



THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE

GLORY OF GOD

and the firmament showeth his handiwork

PSALMS 19:1

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.
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.



Our thanks to all who made the parish retreat such a success. Much planning and much hard work was made worthwhile by the response of so many at each service. In particular thanks goes to Fr. Ron Henery O.P., Fr. Robert Vaughn O.P., Sr. Julie, Barbara Dury, Debby Deneen, Kathy Reilly, Marianne Germano, the cantors, the choir, the staff, the volunteers, and to you the parishioners, and all who in any way gave so much for the benefit of us all. An extra song of praise goes to our coordinators, teachers, and students in the Religious Ed. Program – we received so many compliments from the Dominican preachers, plus parishioners on how outstanding your presence was among us. To you and your parents, we say thank you. May the spirit of this retreat help each of us to grow in and live our faith with energy and the love of God. Thank you.

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

Open Parish Meeting: There will be an open parish meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 7P.M. in the McCullough Room of the school to discuss the annual Parish Finance Report.

Grand Annual Collection- November 5, 2006: This collection is for the needs of St. Bartholomew Parish. You will be receiving a letter on this and more will be stated in coming weeks.

The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, October 23rd, 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?

St. Andrew Dinner: The Vocation Office of the Archdiocese of Boston is sponsoring a dinner with Cardinal Sean on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 from 5:30 pm— 8:00 pm 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.

Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed on Sunday October 29th following the 11:30 A.M. Mass.

Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Have you ever thought about how one goes about improving one's prayer life? The readings today show us that true greatness is found in service of and for others. Do we see greatness and a real service in people who offer prayers for others? Followers of Jesus, who came to serve others, must desire and must work to be shaped in the image of Jesus. Prayer and Scripture reading are a major beginning in doing this. Do we also seek to help feed the hungry, help clothe the naked, help with shelter for those who have no home, help to educate the unaware, help to care for the ill? Do we see God, true goodness and love in ordinary people and ordinary events?

Catholic Youth Ministry Program: There will be an initial meeting on Thursday evening, October 26th at 7:00 pm at the Kennedy Center at St. Joseph's to discuss the needs of the Catholic youth in Needham.

Second Collection This Sunday, October 22nd – Mission Sunday: World Mission Sunday is a Eucharistic celebration for all the missions of the world. This second collection is destined for the Propagation of the Faith. Thank you.

Feast of All Saints: Wednesday, November 1st, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Tuesday Evening, October 31st, at 4P.M. and Wednesday, Nov. 1st, at 9 am, 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

Food for Thought:
W. J. Hecht, a Cleveland businessman, made out a spiritual will and testament for his four children. He requested that it be read at his funeral service. A portion of it reads: "My children, I leave you faith in God. Please keep it, use it, cherish it, and pass it on. This inheritance of faith far surpasses any other possession I could ever leave you."

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



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| Saturday | October 21 | 4:00 pm | Donald McCarthy |
| Sunday | October 22 | 8:00 am | Dr. Eugene F. McDonough, Jr. |
| | | 9:45 am | Mary DeGeorge |
| | | 11:30 am | Rita M. Walsh |
| Monday | October 23 | 9:00 am | Paul Connolly |
| Tuesday | October 24 | 9:00 am | |
| Wednesday | October 25 | 9:00 am | Daniel McInerney |
| Thursday | October 26 | 9:00 am | Mark Hansen |
| Friday | October 27 | 9:00 am | |
| Saturday | October 28 | 9:00 am | Richard & Catherine Keyes |
| Saturday | October 28 | 4:00 pm | Jeanne Dawson |
| Sunday | October 29 | 8:00 am | Stacy Yablonski |
| | | 9:45 am | Dirci Bussell |
| | | 11:30 am | |



Week of October 22, 2006

- 22 Sun Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- 23 Mon Eph 2:1-10/ Lk 12:13-21
- 24 Tue Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38
- 25 Wed Eph 3:2-12/ Lk 12:39-48
- 26 Thu Eph 3:14-21/ Lk 12:49-53
- 27 Fri Eph 4:1-6/ Lk 12:54-59
- 28 Sat Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
- 29 Sun Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 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 is "One True Thing" by Anna Quindlen. We welcome new members!

Youth Choir:
The next rehearsal for the St. Bart's Youth Choir will be this Monday, Oct. 23rd, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church. 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!



Weekend of Oct. 14-15

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| Amount collected | \$5,644.55 |
| Amount needed | \$6,000.00 |
| Amount over/under | (\$ 355.45) |

Thank you for your stewardship.



Classes: On Monday, Oct. 23, there will be classes for grades K-6 only—4:00-5:00 pm. All classes should meet in the church before breaking into classes.

Dear Parents,

With our children exposed to so much human tragedy these days, do you sometimes struggle to explain God's presence in the face of so much suffering? The following response, written by Judith Dunlan in *Every Day Catholic*, may help you respond to kids' fears and worries.

"Suffering happens. It is part of life. No one, not the richest person or poorest, not saint or sinner, can get through life without suffering. God doesn't cause it; God doesn't plan it. God is there to see you through it. When we say yes to God, God's life becomes our life. And we open ourselves to the peace, courage and perseverance that God's love offers. It can be so much easier to endure suffering when we know that our good and loving God is with us, as close as the next breath we take in."

In other words, when terrible things happen, like floods or accidents, Jesus is crying along with us. He can't take away the events, but He can help us with our fear and sadness. And if innocent children die as a result of a natural or man-made disaster, we are sad because we miss them; but they are happy because they are in heaven — and that's the best place of all to be. It's not easy to explain that life is not perfect and fail-safe; but our faith goes a long way in easing the anxiety that sometimes accompanies our journey.

Peace to all,
Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings
Religious Education Coordinators

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Liturgy of the Word is for all children, not just those who attend our Religious Ed classes. All are welcome to join us at the 9:45 am Mass each week during the school year. The children gather with the entire assembly, and then are invited to come forward with their adult leaders. They then process to a different location in the building and listen to the Word of God using a lectionary for children. They return to church at the Offertory.

BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.

| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | |
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| Mon., Oct. 23 | Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Rm. |
| Mon., Oct. 23 | Youth Choir practice-5 pm-Church |
| Tues., Oct. 24 | Book Club-12:30 pm-O'Brien Rm. |
| Tues., Oct. 24 | Open Parish Mtg. with Finance Committee-7 pm-Church |
| Wed., Oct. 25 | Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Rm. |
| Thurs., Oct. 26 | Adult Choir practice-7:30 pm |

Attention Knitters

Just to let you know that we will always be in need of prayer shawls or blankets. Even though we do not have a group that meets here any longer, we hope that some of you are continuing to knit at home. When you finish something, just bring it to the Rectory and we will deliver it to someone in need. Thank you so much!



Congratulations to James O'Malley and Patricia Tunney as they call each other to the sacramental covenant of marriage this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

BLOODMOBILE IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Bloodmobile which was scheduled to be held on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, has been rescheduled to Thursday, Nov. 30th. It will be jointly sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Church and St. Sebastian's School. Representing our Church, the St. Bartholomew Social Club will provide volunteers to call prospective blood donors and assist on the day of the Bloodmobile. We again call attention to our loyal blood donors that there has to be 56 days between blood donations. Therefore, anyone who donates blood after October 5th cannot donate at the November 30th Bloodmobile. If you wish to donate blood, please call Bob Carey at 781-444-6531.



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

What do you see when you look in the mirror? Did you fit into that bathing suit you so desired this past summer? Are you pleased with yourself? Do others tell you that you look good? How do you really feel? Are you full of the get up and go? Or did the get up and go just leave without you. Research tells us that good food, exercise, a positive attitude will prolong your life and make you feel better. The medical community and all means of the communication media have also been telling us this for years. Many have also given us an impossible image that we are supposed to live up to in our appearance. So what's the point? The point is 'Whom are you dressing for? For whom are you exercising or eating properly?

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians, 6: 19,20

"Our bodies are not just vessels that carry us around; they are temples in which the Holy Spirit of God Almighty chooses to dwell! God has given us stewardship over our bodies, to keep them in good working condition. Eating the right foods and getting the proper exercise are the cleansing agents for our temples. When they are kept tidy, we are able to do more for Him with strength and gusto, not tiring easily or needing to sleep on the job." ("Getting Healthy" Thelma Wells - essay)

Too frequently, we are obsessed with the outside appearance of our bodies; an image that has been imposed upon us from some commercial ideal. We suffer from our perceived less than perfect reality. And our children are done a real disservice that can have life long negative effects. When was the last time we analyzed our spiritual "good looks"? How much time do we spend on enhancing this inner temple? Let us resolve to "dress" for God in the exercise of good works, nourish ourselves in prayer, and have a positive attitude that declares "Today is the day that God has made!" And I will not abuse or waste it. For Him, I will take care of myself. To Him I will always look good as I am made in His image and likeness. Hallelujah!

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

Many thanks to the Dominican Fathers who gave us a wonderful Retreat last week. Our inner appetites were well fed with the "words of God". Go forth now and do likewise.

Breakfast at Briarwood: Join us for a full breakfast and meet our special guest, Rochelle Kruger, Elderhostel Ambassador. Learn about "Adventures in Lifelong Learning" and the wonderful opportunities for travel with Elderhostel. The breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 26, from 9:00-10:00 am at Briarwood Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, 150 Lincoln St., Needham. Please RSVP to 781-449-4040.

A Benefit Dance for Holy Ghost Fathers: The 22nd annual Benefit Dance to aid the Irish Holy Ghost Fathers' Missions will be held on Friday, Nov. 3, starting at 8:00 pm at the Irish Social Club, 119 Park St., West Roxbury. There will be music by the Andy Healy Band, Irish steo-dancing, an in-house raffle, a cash bar, and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Most Precious Blood Rectory, Hyde Park, or at the door on the night of the dance. For information, contact Most Precious Blood Rectory at 617-364-9500.

The Parish Nurse Ministry is offering an Osteoporosis Prevention Exercise Program every Thursday at 9:30 am in the Linse Room at St. Joseph's Church. The exercise provides very gentle muscle strengthening for the participant.

Widow/Widower's Group: Several Catholic churches in the area are interested in forming a group for widows/widowers—to offer support, friendship, spiritual growth and fun activities. If anyone 55 or older is interested, please call Jean at 781-769-2989.

"Scouting for Food" Drive: "Scouting for Food" benefits Needham families. All the items contributed will be given to the food pantry at the Needham Community Council. Scouts will drop off collection bags at homes in Needham between Saturday, Oct. 28, and Wednesday, Nov. 1. Residents are asked to place canned goods and non-perishable food in the bags, then put the bags outside their front doors before 8:00 am on the following Saturday, Nov. 4. On that morning the Scouts will pick up the bags and take them to the Masonic Hall on Highland Ave. The Scouts will sort and box the items for the Community Council. Whatever assistance you can give will be deeply appreciated.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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| <u>Arlington Catholic High School</u> | | |
| October 17 th (Tuesday) | 5:00-8:00pm | 781-646-8255 |
| November 5 (Sunday) | 1:00-3:00pm | |
| <u>Boston College High School</u> | | |
| October 29 th (Sunday) | 12:00-3:00pm | 617-474-5010 |
| <u>Catholic Memorial High School</u> | | |
| October 22 nd (Sunday) | 1:00-3:00pm | 617-469-8019 |
| <u>Fontbonne Academy</u> | | |
| October 26 th (Thursday) | 6:30-8:00pm | 617-696-3241 |
| November 5 th (Sunday) | 1:00-3:00pm | |
| <u>Marion High School, Framingham</u> | | |
| October 17 th (Tuesday) | 5:00-8:00pm | 508-875-7646 |
| November 5 th (Sunday) | 2:00-4:00pm | |
| <u>Montrose, Natick</u> | | |
| November 2 nd (Thursday) | 7:00-9:00pm | 508-650-6925 |
| <u>Mt. Alvernia High School</u> | | |
| November 5 th (Sunday) | 1:30-4:00pm | 617-969-2260 x46 |
| <u>Mt. St. Joseph Academy, Brighton</u> | | |
| October 24 th (Tuesday) | 6:30-8:30pm | 617-787-7999 |
| <u>Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart</u> | | |
| November 5 th (Sunday) | 1:00-3:00pm | 617-244-4246 |
| <u>Notre Dame Academy (Hingham)</u> | | |
| October 22 nd (Sunday) | 1:00-3:00pm | 781-749-5930 |
| November 8 th (Wednesday) | 6:00-8:00pm | |
| <u>St. Sebastian Country Day School</u> | | |
| October 26 th (Thursday) | 5:30-7:30pm | 781-443-5200 |
| <u>Trinity Catholic High School</u> | | |
| October 15 th (Sunday) | 2:00-4:00pm | 617-244-1841 |
| October 17 th (Tuesday) | 6:00-8:00pm | |
| November 14 th (Tuesday) | 6:00-8:00pm | |
| <u>Ursuline Academy</u> | | |
| October 29 th (Sunday) | 1:00-4:00pm | 781-326-6161, Ext. 107 |
| <u>Xaverian Brothers High School</u> | | |
| October 29 th (Sunday) | 10:00am-1:00pm | 781-326-6392 |

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

The Placement Test for most Catholic High Schools will be administered on Saturday, November 18th, and again on December 9th for those unable to take it in November. For registration forms and information on test locations, contact your local Catholic School, or the Catholic School Office at 617-298-6555.