



THANKS

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. PSALM 107:1

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.



Grand Annual Collection 2006: This collection is for the needs of St. Bartholomew Parish. To date we have received 27,265.00 which is 41% of the goal of \$65,000. For those who have already made a contribution - thank you.

The Next Scripture Class will be held on Monday, November 20th, at 10:00 a.m. in the O'Brien Room at the rectory. Please read chapters 20-23 in the Acts of the Apostles. Is conversion a one time event in life or an ongoing process? In chapter twenty two what new details does St. Paul add about his conversion? How would you describe St. Paul's escape?

2nd Collection This Weekend: There will be a special collection for the Campaign for Human Development this weekend. The campaign supports a wide range of community based ministries which include; educational, creative outreach programs to the youth, youth leadership programs and other programs. Please help the church to build communities of hope to serve the Lord and give glory and praise to God.

Reflections for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: We are rapidly coming to the end of another liturgical year. The second coming of Jesus must be seen as our greatest hope for a remedy to all of the ills and all that is wrong with the world. We know that God is present in each moment of our lives and we are invited to look and observe all of these ways that He is present. God will not be outdone in showing His love for all of us. A question to consider, how do we see the glory of God in each other?

Thanksgiving Day Mass: We invite all our parishioners to join us for the Thanksgiving Day Mass that will be celebrated on Thursday, November 23, at 8:30 am. We will come together to thank our wonderful God for the many blessings that He has bestowed on us. If you wish, you may bring one thing (bread, wine, etc.) that you will be serving at your meal. It will be blessed, and then you will share it with your guests.

Movie Night: Back by popular demand!! We are having another Movie Night on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 pm in the McCulloch Room in the school. We will be showing "Sea Biscuit" and refreshments will be provided!! Please join us—one and all.

Thanksgiving Food Donations: As we have done in the past, we will be collecting non-perishable food items that will be donated to Our Daily Bread in Boston. We do this in conjunction with St. Sebastian's School. Please see the letter on page 7 of the bulletin for the specifics.

Mark Your Calendars

Morning Prayer will take place on the Tuesdays of Advent at 8:45 am.
On Tuesday evenings in Advent there will be different programs offered at 7:00 pm.
More details will follow.

During November we remember our departed loved ones in a special way.
May we be mindful of and offer a prayer for all those who have no one to pray for them.

**BLOODMOBILE
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

A group of very good volunteers from St. Bartholomew's Social Club will be making phone calls to prospective blood donors. 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.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 18	4:00 pm	Urban Belval
Sunday	November 19	8:00 am	William L. Healy—15th Anniversary and Suzanne A. Healy—9th Anniversary
		9:45 am	William Irwin and Norma Irwin
		11:30 am	Mary DeGeorge
Monday	November 20	9:00 am	Paul Connolly
Tuesday	November 21	9:00 am	Arthur Chiappisi, Sr.
Wednesday	November 22	9:00 am	Marguerite Mann and Helena Scotto
Thursday	November 23	8:30 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Friday	November 24	9:00 am	John and Bob Campbell
Saturday	November 25	9:00 am	The Doolin and Finnigan Families
Saturday	November 25	4:00 pm	The Harrington and McCarthy Families
Sunday	November 26	8:00 am	Rick Coughlin
		9:45 am	The Sullivan and Lynch Families
		11:30 am	Mary & Francis Perry

Scripture Readings

Week of November 19, 2006

- 19 **Sun** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32
- 20 **Mon** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/ Lk 18:35-43
- 21 **Tue** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
- 22 **Wed** Rv 4:1-11/ Lk 19:11-28
- 23 **Thu** Rv 5:1-10/ Lk 19:41-44
- 24 **Fri** Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
- 25 **Sat** Rv 11:4-12/ Lk 20:27-40
- 26 **Sun** Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together): The next Prayer Group will be on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 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

A holiday celebration of Amy's Book Club will be on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 12:30 pm at Chris Anastasia's house. Plan to meet at St. Bart's parking lot at 12:10 pm to carpool. The books to be discussed are either "Miracles" by C. S. Lewis or "The Christmas Shoes" by Donna VanLiere.

 *Collections*

Weekend of Nov. 4-5

Amount collected	\$5,178.65
Amount needed	\$6,000.00
Amount over/under	(\$ 821.35)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount to date	\$27,265.00
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Thank you for your stewardship.

Youth Choir:
The next rehearsal for the St. Bart's Youth Choir will be this Monday, Nov. 20th, from 5:00-5:45 pm in the church. New members are welcome any time!

Adult Choir:
The Adult Choir meets for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:30 pm. We are always looking for new members. All are welcome!



Classes: There will be classes for all grades on Monday, November 20:

K-6 4:00-5:00 pm
7-10 7:00-8:30 pm

All classes should meet in the church before breaking into classes.

Parents of Confirmation Candidates: Save the date: Tuesday, January 9, at 7:00 pm there will be an important parent meeting in the McCulloch room of the school. Reminders will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Thanksgiving: Did you know that the very first American Day of Thanks was celebrated in 1619 by the settlers near the James River in Virginia? This day was solely devoted to prayer and did not include feasting, probably because there was so little to eat! Later, in 1621, after a successful harvest, Governor William Bradford planned a Thanksgiving celebration and feast that lasted three days. About 90 Native Americans also attended the celebration. Today, it's still all about giving thanks...and eating! Here's a simple prayer for your family to share on Thanksgiving Day:

"On this Thanksgiving Day, we thank God for all of the blessings in our lives. We are thankful for the people who love us and take care of us as we learn and grow. We are thankful for friends with whom we share secrets and play and laugh. We are thankful for the food we eat, the warm clothes we wear and the loving home in which we live. Thank you, Lord, for all of these blessings. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Elizabeth Healy & Mary Ellen Jennings
Religious Education Coordinators



We are looking for boys and girls in grade 4 and up to train to be Altar Servers. If you are interested, please pick up a form at Religious Ed or call Mrs. Dury at 781044403434.

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

If the sticker on your car windshield still reads 10, you're driving illegally. You should have had your car inspected last month. You might get caught and be fined. When you get a new prescription from the drug store, do you read the handout that accompanies it in order to avoid complications? Do you understand your various insurance policies? Do you have enough insurance? The list goes on. We read our warnings. We try to protect ourselves from whatever disasters we can. And we try to obey the rules so as to not get into any unnecessary, preventable trouble. But it seems the biggest and only guaranteed warning of "for all eternity", we often ignore or maybe don't even believe.

"..Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, not the Son, but only the Father." (Today's gospel according to Mark) The end of time, our end will come; but when, "no one knows except the Father." If we believe in Jesus words, we will be held accountable for how we have lived our lives relative to His teachings. Have we read the "handouts?" Do we acknowledge the possible complications with how we are living our lives according to His word? We try to teach accountability to our kids for their actions. How about our own? Whoever said, "Life is not a dress rehearsal" was correct. This is it. The present moment is our only sure thing. We don't have a guarantee about the next. Are you vigilant in your preparations ?

"The Lord says: My plans for you are peace and not disaster; when you call to Me, I will listen to you, and I will bring you back to the place from which I exiled you." (Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14) Can there be anything more wonderful than a forgiving Lord? But are we communicating? And how frequently? These paragraphs in our insurance policy only we can write. "for all eternity."

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Boston Catholic Men's & Women's Conference:

Anyone interested in information about attending the Catholic Men's Conference on March 17, 2007 or Catholic Women's Conference on March 18, 2007 is asked to speak with the pastor.

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.

Christmas Highlights: Can you believe it?! Advent is just around the corner!! And, if Advent is fast approaching, can Christmas be far behind?!

Save the dates:

Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm—Yankee Swap

Dec. 10th—Women in Communion Breakfast

Dec. 17th - Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-11:00 am and Christmas Concert at 2:00 pm.

More information to follow.

The Needham Community Theatre proudly presents *Oliver* on Saturday, November 25, at 2:00 and 8:00 pm and on Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 pm. It will be held at the Newman Elementary School, 1155 Central Ave., Needham. Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$18 in advance; students, seniors and groups of 10 or more are \$16 or \$14 in advance. For further information, please call 781-444-4740 or visit the website at: www.needhamtheatre.org.

Men's Retreat: Please save Friday evening, Feb. 2, 2007 through Sunday morning, Feb. 4, 2007 for the Annual Men's Retreat at the Passionist Calvary Retreat House in Shrewsbury, MA. Join with other Needham Catholic men in a weekend period of peace, reflection and prayer as we examine this year's theme "Reflecting Christ—You Are the Light of the World." More information to come during December and early January. For "early-bird" information, call Richard Smith at 781-444-0945.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., Nov. 20 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 20 Youth Choir Practice-5 pm-Church
- Tues., Nov. 21 Movie Night (showing "Sea Biscuit") at 7 pm in McCulloch Room
- Thurs., Nov. 23 Parish Office Closed
- Fri., Nov. 24 Parish Office Closed
- Mon., Nov. 27 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Nov. 29 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brian Room
- Thurs., Nov. 30 Bloodmobile-2:00-7:00 pm in Ward Hall
- Thurs., Nov. 30 Adult Choir Practice-7:30 pm
- Sun., Dec. 3 Community Sunday & Free Blood Pressure Screening after 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses
- Sun., Dec. 3 Baptisms-12:30 pm
- Mon., Dec. 4 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Dec. 4 Youth Choir Practice-5 pm-Church
- Tues., Dec. 5 Morning Prayer-8:45 am
- Tues., Dec. 5 Advent Presentation with Fr. Tom Stanton followed by Prayer and Adoration
- Wed., Dec. 6 Prayer Group-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Wed., Dec. 6 Yankee Swap-7 pm-Ward Hall

Child Advocacy: The Archdiocese has instituted five child protection and abuse prevention measures. We have been asked to share them with you. For the next five weeks we will include one in the bulletin.

How to Report Crimes Against Children: Under Massachusetts law, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is the state agency that receives all reports of suspected abuse or neglect of children under the age of 18. State law requires professionals whose work brings them in contact with children to notify DSS if they suspect that a child has been—or is at risk of being—abused or neglected. The Department receives reports on more than 100,000 children each year. Archdiocesan policy requires all of us to be protectors of children by being aware of how to make a report. A report is to be filed with DSS when we have reasonable cause to suspect that a child under the age of 18 is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse (physical, emotional, sexual) or neglect of any kind. The requirement is to immediately report these situations by phone to DSS and to follow up with a written report within 48 hours. Anyone can make a report if there is reasonable cause to believe that a child is suffering in this way. See our pastor, religious education leaders, principal of Child Abuse Prevention Team if you have any questions. DSS can be reached at 617-748-2444 or via the Child-at-Risk Hotline: 1-800-792-5200.

Thanksgiving 2006

Dear Friends at St. Bartholomew's Parish,

Recently I found out that my wife, Beth, had purchased 10,000 cans of food to be distributed during this year's Thanksgiving drive through Catholic Charities Greater Boston Office. I thought I was surely mistaken. However, when I spoke to Beth about it she confirmed it to be the case and that the 10,000 cans of green beans, mashed potato flakes, cranberry sauce and stuffing were only part of the order. Here we find ourselves at the start of another holiday season when people less fortunate than us will modestly seek help from agencies like Greater Boston Catholic Charities' Our Daily Bread Food Pantry.

The generosity of so many good people and institutions has made the work of those who provide the services possible. Nonetheless, it is always hard to ask for help. As the middleman who writes this letter to gain your support, I can only imagine how humbling it must be for someone to walk into an agency and discreetly place their name on a list of those in need.

We are fortunate. We are fortunate indeed and generous to a fault. Again, I would like to thank everyone who has given to this effort in the past and will give in the future. For those new to the parish, St. Bartholomew has contributed canned and dry goods as well as cash donations to the "Our Daily Bread" food pantry that my wife, Beth Chambers, oversees for Catholic Charities. It is a tradition that has lasted a number of years. Fr. Phil, like his predecessors, Msgr. Kickham and Fr. Garrity along with Sr. Julie, has been most supportive in this effort.

Your donations are most effective the week after Thanksgiving, as the day before Thanksgiving the shelves will be bare. Restocking the shelves is a big and expensive undertaking. However, because Beth is an economical shopper, she gets the deals and buys in bulk through the Greater Boston Food Bank, Save-A-Lot and other discount food distributors.

If you would like to help with food or money, please bring your donations to the church as instructed by the parish staff. Checks may be made payable to Our Daily Bread. The first distribution of 1600 food baskets will take place on Saturday, November 18. We are grateful to you for your help and generosity. Many thanks for all that you do.

Sincerely Your Friend, Neighbor and Brother,

Meyer Chambers

