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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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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

Administrator: Rev. J. Thomas Gignac

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CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERTORY						
March 25— 31						
TOTAL →	\$3,600					
Offertory →	2,425					
Online →	845					
Mail-In →	330					

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- Make checks payable to <u>ST. BARTHOLOMEW PARISH</u>, with your note on the memo line.
- 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, APRIL 8

8:20 PM Easter Vigil: Priests' Intentions

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:45 AM Priest's Intention

11:30 AM Priest's Intention

MONDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 AM William F. Holmes

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:00 AM Special intention known to priest

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 AM Veronica Uribe (living)

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 AM Victoria Shnare (living)

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 AM Mary Thissell

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 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{PM}}$ 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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).

A NOTE FROM FR. TOM

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R: (24) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. or:

R: Alleluia.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever." R

"The right hand of the LORD has struck with power; the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. R

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

The psalms of the Triduum encapsulate the dramatic rhythm of highs and lows of Holy Week. Having celebrated the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday: The cup of salvation I will take up, I and I will call upon the name of the LORD (Psalm 116:13); commemorated the Lord's suffering, death, and burial on Good Friday: Into your hands I commend my spirit; I you will redeem me, O LORD, O faithful God (Psalm 31:5); and grieved the absence of the Lord on Holy Saturday, we now celebrate with great joy the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, / for his mercy endures forever. This first verse of the Responsorial Psalm for Easter could be called the theme for the whole Book of Psalms, which is a book of praise in thanksgiving for God's fidelity to the covenant he made with his Chosen People, Israel. The psalm is so appropriate as our Easter psalm because at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday God made a new covenant with his people through the Blood of his Son, and he has shown his fidelity to his covenant most powerfully by raising Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Psalm 118 is a *Todah* psalm, a psalm of praise and thanksgiving that corresponds to the *Todah* sacrifice in the temple. A *Todah* sacrifice was not offered like other sacrifices in reparation for sin, but offered in thanksgiving for a saving act the Lord had done for the worshiper. Keeping a vow made to God in time of distress, the *Todah* sacrifice was offered to God in thanksgiving for being saved. The *Todah* festival then followed, in which family and friends would celebrate by partaking of the meat and bread of the sacrifice, and giving public testimony of God's saving power to all gathered in the Temple.

How appropriate this *Todah* psalm is for Easter, as we give thanks and praise to God for his ultimate saving act: the Life, Death, and Resurrection of his Son. I wish you and your loved ones a blessed Easter filled with joy. Indeed, *this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*.

Fr. Tom

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary, we beseech you through the Heart of Jesus Christ, grant to us your fatherly protection.

O you whose power reaches all our necessities and who know how to make possible the most impossible things, open your fatherly eyes to the needs of your children. In the confusion and pain which press upon us, we have recourse to you with confidence.

Deign to take beneath your charitable guidance this important and difficult affair, the cause of our worries, and make that its happy outcome serve for the glory of God and the good of his devoted servants. Amen.

—St. Francis de Sales

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Bartholomew, pray for us.

St. Sebastian, pray for us.

EASTER SEQUENCE — VICTIMÆ PASCHALI LAUDES



Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

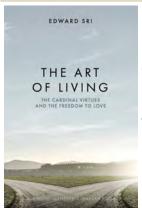
Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw, wayfaring.
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;

Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen;
to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Amen. Alleluia.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW BOOK CLUB



Meetings are held every **1**st **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 **April 10**. Please join us. For questions: Kathy Reilly (781) 444-0862, kreil-

ly15@yahoo.com

On April 10' we will discuss the book chosen as the parish book for Lent, *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*, by Edward Sri. Books are available at the doors of the church.

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 April 18. 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 Cunniffe at (781) 444-9033 or (617) 694-6221 (cell).

DONOR REPORT for TAX FILING



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mail or email. If you do not use email, please call the Parish Office (781) 444-3434.



PARISH MEETING—SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH

Bishop Mark O'Connell will celebrate the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 16th, followed by a parish meeting in Ward Hall. Please join us.

EASTER CLERGY TRUST COLLECTION

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and wellness needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Thank you for your generosity to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org



Easter Thank You from Fr. Tom



to the parish staff, choir members, cantors, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and the many volunteers whose efforts made our celebration of the liturgies of the Easter Triduum so special. Your service to our parish is greatly appreciated.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—APRIL 16



The Parishes of St. Bartholomew and St. Joseph will hold a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16 at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Church. Please join us for Adoration, the Divine Mercy chaplet, a reflection, and Benediction.

"Speak to the world about My mercy."

(from St. Faustina's Diary)

THANK YOU FROM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Needham Council Knights of Columbus thanks all those at St. Joseph and St. Bartholomew Parishes and the broader community, who made our St. Patrick's Dinner-Dance a rousing success. It was a packed house and a wonderful time with families and friends, old and new. With your generosity, we raised a substantial sum for St. Joseph School. God bless you all.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Needham Knights of Columbus Fr. Daniel Kennedy Council #1611 will award two \$1,000 scholarships to students true to the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

The scholarships are available to any parishioner of St. Joseph or St. Bartholomew Parish (or other Catholic

parish of registration by a Needham resident) graduating from high school and enrolling in college in 2023.

Scholarship applications are available from the parish offices and online at www.needhamkofc.org. Applications must be submitted to The Fr. Daniel J. Kennedy Council #1611, 1211 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02492 no later than May 12, 2023.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee will select the scholarship recipients in May and acknowledge them at the Knights of Columbus meeting on June 7, 2023. Decisions will be made based on a combination of the student's accomplishments, essay, letter of recommendation, and completeness of the application. Financial need is not a consideration, but the student is required to be enrolling in college in Fall 2023.

WALKING WITH THE SAINTS-YOUTUBE

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel - YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston.

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 on **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

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.**

POPE ST. JOHN XXIII NATIONAL SEMINARY GOLF TOURNAMENT



The 31st Annual Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 15th, at The Weston Golf Club. This premier charity event is held to benefit the educational program for the seminarians. Tuition covers only half the cost of educating a seminarian and the proceeds from this tournament will help bridge the gap and keep the cost of educating them affordable. The \$250 player entry includes lunch at Weston Golf Club, 18 holes of golf with cart, and door prizes; followed by a social hour, silent auction and dinner for each golfer and a guest at the seminary. To register, call Kate Folan at 781-899-5500, email her at kfolan@psjs.edu, or visit www.psjs.edu.

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St. Bartholomew Parish Calendar						u 7, 2023
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
April 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	Monday within the Octave of Easter	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	Thursday within the Octave of Easter	Friday within the Octave of Easter	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 ам Маss	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass
	1:00 PM Book Club - O'Brien Rm		10:00 ам GIFT - O'Brien Rm			2:30—3:15 PM Confession
	4:00 PM RE Class (1—6)					4:00 рм Mass
	7:00 PM RE Class (7—10) & Catholic School (10)					
April 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy						
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, & 11:30 AM with Bishop Mark O'Connell 12:30 PM	9:00 AM Mass	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
Parish Meeting, Ward Hall						
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Service, St. Joseph Church						
April 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Third Sunday of Easter		St. Mark Evangelist				St. Catherine of Siena Virgin, Doctor of the Church
MASSES: 8:00, 9:45, 11:30 AM	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 AM Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass	9:00 ам Mass
			10:00 AM GIFT - O'Brien Rm			2:30—3:15 PM Confession
						4:00 рм Mass

April is Dedicated to the Holy Spirit



Like sunshine that filters through the whole atmosphere, yet is enjoyed by each person as though for him alone; so the Holy Spirit pours forth his grace in full measure sufficient for all, yet present as though exclusively to everyone who is willing to welcome him.

~ St. Basil the Great, 4th century

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 determine whether or not you are a debilitating disease. After a series of treatments, good candidate for her personalized 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," Elliot 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

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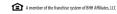
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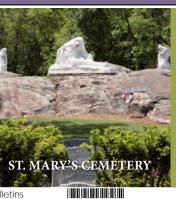
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