



Blest are you Lord, God of Creation.

Through your goodness
we enjoy the fruits of the earth and share the loving gifts of family and friendship.

We ask your blessings
on our guests, our table and our home.

We offer thanks
for the love with which this festive
meal was prepared,

We offer thanks
for the love and joy which brings us
together to partake of it.

In gratitude
for your continued care over us,

Make us mindful
of the needs of others,

That we may show
our thanks in the manner of our living.

May our hearts
be filled with love and praise,

As we pray in your holy name,
Amen

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 Feast of Christ the King: Today is the last Sunday of the Church year. Next Sunday we begin the start of a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. Today's readings focus on the end of times. We are told that whatever we did for the least of His brothers and sisters we did for Jesus. Jesus Christ has the final word and He will come in glory and power to judge the good and the bad. He will reward those who have tried to help others and treat appropriately the bad and those who were only concerned about themselves. Jesus is among us. Where do we see Him?

Invitation from Cardinal Sean: His Eminence Cardinal Sean invites all of us to join him for the celebration of the Concluding Liturgy of the Bicentennial Year of the Archdiocese on **Sunday, November 23rd, at 2:00 pm** at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. There will be a reception to follow at Cathedral High School Gymnasium.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, November 27th, **at 8:30 am** to accommodate those who will be traveling. What a wonderful way to start this special day!

Bible Study: The next class will be on **Monday, December 1st**, at 10 am in the O'Brien Room. During Advent we will be studying the Letters of St. Paul.

Catholic Appeal: Presently we are at 95% (within \$5,000) of our goal. 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.

2nd Collection: this Sunday, November 23rd, there will be a second collection for the Campaign for Human Development. This collection is used to help create community based programs that work to lift people above the poverty line through assistance and education.

November is the month that the Church encourages us to remember and pray for our deceased loved ones in a special way.

Hospitality

Parishioners are needed to help with the many aspects of hospitality and welcoming that accompany our many events and activities that go on at St Bart's. Please contact Dorothea O'Connell for information or to sign up for this important ministry at Speechwin@aol.com or call 781-449-4110.

A sampling of St Bart's Hospitality includes:

- Preparing and hosting simple receptions such as those that follow the Bereavement Mass, Parish Missions, and other special events
- Welcoming parishioners before or after Mass
- Visiting new parishioners to acquaint them with the parish
- Visiting and assisting parishioners in need with basic tasks

(You may wish to help with one or more aspects)

There is a specific need right now in the parish: one of our parishioners who lives alone, has begun treatment for an illness that has left her with very little energy to recuperate. In order to support her through this treatment, we are asking on her behalf for help with basic tasks, in particular meal preparation. If you could make an extra portion or meal that can quickly and easily be heated in the microwave, please contact the rectory or drop meals off at the rectory. Meals must be fully cooked and labeled with contents and date made.



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



Saturday	November 22	4:00 pm	James Harvey, Paul Harvey and Paul Coombes
Sunday	November 23	8:00 am	Susan Zajonc
		9:45 am	Mary Lou & Leo Casey
		11:30 am	Bereavement Mass
Monday	November 24	9:00 am	The Campbell, Dunn and Goodman Families
Tuesday	November 25	9:00 am	The Doolin & Finnigan Families
Wednesday	November 26	9:00 am	Paula O'Leary
Thursday	November 27	8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for All Our Blessings
Friday	November 28	9:00 am	Philip Chiappisi
Saturday	November 29	9:00 am	
Saturday	November 29	4:00 pm	Rose Cioppa
Sunday	November 30	8:00 am	
		9:45 am	
		11:30 am	



Weekend of November 15-16

Amount collected \$5,731.35
 Amount needed \$6,000.00
 Amount over/under (\$ 268.65)

Grand Annual Collection

Amount collected \$33,365.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Prayer Group

G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) will meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 3, 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.

Amy's Book Club: Book Club meetings will be postponed until after the holidays. The next Book Club get together will be Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Information will follow as to the readings. Have a happy and holy holiday and keep reading.

YOUTH CHOIR: The next rehearsal will be **Monday, November 24th, from 5-5:45 PM** in the church. New members are always welcome.

Please come and support our Youth Choir when they sing at the Needham Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 29th. They will start with one song a little before 5:00 pm. The ceremony itself officially starts at 5:00 pm.

Children and Youth

Religious Education

Class Schedule:

- K-6 have class on Nov 24th
- K-6 have class on Dec 1st
- All grades have class on Dec 8th
- All grades have class on Dec 15th

8th grade Parents meeting – To discuss the chastity unit of the curriculum Monday, Nov 24th, 7pm in the McCulloch Room.



Thanksgiving Parish Project:

As has been the custom here, once again this year the parish, in conjunction with St. Sebastian's School, will be collecting **non-perishable food items** to give to

Our Daily Bread to help others who otherwise would not have much for Thanksgiving.

Boxes will be at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like to donate. If you would like to contribute monetarily, please make checks payable to "Our Daily Bread" and mail them to the rectory or put in the collection baskets with a note that it is for Our Daily Bread.

PIETA

Come together on Wednesday, December 3, at 7:00 pm in remembering all dearly loved children of any age, who have died. Bishop John Dooher will gather with parents to honor the lives of our precious children. We will come together in prayer, song and support as we light a candle in memory of each child. The 25th Annual Lighting Service begins at 7:00 pm in St. Theresa of Avila Church, 207 Centre St., West Roxbury. It will be followed by a reception in the Church Hall for refreshments and sharing. Everyone is welcome. For further information or directions please call Barbara Waters at 508-384-6663, Jo Collari at 508-668-3105 or Roberta Willard at 508-588-7868.

Advent Wreaths & Candles

Advent Wreaths and Candles will be available for sale **after all Masses Nov 22-23 & Nov 29-30.**

Parishioners are needed to help sell the wreaths. If it is possible for you to stay for about 20 minutes following a Mass that you are already attending on one of those weekends please contact the rectory.

Advent Activities – Mark your calendars

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, Dec. 8th

Mass Schedule: 9:00am; 4:00pm – special Mass for families and children; 7:30pm

Advent Decorating, Sunday, Dec 7th after the 8am & 9:45am Masses

Advent is (almost) here but the Peace Garden is bare!! St. Bart's will be a beautiful public witness of what we are preparing for when people passing by see our Peace Garden decorated for Advent. Come for the hot chocolate and cider; stay to hang lights, install our Nativity set, and get to know someone again or for the first time! If you can bring extra hammers, screwdrivers and ladders, it would be helpful!

Christmas Boutique, Dec 13th & 14th after all Masses

We have invited the Daughters of St Paul (of Pauline Books and Media in Dedham) to have a table of some of their more popular books and gifts which can be purchased as Christmas gifts.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Sunday Dec 14th after 9:45 Mass in Ward Hall

We are looking for 2 small photo printers to print the pictures taken of the children with Santa. If you have a photo printer and would be willing to allow the parish to use it, please contact the rectory

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE
Sharing: Time Talent Treasure

WORK: PART 2

Unfortunately in our society, many people in thinking about who they are, define themselves by what job they hold. And those that hear that job description are often impressed with that person, more or less, by the perceived importance of that job and possible salary related implications. What about those who aren't getting paid? Are they less a valuable person? The unfortunate issue is that we confuse what we do with who we are. We do a job. Our vocation is who we are.

With our Baptism we are all called to serve. No two are called the same. We are all given gifts by our Creator, unique to each. We all have some Time, Talent, and Treasure. How we develop and use these gifts is what is truly pleasing to our Lord. Hence, we have the invisible worker. Who is this person?

The invisible worker is every person who has ever done something for someone other than him/her self. Every volunteer, unpaid jobs, every person who has taken care of someone sick, raised money to help an organization provide services for the needy, every mother, father, child, neighbor, who helped another, with or without thanks. Every person who prays for another matters. This list fortunately could go on forever. Society could not function without these millions who go about their daily vocations of helping one another. We are all called to do something, no matter the time or complexity. Each must do what each is capable to do. We may often be invisible to each other; but NEVER are we invisible to ourselves and the God who made us.

Those of us, who are old enough to have actually watched television before cable, may remember a half hour show called The Loretta Young Show. Every week we watched some person in serious personal crisis work his/her way through the difficulty to self discovery. In the end each had to define him/herself with 3 definitive labels. Loretta's belief was each of us was #1 A Child of God; and #2 and #3 were up to you. (Imagine God on TV!) This is a worthwhile self examination. Who are you? #1, #2, #3. And are you satisfied with your honest description?

Stewardship Questions: Kathy Reilly 781-444-0862
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sat., Nov. 22 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after Mass
- Sun., Nov. 23 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after all Masses
- Sun., Nov. 23 Bereavement Mass-11:30 am followed by a reception in Ward Hall
- Sun., Nov. 23 ARISE Pot-luck dinner-5:00 pm in Ward Hall
- Mon., Nov. 24 Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Nov. 24 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in the O'Brien Room
- Mon., Nov. 24 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 pm
- Mon., Nov. 24 8th grade Parent Meeting-7:00 pm-McCulloch Room
- Wed., Nov. 26 PARISH OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON
- Thurs., Nov. 27 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Thurs., Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Liturgy-8:30 am-Please bring non-perishable food for Our Daily Bread
- Fri., Nov. 28 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sat., Nov. 29 Youth Choir singing at the Needham Tree Lighting a little before 5:00 pm.
- Sat., Nov. 29 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after Mass
- Sun., Nov. 30 Advent wreaths & candles for sale after all Masses
- Mon., Dec. 1 Bible Study-10 am-O'Brien Room
- Mon., Dec. 1 Religious Ed classes for K-6 only
- Mon., Dec. 1 Pre-school Story Hour-4 pm in the O'Brien Room
- Mon., Dec. 1 Youth Choir Rehearsal-5 pm
- Wed., Dec. 3 Prayer Group-10 am
- Thurs., Dec. 4 Adult Choir Rehearsal-7:30 pm
- Sat., Dec. 6 First Saturday Devotion-following the 9:00 am Mass
- Sun., Dec. 7 Community Sunday and free blood pressure screening following the 8:00 & 9:45 am Masses

Beginning in December we will be collecting non-perishable food and paper items **year round** for donation to the Needham Community Council's Food Pantry. Please consider donating to the many needy Needham families who regularly use the Food Pantry, especially during these tough economic times. There will be a box in the back of the church. All donated items will be brought to the Food Pantry on Mondays or Tuesdays. If you would like to help deliver the items, please contact Kathy Ellison at 781-400-1093."

O God of all Creation: *You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.*

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name! On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world. We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

*~From "Prayers for God's People"
Thomas P. Roberts, Editor*

Advent Outreach

Tree of Warmth



Again this year we are collecting warmth items for Our Daily Bread. Warmth items for men, women or children may be left unwrapped under the tree located in the sanctuary from **Saturday Nov 29th until Sunday Dec 21st**

NEW items only, these will be given as Christmas gifts!

Please fill our tree with:

- Mittens Gloves Hats Scarves Headbands
- Coats Snowsuits Blankets Warm socks Ear warmers
- Fleece sweaters Winter boots

Or anything else to keep someone warm this winter!

*Please note: There are no tags to collect, anything that you can bring would be welcome!

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Parish Advent Project - Needham Community Council Heating Assistance program

Each Advent St Bart's supports a local cause and we ask our parishioners to help through financial donations. This year will be a tough one on many Needham families and so we are collecting donations for the Needham Community Council's Heating Assistance program. This program determines need and distributes funds to help families cover the cost of heating their homes. Please indicate Needham Community Council on donations made.

Keep an eye out for the **Annual Advent Mailing!**



All registered parishioners will receive a mailing from St Bart's which includes a letter from Fr. Phil, December's calendar, and Advent reflection book.

If you have not received your mailing or if you would like to register with the parish, please contact Debby Deneen, Parish secretary 781-444-3434 or d_deneen@comcast.net