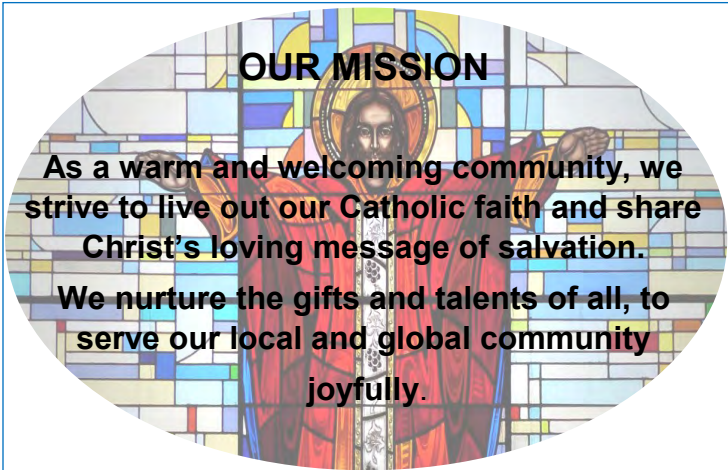




Pentecost

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 23

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM Alicia Duran Posada

Monday, May 24

9:00 AM The Poorest Soul of a Priest in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 25

9:00 AM Vehibe Avcikurt

Wednesday, May 26

9:00 AM The Deceased members of the García – Reigada Family

Thursday, May 27

9:00 AM Deceased members of the Méndez - Villafaña Family

Friday, May 28

9:00 AM James McLaughlin (Month's Mind)

Sunday, May 30

8:00 AM Lino Giovanni Nascimben
9:45 AM For the People of the Parish

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 2:30pm - 3:15pm 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 parish priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration has resumed at St. Joseph every Friday after 6:50 am mass.

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Devotion has been suspended.

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet has been suspended.

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<u>WEEKLY OFFERTORY</u>	
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ONLINE →	2,478

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<https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/>. [Go to Donate](#)

A NOTE FROM FR. DEREK

I want to say a big “Thank You” to all of you who have expressed your best wishes recently, whether it was at the drive-bye on Sunday, before or after Mass, or at other times. The expressions of love and support that you have all shown has been overwhelming. I greatly appreciate it. It will certainly be difficult to leave such a wonderful parish.

Thank you, too, to the parish for the gift of the beautiful chalice. It is stunning and is something I will certainly treasure and I will remember you all each time I use it. It is traditional that sacred vessels, chalices and patens which will hold the Body and Blood of Christ, be consecrated (or at least blessed) prior to use. I already have an email out to Bishop Reed with a request that he consecrate this for me.

While we await the appointment of a new Administrator and prepare for my departure in June, let us continue to keep one another in prayer.

Thank you

**CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE –
PARISH GOAL ACHIEVED!**

Thank you to all who have responded to the annual Boston Catholic Appeal. As of May 17th, our parish has given / pledged \$101,239 toward our assessment of \$32,560 and our goal of \$101,147.

Thank you to all of you who have made our parish's contribution to this year's Archdiocesan Appeal a success. Donations can still be given. In fact, many parishes may not meet their assessment or goal this year due to the pandemic, so if you are able to contribute, that would be appreciated. Remember, also, that a percent of anything that is given above our assessment comes back to St. Bart's in the form of a rebate. You can find more information about this appeal, and donate to it, at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.

**SECOND COLLECTION - SEMINARIANS
(PENTECOST)**

This week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests.

We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

RESUMPTION OF CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Provided that the numbers regarding the ongoing pandemic continue to trend in a favorable direction, the Archdiocese has given parishes the permission to resume congregational singing. We are anticipating resuming congregational singing here at St. Bartholomew's on Pentecost Weekend (May 22/23). This will include returning to the singing of the Gloria and the Responsorial Psalm, as well as the hymns. Choir singing will not return at this time as we simply do not have enough space for choir members to remain a safe distance from one another. ***As we resume singing we would encourage you not to sing with full-force at this time and remind you that everyone should be wearing a mask that fits well and covers their mouth and nose.***

Because we still cannot have hymnals in the pews, to assist you we are planning the following:

- To have a link on the Signup Genius page to a PDF document with the words of the Psalm and hymns for that Mass which you can download to your device or print up at home and bring with you.
- To have QR codes available at the doors of the church so that you can access the same PDF file as you enter the church.
- For those who do not do computers / Internet, we will have a few copies available at the door of the church. These will be single-use only and all papers (whether picked up at church or brought from home) should be put in recycling bins as you leave Mass.

At this time we will also resume having a procession at the beginning of Mass, but only of the lector and the priest.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

With the resumption of public Masses, we will plan to continue to live-stream Mass each Sunday on our Facebook page [here](#), as well as on our website. We will plan on streaming the 9:45 AM Mass on Sundays. The Mass will also be available afterwards for replay on both sites.

Remember that you can also watch the Sunday or week-day Mass on Catholic TV online at www.catholicstv.org, or on Comcast at 268 or Verizon at 296, or anytime on demand at www.watchthemass.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.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FR. DEREK!

This past weekend, we celebrated Fr. Derek's time here at St. Bartholomew's with speeches, gifts (including an engraved chalice and a memory book with pictures and notes from parishioners) and a drive "bye" party! There are pictures and videos on our parish Facebook page, which you can see via the links below. Thank you to everyone who participated! If you were unable to say farewell this weekend, know that you still have time.

Pictures: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Bartholomew-Parish-Needham-MA-121212978474/photos/pcb.10160132825078475/10160132820598475/>

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/121212978474/videos/316831146689049>

**FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY**

Thank you Charlie Kanelos! Charlie is retiring this weekend, after eleven years of service to our parish. We have appreciated his musicality, commitment, and dedication. His faithful service at the 8 AM Mass for all of these years has been so appreciated, and his direction of our Adult Choir brought the choir to new heights. We hope we will see Charlie at St. Bart's from time to time, and we wish him well and are thankful for his music and all that he gave to St. Bartholomew Parish.

2021-2022 RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION OPEN!

Registration for next year's classes is now open. We hope to meet in-person with our usual schedule:

K-6th Grades: Mondays, 4-5pm

7-10th Grades: Sundays OR Mondays 7-8:30pm, every other week.

Please be sure to register prior to August 1 so that we are able to find teachers for all of the classes.

<https://www.stbartholomew-needham.org/form/religious-education-registration?fid=6221>

**PROJECT NAZARETH
(K-6TH GRADES- OPTIONAL)**

The Archdiocese of Boston has created a new program, focused on the Gospel, to aid parents in their role as first teachers of the faith! Studies show that parents who are engaged in practicing their faith and sharing it with their children are the most important factor influencing the child's faith as an adult.

For this month's weekly activities, focused on the Sunday Gospel, please see the weekly parish email or Religious Ed. Newsletter. For additional resources for prayer or for engaging in conversation about the faith, see the Prayer Guide and Parent Guide also available in the weekly emails.

As always, Jen, Maryellen and Fr. Derek are happy to help you to find engaging ways to share your faith with your children.

We are excited to be able to offer you these resources for free, but ask that you do not share them outside of the Archdiocese of Boston.



WITH GRATITUDE

Dear friends and parishioners of St. Barts, I write to you with mixed emotions and some degree of sadness. Last September I made the decision that in May of this year I would retire from my music ministry; since the age of 15, it's been a wild and fulfilling ride for the last 50 years. I've decided that as I enter into this new chapter in my life with family and grandchildren, that there is a time and place for everything. I have been so proud to be a part of St. Bart's Church for the last 11 years as adult choir director/organist/vocalist. I want to thank Fr. Derek for his spiritual leadership and for all he has done for this parish; I wish him well in his new assignment. Thanks to Antonia Nedder, Music Director for all of her support throughout the years, to Jen Foster, Director of Religious Education for many behind the scenes support, to ALL members of the adult choir, cantors and instrumentalists and to ALL parishioners and friends of St. Barts; I will hold each and everyone of you in my mind and heart always. Most of all I want to thank my wife, Joanne and my children for their monumental love and extraordinary support of my music ministry throughout the years!

My last day before official retirement will be this Sunday, May 23rd; I will play for the 8 and 9:45am masses. Sending air hugs and fist bumps to all and hope to see many of you between now and the 23rd.

I have always believed that as a liturgical musician, our role is to accompany the action of the liturgy through our music and to assist the congregation in singing the Lord's praises. The hope has always been to elevate prayer and worship to deeper levels, transcending into a spiritual communion with God.

St. Augustine says... "Those who **sing**, pray twice. ... **We sing** because **singing** is what the people of God do in God's presence. **Song** is the gift God has given us to unite our heads and our hearts in praise."

Thank you and God Bless All of You!

Charlie Kanelos
Adult Choir Director/Organist
St. Bartholomew Parish

Let's stay connected through email: Cnkanelos15@gmail.com or FACEBOOK!

GREAT NEWS - WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER HAS GONE "VIRTUAL"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

"Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you." Invite God into your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience on:

Thursdays/Mondays Jun 3-24

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For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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Our auditions seek potential, our program educates and elevates. Sign up online at saintpaulschoirschool.us!



PARISH CALENDAR: May 23 - June 12, 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Pentecost Sunday 8:00 AM, Mass 9:45 AM, Mass 11:30 AM, Mass 2:00 PM, Confirmations 4:00 PM, Confirmations	9:00 AM, Mass 6:30 PM, Confirmations	9:00 AM, Mass 6:30 PM, Confirmations	9:00 AM, Mass 6:30 PM, Confirmations	9:00 AM, Mass 6:30 PM, Confirmations	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
The Most Holy Trinity 8:00 AM, Mass 9:45 AM, Mass 11:30 AM, Mass	Memorial Day 9:00 AM, Mass OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Corpus Christi 8:00 AM, Mass 9:45 AM, Mass 11:30 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass	9:00 AM, Mass



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 sins you retain are retained.”

~ John 20:22-23

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