers out there who would join us for that one day. There will be a few practices that take place on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church. Please call Debby at the parish office (781-444-3434) if you are interested. **WE NEED YOU.**



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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 20	4:00 pm	Betty Harrington—1st Anniversary and Donald McCarthy—5th Anniversary
Sunday	October 21	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	George H. Ellison Dirci Bussell
Monday	October 22	9:00 am	Stephen Cunningham
Tuesday	October 23	9:00 am	Michael & Teresa Lovezzola
Wednesday	October 24	9:00 am	
Thursday	October 25	9:00 am	John A. Barnes III
Friday	October 26	9:00 am	
Saturday	October 27	9:00 am	Richard & Catherine Keyes
Saturday	October 27	4:00 pm	James Shaughnessy—Active Duty in Iraq
Sunday	October 28	8:00 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Joseph & Margaret Lyons Baptismal Liturgy

Scripture Readings

- 21 Sun Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
- 22 Mon Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
- 23 Tue Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/
Lk 12:35-38
- 24 Wed Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
- 25 Thu Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
- 26 Fri Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
- 27 Sat Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Amy's Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, October 30th, at 12:30 pm** in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. The book to be discussed is Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton.

We welcome new members!!!

A Message from Fr. Tom: Thank you to everyone who donated newspapers, magazines and books for my ministry. At the present time I do not need any more books—but will still welcome periodicals (The Pilot, Our Sunday Visitor, St. Anthony Messenger, etc.) You can drop them off at the rectory during regular weekday hours.

Collections

Weekend of October 13-14

Amount collected	\$5,892.73
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 107.27)

Thank you for your stewardship.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, October 24th, 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 welcome new members.

Youth Choir: Our next rehearsal is this Monday, October 22, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church. New members are always welcome. We are also looking for a guitarist of any age to play for the choir. The commitment would be one or two Monday rehearsals per month and one Mass per month. Contact Antonia Nedder at 781-929-2177 if you are interested in playing for our choir.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

TO VOLUNTEER OR A WAY OF LIFE

Making an assumption is a dangerous way to begin a discussion. However, here we go. It is assumed that everyone has volunteered at least once in his or her life. To volunteer, "one enters into a service of one's own free will." (Webster) This "free will service" may be planned or maybe, it just happened as one finds ones self in a situation in which assistance is needed and the volunteering/service is spontaneously offered. No matter how it happens, it is welcomed and a necessary part of being a Christian, as Jesus has taught us.

Here in our parish, we are blessed with many who offer their services, willingly and repeatedly. We have all been the beneficiaries of this generosity. We all know that the single priest parish makes it humanly impossible for him to answer all the needs of the many parishioners, young and old, and all those in between. If we are to thrive and grow in faith, then our communal actions must grow as well. As a true Christian steward, volunteer service becomes a "way of life" that is as necessary to his or her being as getting dressed in the morning. Not only are their volunteer activities planned, but often they respond spontaneously as well, as a new need is perceived. Volunteering is a joy, though not without its difficulties at times. Some of this parish service is obvious. And much of it is behind the scenes and goes unrecognized publicly. Do you know that every parishioner is being prayed for continually and your petitions are prayed for as well? As we continue to grow in faith through prayer and action, we hope the single experience volunteer will become one whose life is changed into a "way of life" volunteer. We welcome you. We need you.

Earlier this month we had a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for all those who served us so well last year. This year, periodically, we are going to mention and publicly thank one or more, who "labor in the fields", and probably go unrecognized. So in November, on Sunday, the 4th at the Community Sunday celebrations, we will recognize all the various volunteer groups that so magnificently serve our parish. From this listing we will draw out the name of one of the groups. (blind draw) On the following Sunday, the 11th, at the end of the 10:45 Mass, we will draw the name of one person, who belongs to the previous week's winning group draw. This person will win a Thanksgiving turkey. We look forward to this public thanksgiving and recognition.

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

Fall Harvest Social

Please join us for an evening of great food, wine and conversation—potluck style! Just bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, dessert or non-alcoholic beverage, and we'll provide the rest. The festivities begin at 7:30 pm on **Saturday, October 27th**, in Ward Hall.

Please see the flyer located at the back of the church for details. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne D'Alleva at 781-400-5083 or jeannedalleva@comcast.net.

We hope to see you there!

Kids Night Out

Drop your kids off for a movie and pizza while mom and dad enjoy a few hours to themselves.

When: Saturday, Nov. 10th, after the 4:00 Mass until 8:00 pm

Where: The McCulloch Room in the school

Who: All children grades K-6

All children **MUST** be pre-registered if they wish to attend. Parents must fill out an emergency form and an awareness food allergy info form when dropping their child off. No one will be admitted at the door without registering. We need to know ahead of time how much pizza is needed. Cost is \$5.00 per child of a parishioner or \$10 per child of a non-parishioner.

To register or to volunteer to help call Debby at the Parish Office at 781-444-3434. Leave your name, how many children will attend, the names and ages of the children.

November movies will be: "Flushed Away" and Peanuts Fall Holiday movies.

A Stewardship Thank You

Many, many thanks to Patt Casey, assisted by Dorothy Patti, for their tremendous and successful organization implementing the Public Rosary Rally last Saturday on the Town Common!

On a beautiful, cool, Fall day, a crowd of 80-100 people publicly declared their adoration for our Blessed Lady, Mary, Queen of heaven and earth. We also give thanks to Anne Carey and Marianne Germano for their beautiful musical contributions.



FAITH FACTS

The reading from the Book of Exodus



At the time of this story, Moses was still leading the Israelites through the wilderness towards the Promised Land. The "Amalek" referred to in the story were the People of Amalek, or "Amalekites." They were a nomadic people, as the Israelites were at this time.

The white line on the picture shows the route that the Israelites might well have taken. The battle with the Amalekites took place before the Israelites reached Mount Sinai. It was at Mount Sinai that Moses received the Ten Commandments from God.

CODE - BREAKER!

Crossword solution from last week

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The sentence below is to be found in one of today's readings. Can you break the code and write in the sentence? Here are two clues: Y = E, and Q = W.

VON QBYH NBY MIH IZ

GUH WIGYM, QCFF BY

ZCHX ZUCNB IH YULNB ?

ANSWER

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

A PICTURE FOR YOU TO FINISH

READING: LUKE 18: 1-8



