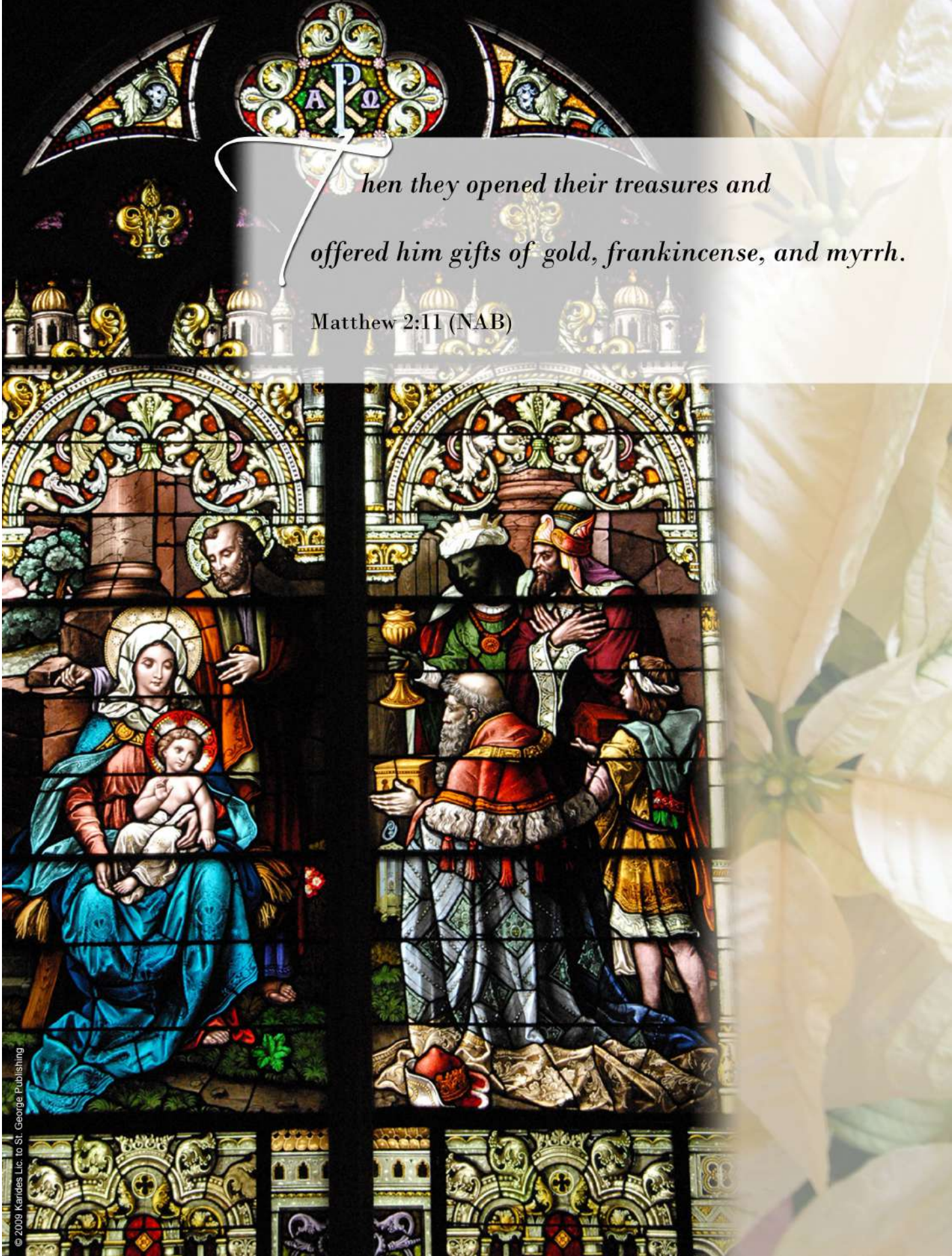




When they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 (NAB)





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, January 06

- 8:00am Peter Bernard
- 9:45am Joseph & Marion Baron and Paul M. Baron (2nd. Anniversary)
- 11:30am Frances Fleming (Month's Mind)

Monday, January 07

- 9:00am Kevin Bernard

Tuesday, January 08

- 9:00am Helen Gaughran

Wednesday, January 09

- 9:00am Jeanne & Eric Anderson

Friday, January 11

- 9:00am People of St. Bartholomew

Saturday, January 12

- 9:00am John Haran
- 4:00pm Barbara Williams

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

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)

Please, make your donation checks payable to **ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH**, with your note in the memo line.

<u>WEEKLY OFFERTORY</u>		
12/24 → 30/18		
	Regular Offertory	2nd Collection
TOTALS →	\$ 7,697	\$ 14,823
Envelopes →	5,315	6,273
Other →	2,019	8,160
WeShare →	363	390



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

A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word epiphany means “to reveal” or a manifestation. It has come to be used in our common language to describe a moment of sudden revelation or insight. While today, in recalling the visit of the magi, we commemorate the revelation of God’s Son, the promised Messiah, to the Gentiles – the non-Jewish nations, there are other “epiphanies” that occur in the scriptures that manifest to us, give us insight into, the true identity of this newborn Jesus.

The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary highlight many of these. They are called luminous because they recall events in which the light of Christ’s true glory and identity shone through. These include Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan, the Miracle at Cana in Galilee (his first miracle – changing water into wine), the Proclamation of the Kingdom (Jesus, in his preaching, revealing his closeness to the Father), The Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. Other epiphanies are such times as when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, when he fed the 5,000 or when he walked on water, to name a few.

In today’s festival, we continue to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light that scatters the darkness of the world. May we seek to be so united with Christ that our own lives might become a daily epiphany, a daily revelation of Christ’s glory, to those around us, so that they, too, like the magi, might offer praise and the gift of their lives to Jesus Christ.



YOUTH CHOIR



Youth Choir rehearsals resume this Sunday, January 6th from 5-6 PM in the church. New members are always welcome!



The Christmas collection for the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust supports the future wellness needs of our priests. Our parish contribution of **\$14,823** will have a positive impact on the programs we are able to provide our priests this year. If you did not have the opportunity to make a donation and wish to do so, please visit www.clergytrust.org

Thank you for your prayers and generous support.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

FAMILIES

INDIVIDUALS

Campbell Family

John Donovan

Dunn Family

Dick Kellers

Goodman Family

John Marino

Gould Family

Michael Marino

Patti Family

Phil Marino

Will Smithers

GRAND ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

To date our Grand Annual Campaign has raised **\$84,641** towards our goal of \$95,000. Many thanks to all of you who have given.



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 tomloughran@rcn.com or (781) 254- 8220.



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

Assembly For Life

Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Assembly for Life,

Sunday, January 20, 2019, Faneuil Hall, Boston, 2:00 pm.

Featured speaker: Stephen Mosher of *The Population Institute*, will speak on the abortion situation around the world, especially the new developments in Ireland and China.

Come out and join the movement to restore respect for every human being, especially our unborn.

ONE DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

The St. John - St. Paul Collaborative &
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,
9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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. Scholar-
ships are available.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

To register, visit: www.emfgp.org.



APPLICATIONS 2019-2020

St. Joseph Elementary (Preschool – Gr 5) &
Monsignor Haddad Middle School (Gr 6- 8) in
Needham are accepting applications for the
2019-2020 school year.

To learn more, visit our website,
www.saintjoes.com, or call (781) 444-4459
(ext.112, Desiree Walsh, for the elementary school
or ext. 211, Pat Ross, for the middle school).
Individual and group SJES tours are available
upon request.

MHMS Open House Jan. 27, 12 - 2 pm.



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 occupan-
cy is \$3,095.

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



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Give the gift of time and yourself to your
spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage
Encounter Weekend.

The next Weekends are

- * Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI
- * Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA.

For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at
(800) 710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

AMY'S BOOK CLUB



IT'S THE SEASON....so our Book Club will NOT meet in December. We will next meet the last Monday of **January—the 28th, 2019, at 12:30pm** in the O'Brien room in the Rectory. No stairs. Just come directly through the garage.

We have chosen 2 books for this period. For December, we will read SLEEP NO MORE, by P.D. James, an acclaimed mystery writer. For January we have selected CLOCK DANCE, by Anne Tyler. At the January meeting, we will discuss both books.

Our last month's book, THE PARIS WIFE, by Paula McLain was enjoyed and praised by all. This is the story of the relationship of Ernest Hemingway and his first wife (of 4). Times were different, lives of "artists" were different, and how these artists lived while trying to produce their talent works certainly were different.

New Year's Resolution—join us for fun discussions and be introduced to new authors that you may never have found on your own! Happy Holidays! Good readings! And find some private time to enjoy it all.

Questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862 Email: kreilly15@yahoo.com Need a ride? Call.

G.I.F.T. GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Every Wednesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00am we, the St. Bartholomew prayer group, meet for an hour of prayer in the O'Brien room in the Rectory. (No stairs required.)

Praying together is a very special experienced and one where, when we raise our voices to our Lord, we know He hears us and we too feel His presence in our little room. Praying is a very necessary part for who we are as Christians. When Jesus asked us to "abide in Me", we do this through prayer.

Please know that this hour could be the most important hour of your week. Do not let any thoughts of "I don't know how to pray" be any part of your unwillingness to come. It is very relaxed and we will provide any assistance you need to join in. Actually Jesus gave us our prayers and we are all still learning how to pray well. PLEASE COME! We need you.

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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 solomon@saintjoes.com.

PARISH CALENDAR
January 6 — 19, 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
06 Community Sunday 8:00am Mass 9:45am Called by Name— NO CLW 11:30am Mass 5:00pm Youth Choir—Church	07 9:00am Mass 4:00pm RE K-6	08 9:00am Mass	09 9:00am Mass 10:00am G.I.F.T.- O' Brien room	10 9:00am Mass 6:30pm Adult Choir	11 9:00am Mass	12 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass
13 8:00am Mass 9:45am Mass 11:30am Mass 5:00pm Youth Choir—Church 7:00pm RE 7-10	14 9:00am Mass 4:00pm RE K-6 7:00pm RE 7-10	15 7:30am Men's Group- O'Brien room 9:00am Mass	16 9:00am Mass 10:00am G.I.F.T.- O' Brien room	17 9:00am Mass 6:30pm Adult Choir	18 9:00am Mass	19 9:00am Mass 3:00pm Confessions 4:00pm Mass

Beatitudes

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ACROSS

- 1 Blessed are the _____: for they shall be called the children of God
- 2 Blessed are the _____: for they shall obtain mercy
- 4 Blessed are the pure in _____: for they shall see God
- 6 Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth
- 8 Blessed are those that hunger and thirst after _____: for they shall be filled

DOWN

- 1 Blessed are they which are _____ for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 3 _____ are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 5 Blessed are the poor in _____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven
- 7 Blessed are they that _____: for they shall be comforted

