



Christ the Savior is born



OUR MISSION

As a warm and welcoming community, we strive to live out our Catholic faith and share Christ's loving message of salvation.

We nurture the gifts and talents of all, to serve our local and global community joyfully.

ST BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

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Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-3:30pm

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23

9:45am Edward F. & Mary O'Brien

11:30am Mary R. Nuccio

Sunday, December 30

8:00am Regina A. Graham (Month's Mind)

9:45am Barbara Leclair & Paul Antico

11:30am Judy Warren (2nd. Anniversary)



Prayer Line

This is a network of people who pray for special intentions. Call the parish office and leave a message regarding for whom you would like prayers said.

Parish Staff

Fr. Derek Borek, Administrator

Gisele Byda, Business Manager

Antonia Nedder, Music Director,
Youth Choir Director

Charles Kanelos, Adult Choir Director

Jennifer Foster Director of Religious Education

Maryellen Jennings, Religious Ed. Coordinator, Grades K-6

Reyna Mendoza, Office Assistant

<u>WEEKLY OFFERTORY</u>	
12/10 → 16/18	
Regular Offertory	
TOTALS →	\$ 7,374
Envelopes →	3,510
Other →	2,011
WeShare →	1,853

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 9:45am, 11:30am

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat, 9:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00pm - 3:45pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.

Please call a month in advance to schedule baptisms.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Eucharistic Adoration

The St. Bartholomew/ St. Joseph's cluster gathers every Friday from 9:30am-5:00pm in St. Joseph's Lower Church.

First Saturday Devotion

After the 9:00am Mass the first Sat. of each month

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10am funeral)



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<https://stbartholomew-needham.churchgiving.com/>

A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK



As we enter into this holy season of our Lord's birth, on behalf of the staff here at St. Bartholomew's, I want to wish each of you a very blessed Christmas and all the best in the new year. As we reflect on the birth of Jesus, we reflect on the immensity of the Father's love for each and every one of us. To live in the awareness that God did not withhold his only Son from us, but allowed him to become one of us, taking flesh and being born of the Virgin Mary, is to live in awe of His generosity, but is also to live a life that seeks to conform itself to the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, and his teachings. May we, throughout the year and not only in the season ahead, be *"doers of the word and not hearers only"* (James 1:22), allowing that love to take flesh in our lives in all that we say and do. Merry Christmas to all!

END OF YEAR DONATIONS



Just a reminder to all of you that the close of the calendar year is just a few weeks away. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of this time of year and looking ahead to tax time in April, you might consider an additional tax-deductible donation to St. Bartholomew's Parish before the end of the year.

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To date our Grand Annual Campaign has raised \$81,616 towards our goal of \$95,000. Many thanks to all of you who have given.

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th	4:00 Mass in the church preceded by concert at 3:30 (Adult Choir)
	4:00 Mass in Ward Hall with musical prelude at 3:45 (Nedder Family)
	6:00 Mass in the Church preceded by singing of carols and the Nativity Pageant at 5:45. (Youth Choir)
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th	8:00 Mass
	11:00 Mass
	<i>Both Masses with cantor and trumpet</i>

Please note that there are only two Masses on Christmas morning, and that the second one starts a half-hour earlier than our usual Sunday Mass at 11:30.

Please note: The parish offices will be closed both Tuesday, December 25th and Wednesday, December 26th.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The only collection that is taken up at all of the Masses in the Archdiocese of Boston on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust. This trust provides for the health needs of the 580 active and senior priests in good standing in the Archdiocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

YOUTH CHOIR



Youth Choir rehearsals for 2018 have finished and we are looking forward to singing at the 6 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, with a musical prelude beginning at 5:45 PM. The next Youth Choir rehearsal will be Sunday, January 6th at 5 PM in the church.

St. Bartholomew Parish 2019 Calendars

We have plenty of St. Bartholomew Calendars to be distributed for 2019 from Ed Doherty of The Doherty Funeral Home. We are grateful to the Doherty Funeral Home for our parish calendar.



HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Tuesday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be on Monday, December 31st at 4:00 PM and on Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00 and 11:00 AM. **Please note: The parish offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st.**

CYO Basketball Registration



Open invitation to all St. Bartholomew High School girls grades 9 -12 for CYO basketball.

To request a registration form, contact CYO Athletic Director Tom Loughran at tom-loughran@rcn.com or (781) 254- 8220.

SOCIAL CLUB

You're invited! Come join the Saint Bartholomew's Social Club. Be entertained, be informed, and enjoy some of the finest snacks in Needham. Come join in the camaraderie of your friends and fellow parishioners while we laugh, learn a little more about our town, and have a good time. We have our monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month from October to May at 1PM except for the months of January and February. Join us. Contact Kathy Whitney @ (781) 449-2063.



Substitute Teachers at St. Joe's



St. Joseph Elementary School is looking for energetic and motivated substitute teachers to work with students from Pre-K to grade five. Substitute teachers will follow the classroom teacher's lesson plans, manage the classroom environment, and transition students to specialty classes and recess/lunch. Please contact Lauren Solomon at lsolomon@saintjoes.com.

If you have experienced, or if you know anyone who has experienced any kind of abuse in the Church, please contact the Archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach (OPSO). Information can be found at www.bostoncatholic.org or by calling Vivian Soper at 617-746-5995.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



May the peace of Christ be with you this Christmas! Savor Christ's presence in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

TRIP TO THE SHRINES & ABBEYS OF IRELAND

Please join Fr. Phil McGaugh on this escorted trip to the Shrines & Abbeys of Ireland leaving from Boston on March 3rd and returning on March 12, 2019.



Your package will include flights, luxury touring coach, 8 nights hotel accommodations with 6 dinners and 8 breakfasts. Dinner/Cabaret in Bunratty, Daily Mass and more.

The cost per person, based on double occupancy is \$3,095.

Any questions regarding this wonderful trip please contact **Mary Henry** from Marian Pilgrimages (781) 331-2444.

ONE DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The St. John - St. Paul Collaborative and The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents *invite you to a ONE DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT for parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019,
9:30am - 7:00pm

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH
9 Glen Road, Wellesley, MA 02481

\$25/person or \$40/couple

Registration fee includes three meals, and all retreat materials. Ample free parking. Scholarships are available.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
To register, visit: www.emfgp.org.



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REMEMBERING



Remembering is an art and a science and so much more. It is only perfect to the person remembering. Ask any two siblings or friends about a shared experience and you will probably get two different stories with only a trace of shared exactness. Remembered moments are very personal—some treasured and some not so. What is important to one may only be met with indifference to the other. How long do these memories stay with us is also very individualized. Some affect us so emotionally that we purposely keep them active in our minds. While others we might try to forget and move on. Then again age is a factor that messes with our minds and we can't immediately recall some memories that we wish to revive. Are memories really important? You bet that they are! Not only do they help us function in life but they are also very important to our emotional life. And what is so frustrating is that all of life experiences are up there. And it is only our ability to access them that gives us fits.

Memories are very important to us as children. We are being taught first by our parents and then by many others as we go through life. If we can't or don't remember, life will be much more difficult. Without memory, successful functioning in our society will be more than just difficult. At times it may be impossible. And some memories are the basis for our 'way of life.' And where do electronics fit into this picture of our remembered life? How many of the younger set remember telephone numbers or any address of neighbors, local businesses, even our friends and relatives? The answer is with the push of a button. We don't even have to remember our children's big moments. It seems that every breath and action of our children is recorded on a smart phone or computer. My grandchild at age FOUR asked his mother for her phone as he wanted to see his birthday party of last year. With a few pushes of the buttons, he dialed in himself and with a delighted giggle enjoyed his previous party. (Grandma couldn't have found that party, if her life depended on it!) Is the power of our memory being diluted? Or is it just being rewired? And is this a good thing? The answer may not be truly known for a while? At least in a black out, we oldies can sit in the darkness and smile with our memories.

And 'unto them, a child was born.' We Christians remember the story. But for how long during the course of the year? How many smart phones register pictures of the Holy Family, the baby Jesus, versus pictures of our decorated houses, Christmas trees, children opening presents, etc. of the season. We actively remember Jesus during Advent, Christmas day, Lent, Easter but how much more? Jesus asked us to 'remember Him in this life. And He will remember us in the next!' What smart phone picture can make this promise or be so important as it sits up there in some cloud forever? Does not all creation include all clouds, space, our beloved planet, and all of His creatures in it? 'Remember Me in this life and I will remember you in the next.' Have we forgotten that this life is a lot shorter than the next? What if God forgets?

Merry Christmas to all on this very special day. May its joy and sacredness be with you always. May all your holiday memories start and end with for' unto us a child is born.' May this child, our Savior be with us every day in every way.

by Kathy Reilly

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If anyone needs a ride to a church service or wishes a home or Communion visit, please contact me.

PARISH CALENDAR

DEC 23 – JAN 05

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23 4th Sunday of Advent 8:00am Mass 9:45am Mass – NO CLW 11:30am Mass	24 Christmas Eve 9:00am Mass 3:30pm Concert 4:00pm Mass w/ Adult Choir– Church 4:00pm Mass w/ Cantor prelude at 4:45pm–Ward Hall 6:00pm Mass w/ Youth Choir preceded by the singing of Carols and Nativity Pageant at 5:45pm– Church	25 Christmas 8:00am Mass 11:00am Mass (All masses have cantor, trumpeter & accompanist) OFFICE CLOSED	26 9:00am Mass OFFICE CLOSED	27 9:00am Mass	28 9:00am Mass	29 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass
30 8:00am Mass 9:45am Mass– NO CLW 11:30am Mass	31 New Year’s Eve 9:00am Mass 4:00pm Vigil Mass– Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am Holy Mass 11:00am Holy Mass OFFICE CLOSED	02 9:00am Mass 10:00am G.I.F.T.- O’ Brien room	03 9:00am Mass 6:30pm Adult Choir	04 9:00am Mass	05 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass



Merry Christmas