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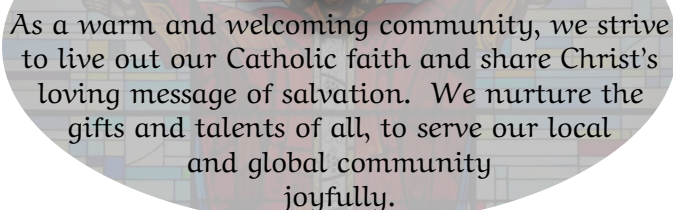
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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE VISIT OF THE MAGI

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

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.

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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.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY

December 17—23, 2022

TOTAL →	\$6,326
OFFERTORY →	2,371
ONLINE →	1,150
MAIL-IN →	2,805

DONATIONS—KIND REMINDERS

- Make checks payable to ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH, with your note on the memo line.
- Click here, stbartholomew-needham.org, to discover the many ways to donate.
- Don't forget to update your online payment information.
- Call us to order weekly giving envelopes, at no charge to you.
- Let us know if your personal information has changed, so we can update our parish database.

Mass IntentionsSATURDAY, JANUARY 7

4:00 PM Wilfred & Helen Metivier

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00 AM Frank J. Kortenkaemper, Sr.

9:45 AM For the People of the Parish

11:30 AM Fr. Alan Crowley, O. Carm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 AM Poorest Soul of a Priest in Purgatory

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 AM Gloria Garcia

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Poorest Soul in Purgatory

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 AM Special Intention, known to priest

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 AM Special Intention, known to priest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:00 AM Barbara J. Varley

May these intentions and all the prayers of the faithful be ever in the Heart of Jesus.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

Daily Mass: Mon — Sat, 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30 PM — 3:15 PM or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM

Please call a month in advance to schedule Baptisms.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration takes place at St. Joseph every Friday after 6:50 AM Mass until 12:00 noon.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayed immediately following weekday Mass (except when there is a 10:00 AM funeral).

A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R: (cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R**

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all the nations shall serve him. **R**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R**

Our Responsorial Psalm on the Epiphany of the Lord is the same Responsorial Psalm as on both the First and Third Sundays of Advent, albeit with a different refrain. Psalm 72, which comes about midway through the Book of Psalms, is a spiritual and emotional highpoint that will be topped only by the rousing finale of praise psalms at the end. In Psalm 72, David invokes God's blessing upon the reign of *the king's son*, Solomon, who succeeds David as king. While King Solomon was great, his reign did not last forever. The downward trajectory of the subsequent psalms mirrors the distress and destruction that followed Solomon's reign. As great as Solomon was, he eventually died. He was not the eternal king who could provide *fullness of peace for ever*.

Psalm 72 is fulfilled not in *the king's son*, Solomon, but in Jesus, Son of David, and the Eternal King. As this psalm points forward to Jesus, in Advent the refrain anticipates Jesus' coming: **R: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever** (cf. verse 7). At the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's homage to the Infant King, the emphasis shifts to adoration: **R: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you** (cf. verse 11).

As we celebrate the revealing of Jesus to the gentile nations at Epiphany, use this psalm to pray that all nations and kings will come to adore Jesus, just as the magi did.

God bless you,
Fr. Tom



POPE BENEDICT XVI

April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022

Requiem æternam dona ei Domine,

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

et lux perpetua luceat ei.

and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Requiescat in pace. Amen.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Fidelium animæ,

May the souls of all the faithful departed,

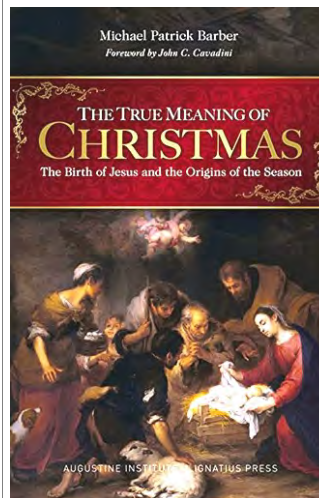
per misericordiam Dei,

through the mercy of God,

requiescant in pace. Amen.

rest in peace. Amen.

A GIFT FROM ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH



Please be sure to pick up a copy of *The True Meaning of Christmas*, in which biblical scholar Michael Patrick Barber gives a fascinating explanation of the many facets of Christmas by way of Christmas carols we all know and love, but may not truly understand. The traditional hymns of Christmas provide a deeply theological catechesis. Organizing the book by familiar verses from Christmas carols, Barber makes the theology of Christmas both interesting and accessible. Extra copies of the book are available at the doors of the church.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to the many who volunteer their time and talent for the benefit of the Parish as lectors, catechists, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members, ushers, counters, council members, and any number of other jobs that have no official title. Volunteers who did not receive their thank you gift at Christmas may pick it up in the sacristy. Thank you for your dedication to St. Bartholomew Parish.

Epiphany Proclamation for AD 2023:

Know, dear brethren, that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the twenty-second day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the ninth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the eighteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the eleventh day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the third day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU FROM THE CLERGY TRUST

Thank you for your support of the Clergy Trust through the one collection at all the Christmas Masses. The Clergy Trust supports the health, retirement, and financial security of priests who are in good standing with the Archdiocese of Boston. The Clergy trust depends on the generosity of parishioners across the Archdiocese. If you did not have the opportunity to contribute to the Christmas collection, special envelopes are available at the doors of the church. These envelopes may be included in the regular collection basket after Mass, brought to the Parish Office, or mailed directly to the Clergy Trust. Thank you for your generous support of our priests.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC—THANK YOU

A special note of thanks to Charlie Kanelos and the Christmas Choir, which combined adult and youth voices to provide the parish with music at the 4:00 Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Concert beforehand. Thanks also to our accompanists, musicians, and cantors at the other Christmas Masses. Many, many thanks for the beautiful music.

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW MEN'S GROUP**

The parish Men's Group meets every **3rd Tuesday** of the month (**7:30—8:30 AM**) in the Parish Office. The next meeting is **January 17**. The group discusses the Mass readings for the next Sunday, along with some friendly talk and fellowship. Any man interested in expanding his understanding of Scripture, and helping others to do the same, is invited to meet at the Parish Office on Tuesday morning. For more information, call Marty Cuniffe at (781) 444-9033 or (617) 694-6221 (cell).

GIFT—GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Join us for the St. Bartholomew Parish Women's Prayer Group each **Wednesday, 10:00 AM**, in the rectory O'Brien room—easy, no stairs, access through the garage. Refreshments are available, followed by the coming Sunday Gospel, prayers, and discussion. A Bible scholar one does not have to be. We are all joining together to raise our thoughts and voices to God for one blessed hour. PLEASE JOIN US! Questions, Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862, kreilly15@yahoo.com

ST. BARTHOLOMEW BOOK CLUB

Meetings are held every **1st Monday** of the month at **1:00 PM** in the rectory O'Brien room — easy, no stair access through the garage. Our recent Book Club meeting resulted in an enthusiastic discussion of the chosen book, *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. It was most agreeable and informative to all. Our next meeting will occur a week LATER than usual on **January 9**, as the first Monday of the month occurs January 2, which is too close to the holidays. Our chosen book for January 9th is *DINNERS WITH RUTH* by Nina Totenberg. This book is a memoir on the power of friendships (Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Nina Totenberg). Have a wonderful holiday season and please find a moment for yourself to read the above. Please join us! For questions, Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862, kreilly15@yahoo.com

SPACED SEATING, CRY ROOMS, LIVE-STREAM MASS

There is **no longer a general dispensation** from attending Mass in person. Spaced seating is available on one side of the church for those desiring more room. Cry rooms are available for reservation on [Sign Up Genius](https://www.signupgenius.com). The 9:45 AM Sunday Mass is livestreamed on our Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person because of serious health reasons.



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A note on the Clergy Trust from Fr. John Mulloy

Since the day of my ordination more than 50 years ago, I have been grateful that God called me to the priesthood. Being committed to serving others' needs as a living sacrament of God's presence is a distinct privilege. However, it often leaves very little time for self-care. For myself and the more than 500 other active and senior diocesan priests, self-care is made easier and has become more natural thanks to the support of the Clergy Trust.

This support was made very clear to me years ago when, while skiing out of state, I had a heart event. All the care I received was covered by the Clergy Trust. What a relief! Now, as an aging senior priest facing increasing health challenges, I have moved into the Regina Cleri Residence in Boston. This community has given me more joy and provided me with more peace of mind than I ever could have imagined.

Operating Regina Cleri is just one of the three programs that the Clergy Trust provides to priests in good standing. The Dedicated Care Team is available anytime for healthcare or wellness guidance and support, and the Intentional Living Program provides resources, seminars, and communications to help us maintain our health.

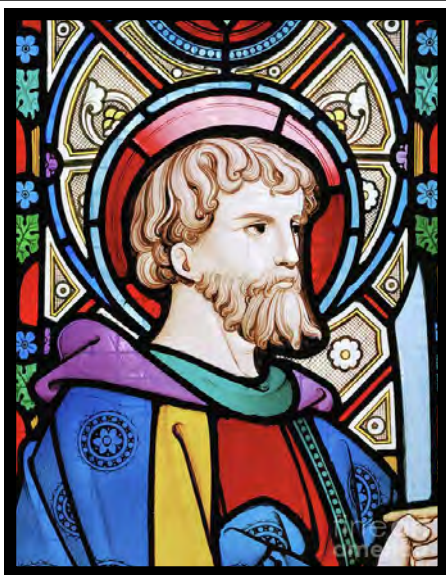
From ordination to the moment we are called home to God, the Clergy Trust cares for us. Your generosity to the parish collection this Christmas will allow the Clergy Trust to continue carrying out its mission so that we can continue carrying out our mission to serve Christ and you. On behalf of my brothers in Christ, thank you. May God bless your generous hearts. Have a blessed Christmas. - Fr. John Mulloy



"How then, tell me, did the star point out a spot so confined, just the space of a manger and shed, unless it left that height and came down, and stood over the very head of the young child? And at this the evangelist was hinting when he said, 'Lo, the star went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.'" - St. John Chrysostom

"Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die." — St. Peter Chrysologus

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BARTHOLOMEW
PRAY FOR US



*Here is a true child of Israel.
There is no guile in him."
Bartholomew/Nathanael
answered him: "Rabbi, you are
the Son of God; you are the
King of Israel."
~ John 1:47-48 ~*



Eucharistic Adoration is held each
Friday at St. Joseph Church
following the 6:50 AM Mass,
until 12:00 PM.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
January 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
The Epiphany of the Lord	The Baptism of the Lord					
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM Community Sunday after 8:00 & 9:45 AM Masses 9:45 AM, Called by Name 7:00 PM RE Class (7—10)	9:00 AM, Mass 1:00 PM , Book Club - O'Brien Rm 4:00 PM RE Class (1—6)	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
January 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		St. Anthony Abbott				St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM, Mass Office closed	9:00 AM, Mass 7:30 AM, Men's Group—Parish Office	9:00 AM, Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
January 22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	St. Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	Ss. Timothy & Titus, Bishops		St. Thomas Aquinas Priest, Doctor of the Church
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM 3:00 PM, Holy Hour for Life— St. Joseph Church 7:00 PM RE Class (7—10)	9:00 AM, Mass 4:00 PM RE Class (1—6) 7:00 PM RE Class Catholic Schools (10)	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass

Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

1620-1700

FEAST DAY — JANUARY 12

Growing up in Troyes, France, Marguerite formed a special relationship with Our Lady. She was turned away by two religious communities, but met the founder of Montreal, Canada, when he returned to France to visit his sister. He invited Marguerite to open a school in the New World; she went, despite misgivings, after praying to Mary. From that first school in an abandoned stable, her ministry grew to include teaching women crafts and founding the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame. She managed to keep her sisters uncloistered, despite opposition from the bishop, and served as superior for many years. When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1982, she became Canada's first woman saint.



Elliott S. of Burlington Mass survived testicular cancer only to be living life in constant pain. He felt as though he were walking on pins and needles, becoming weaker and weaker every day. "I was beginning to be worried that one day I would be wheelchair-bound."

Nearly half of patients who undergo chemotherapy will develop Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy or CIPN.

Chemotherapy medications travel throughout the body and attack cancer cells; sadly they can also cause severe damage to healthy nerves. When asked how CIPN was affecting his quality of life, he responded, "It was difficult to even walk up and downstairs and do other things we usually take for granted."

The most common symptoms include:

- pain, tingling, burning, weakness, or numbness in arms, hands, legs or feet
- sudden, sharp, stabbing or shocking pain sensations
- loss of touch sensation
- clumsiness and trouble using hands to pick up objects or fasten clothing
- loss of balance and falling

"HER TREATMENTS ARE LIFE CHANGING"

Finally! A local acupuncturist is helping cancer survivors live lives, free from the constant pain and suffering associated with **Peripheral Neuropathy!**

Fortunately for Elliott, Acupuncturist Min K. Jeon of **AWC | Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic** is using the time-tested science of Acupuncture and modern technology. This technology originally developed by NASA, assists in increasing blood flow, expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease. After a series of treatments, Elliott was taking stairs with stride!

"We have a beach house and it's upstairs. This morning I walked right down the stairs and got in the car," Elliott shared. "I remember thinking 'that's become mighty easy for me', I didn't have to hold on to the handrail or anything! It's life-changing to have this mobility back!"

For over 20 years Acupuncturist Min has been reversing the effects of CIPN as well as other varieties of Peripheral Neuropathy, including that caused by diabetes without invasive surgeries and/or medications that come with uncomfortable side effects.

If you've recently beat cancer only to find that you're living a life in constant pain and discomfort or you're struggling with the same symptoms as a result of either Idiopathic Neuropathy or Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy, Min K. Jeon at Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic can help!

Visit www.AWCLinic.com to learn more and to take advantage of their New Patient Offer!

AWC's success stories can be viewed by finding AWC on Facebook, @AcupunctureClinic! Acupuncturist Min is always accepting new patients. To determine whether or not you are a good candidate for her personalized and comprehensive treatments, an initial consultation is required.

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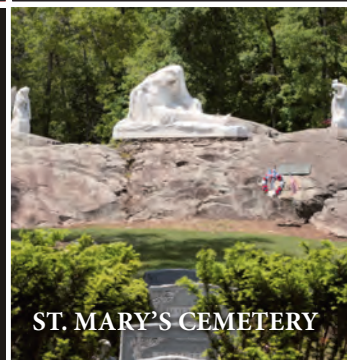


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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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