

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH

NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS



1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4



Parish 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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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

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DONATIONS

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY

February 11—17

TOTAL →	\$4,770
OFFERTORY →	2,920
ONLINE →	985
MAIL-IN →	865

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 **giving envelopes**, at no charge to you.
- Let us know if your **personal information has changed**, so we can update our parish database.

Mass Intentions

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00 PM Bridget Harrington

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Robert D. Hall, Jr.

11:30 AM Caterina Calogero & Filomena O'Shea

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 AM Living & deceased members of the Avcikurt & Ozisikyilmaz families

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 AM Fr. Greg Staab

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 AM Jean D. Hession

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 AM Chiappisi Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 AM Margarite Jimenez

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Following Friday Mass during Lent (except when there is a 10:00 AM funeral).

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

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

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

R: (cf. 3a) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense.
Thoroughly wash me from my guilt
and of my sin cleanse me. **R**

For I acknowledge my offense,
and my sin is always before me.
“Against you only have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight.” **R**

A clean heart create for me, O God,
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.
Cast me not out from your presence,
and your Holy Spirit take not from me. **R**

Give me back the joy of your salvation,
and a willing spirit sustain in me.
O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will proclaim your praise. **R**

The Responsorial Psalm for the First Sunday of Lent is the most famous penitential psalm in the Book of Psalms. Psalm 51 is recited every Friday throughout the year by priests, deacons, religious, and laity during Morning Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Tradition holds that King David wrote this psalm after his sins involving Bathsheba, in which David fell to the same pattern of temptation first experienced in the Garden of Eden. In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, Eve gives in to the threefold concupiscence of (1) lust of the flesh, (2) lust of the eyes, and (3) pride of life when she sees that the forbidden fruit was (1) good for food, (2) pleasing to the eyes, and (3) desirable for gaining wisdom. King David falls to the threefold concupiscence when he (2) desires from afar to possess another man’s wife for her beauty, (1) commits adultery with her, and (3) pridefully refuses to admit his wrongdoing, committing murder to cover his tracks.

Although he falls to the same threefold concupiscence as Adam and Eve, David repents with great contrition. In this psalm, David prays for a clean heart and a renewed spirit, the anticipation of the cleansing of our hearts in the sacraments of baptism and confession. David confesses his sin to God and prays to be washed clean of his guilt. Christ instituted the sacraments as vehicles to receive God’s grace. David did not have access to the sacrament of confession, but we do. This Lent, make use of the sacrament of confession to receive God’s grace and to be cleansed of guilt and sin.

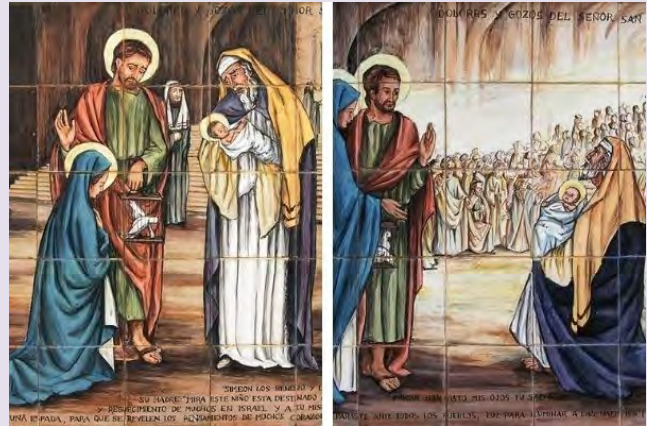
God bless you,
Fr. Tom

SEVEN SUNDAYS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH

A longtime tradition of the Catholic Church, the Seven Sundays Devotion honors the seven sorrows and seven joys experienced by St. Joseph as husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, guardian of Jesus, and head of the Holy Family, leading up to St. Joseph’s Day, observed this year on Monday, March 20th.

Fourth Sunday – February 26, 2023

*His sorrow when he heard the prophecy of Simeon;
his joy when he learned that many would be saved
through the suffering of Jesus.*



Reading: Luke 2:22-35

Prayer to St. Joseph:

O most faithful Saint Joseph,
who shared the mysteries of our redemption,
the prophecy of Simeon,
touching the sufferings of Jesus and Mary,
caused you to shudder with mortal dread
but at the same time filled you with a blessed joy
for the salvation and glorious resurrection
that would be attained by countless souls.

By this sorrow and this joy,
obtain for us that we may be
of the number of those who,
through the merits of Jesus

and the intercession of Mary the Virgin Mother,
are predestined to a glorious resurrection.

Pray for us, St. Joseph,

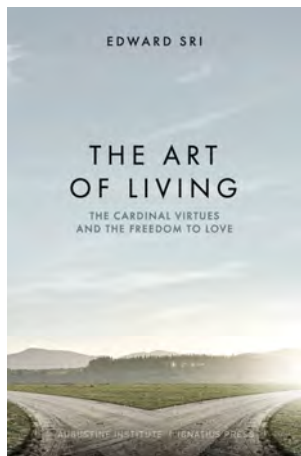
R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Concluding Prayer:

Almighty God,
in your infinite wisdom and love
you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,
the mother of your Son.
As we enjoy his protection on earth,
may we have the help of his prayers in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from: Rev. James Socias, *Handbook of Prayers*, Midwest Theological Forum.

Artwork: “Seven Sorrows and Joys of Saint Joseph,” www.opusdei.org



Be sure to pick up a free copy of *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*, by Edward Sri, to read during Lent. The book will be discussed at the parish book club's meeting on **Monday, April 10th**.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. **Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all faithful who are at least 18 years of age, but have not yet reached 59. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each person's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but drinking liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed. Food necessary for the taking of medicine is permitted.

Abstinence is observed by all persons 14 years of age or older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, however, Church law does not require abstinence.

In addition to those excused because of age, also excused from fasting and abstinence are those with physical or mental illness, including those suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Women who are pregnant or nursing are also excused. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and persons with illnesses should not jeopardize their health by fasting. When in doubt concerning fasting or abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

ARCHDIOCESE COLLECTION—FEBRUARY

February 26: This week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.



Planning has begun for the St. Bartholomew Choir in preparation for Holy Week/Easter Vigil. Practices are **Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and Tuesday, April 4, (6:30—8:00 PM)** in the

church. All adults and youth of the parish are welcome to participate. An email to all members will follow. If interested, contact Charlie Kanelos, cnkanelos15@gmail.com or (781) 223-7456.

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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 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 **March 21**. 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).

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 stairs, access through the garage. The next meeting will be on **March 6**. Please join us! For questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862, kreilly15@yahoo.com

The March book selection is a little different, as this meeting takes place during Lent. We are selecting two reading options. The first is "Divine Mercy...We Trust in You" by Rev. Joseph Andrasz, S.J. We have extra copies of this small booklet if anyone would like one. Just contact Kathy Reilly. The second selection is personal choice. Each reader will choose some related Lenten book/issue, and will present it to the book club at our March 6 meeting—saints, The Eucharist, history, current religious events, etc.—your choice. We hope to expand our thoughts and education related to our Lenten experience.



First Sunday of Lent

DAMASCUS MEN'S RETREAT

Recharge your "spiritual battery" and connect with your brothers in faith! Join Fr. Michael Harrington, Fr. Edward Riley, and the Build-the-Faith Retreat Team on **March 3 (6:30 PM)—March 5 (3:00 PM)** for "The Light of Christ," a weekend of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. The retreat includes two nights' lodging (Friday & Saturday) plus meals (Saturday & Sunday). The cost is \$200, but financial assistance is available by emailing buildthefaitth@buildthefaitth.org. All are welcome to attend, even those who have attended this retreat before. All excess proceeds go toward our fifth project, the construction of a retreat house in Tabasco, Mexico. For more information and registration visit buildthefaitth.org.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS AT POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY



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Weston, MA is March 3 at 5:00 PM. Attend Holy Hour and Evening Prayer in person or virtually, followed by dinner with the seminarians and a tour, or a Zoom visit. Be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact and information: msgf.fay@psjs.edu | (781) 899-5500 ext. 134 | www.psjs.edu.

LENTEN LUNCH SERIES: THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Explore the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with Ester Munt-Brooks during the Lenten Lunch Series on **Thursdays (March 9—April 6)**, from **12:45—2:00 PM** at **St. Mary Church (Lower Hall), 30 Pond Street, Waltham**. Ester Munt-Brooks is the founder of Fe, Valor, y Alegria, a program for lay Catholics designed to help people deepen their faith. She is adapting the program to air on the CatholicTV Network. Originally from Barcelona, Spain, she is the mother of three adult children and currently lives in Needham with her husband, Arthur Brooks. **Free Admission.** Bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be served. stmarywaltham.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES

The Office for Lifelong Faith Formation and Missionary Discipleship has created a family-friendly version of the Stations of the Cross. Please share it with your families to encourage family prayer or host a family Stations of the Cross using this booklet! It is free and can be downloaded [here](#) in English or Spanish.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN FOR LIFE (AUWL)

"DYSCONNECTED: THE REAL STORY BEHIND THE TRANSGENDER EXPLOSION"

The AUWL will present the documentary "DYSCONNECTED" at their meeting on **Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 PM** at the **Needham Knights of Columbus Hall, 1211 Highland Avenue** (rear entrance and parking). This 88 minute DVD was published by Ignatius Press in 2022. An RSVP is appreciated by February 28 to Mary Elizabeth, maelde@aol.com (617) 285-9008 or Lorraine Ima4171@gmail.com (617) 763-4093.

K OF C ST. PATRICK'S DAY BENEFIT FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Needham Knights of Columbus on **Saturday, March 11**, to benefit St. Joseph School. The evening features dinner of corned beef & cabbage, Irish breads, and home-made desserts, cash bar, dancing to a live Irish Band, and lots of prizes. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person, payable at the door. Reserve your tickets by **Wednesday, March 8**, so that we may plan food purchase. Respond to Paul Whyte at (617) 365-4187, Martin Kerrigan at (781) 492-3281, or Ted Harrigan at timothymharrigan@verizon.net. www.needhamkofc.org.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From **February 22 to April 2**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 1055 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information and to volunteer, contact Rita Russo at (781) 762-4391 or email 40daysforlifeboston@gmail.com or go to 40daysforlife.com and choose the Boston Campaign.

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS

Are you—or someone you know—suffering from post-abortion pain? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a **Come to the Waters of Healing** one-day retreat. Spring dates are **March 11** and **May 6**. Locations are confidential. For more information on the retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com

IN THE ARMS OF THE SHEPHERD: A MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Family Life team invites all those impacted by divorce or separation to attend "In the Arms of the Shepherd" on Saturday, **March 4** at the **Pastoral Center, Braintree** from **8:30 AM—12:30 PM**. Mother Olga, founder of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth will offer the keynote; Irina Robinson, Director of Family & Respect Life in the Fall River Diocese is the lay witness speaker. Adoration, Confession, Mass, small group sharing, and a light breakfast are included. For more information or to register, visit InHisArms or email Emily_Elliott@rcab.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus gives us a new commandment: "Love one another." Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:

March 10—12, Upton, MA | **June 23—25**, Huntington, NY
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic organization that sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, on weekends and on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, contact Joe & Ginny Vatele at (978) 870-5646 or www.mema.org/

ULTREYA

De Colores! Have you lived a Cursillo or do you want to learn more about it? If so, join us for our next Ultreya. This is your invitation! St. Mary's Church, Dedham, hosts an Ultreya Mass and gathering **every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM, starting February 28**.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
February 26	27	28	March 1	2	3	4
First Sunday of Lent						
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 AM, Mass 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 6:30 PM Choir - Church	9:00 AM, Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
March 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Second Sunday of Lent						
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM Community Sunday after 8:00 & 9:45 AM Masses	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 6:30 PM Choir - Church	9:00 AM, Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass
March 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Third Sunday of Lent						
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM 7:00 PM RE Class (7—10)	9:00 AM, Mass 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 6:30 PM Choir - Church	9:00 AM, Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross	9:00 AM, Mass 2:30—3:15 PM, Confession 4:00 PM, Mass

Saint Casimir

1458-1484

FEAST DAY — MARCH 4

Born in Krakow, Casimir was the son of Casimir IV, king of Poland and grand duke of Lithuania, and Elizabeth of Austria. From a young age, he was concerned with the integrity and justice of his father's rule. He worked to ensure the fair treatment and aid of the poor and less fortunate. He was called the Patron of the Poor because of his love for others and charitable works. Casimir was known to be a humble and approachable man, traits that were not always synonymous with rulers at the time.

Known for his refusal to take up arms, personal piety, generosity to the poor and devotion to the Blessed Mother, he rejected the idea of marrying in favor of voluntary chastity. During a visit to Lithuania, he fell ill, died from tuberculosis at the age of 25 and was buried in the cathedral in Vilnius. Canonized in 1521, he is the patron of Poland and Lithuania.



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SAINT 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 Fridays
at St. Joseph Church following the
6:50 AM Mass, until 12:00 PM.

"I WAS TIRED OF LIVING IN PAIN"

If you or a loved one are suffering from Fibromyalgia, you understand this sentiment all too well.

Local resident Elyse K. found herself at a turning point when she noticed her diagnosis started to take its toll on her marriage.

"I was angry all the time because of all the things I couldn't do anymore because of my Fibromyalgia. That anger cycled through to depression and affected everyone around me, my husband more than anyone. It made our lives miserable."

Fibromyalgia impacts the entire body, and it can impact everyone's body a little differently, making symptoms hard to manage and even harder to keep track of.

These symptoms can change on a daily basis—sometimes you're plagued with widespread muscle pain and fatigue, other days it's a headache and heightened sensitivity to touch. Fibromyalgia symptoms can interfere with every aspect of your life.

"I could barely stand to have the light weight of bedsheets touching me, much less a hug from my husband."
explains Elyse.

Your primary care doctor may suggest dietary changes and pain liniments and pharmaceuticals to the point where your life is no longer ruled by Fibromyalgia but instead it's ruled by a routine and pill regimen in order to avoid flare-ups. Elyse put it this way,
"My life was no longer my own."

In her own research, Elyse discovered that acupuncture can help ease pain and improve the quality of life of Fibro patients. She was determined to find the best in the field, which is how she discovered **AWC | Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic** and Acupuncturist Min K. Jeon.

Acupuncturist Min K. Jeon has spent over two decades successfully treating difficult to manage chronic pain conditions using the time-tested science of acupuncture integrated with modern medical advancements in healing and recovery.

"I feel like a new person. My husband comes with me to my appointments and spends most of it thanking Min for giving him back the woman he married. For the first time since we moved here, one of my neighbors told me I looked good! It's a miracle, I don't know how else to explain it."

If you're looking for a medical practitioner and a practice, Elyse describes AWC almost as enthusiastically as she does their treatments, who understands your diagnosis and has proven solutions for chronic pain then look no further than **AWC**.



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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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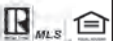
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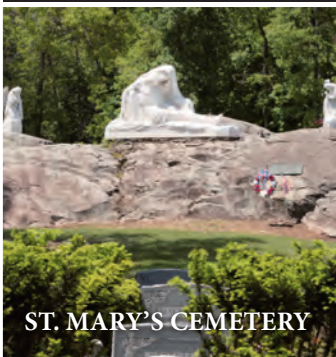


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For information, call the cemetery staff at Mary Immaculate of Lourdes Church at **781-235-1841**.
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