

St. Bartholomew Catholic Church

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Mission Statement of St. Bartholomew

To be a living Catholic Christian community that follows the way of Jesus as mapped out in the Gospel, focusing on internal and external growth, and emphasizing everyone's responsibility to God, Church, and our community.

Weekend Masses:

Daily Masses:

Holy Day Masses:

Confessions:

Baptism and Marriage Preparations:

RCIA (convert classes):

Director of Religious Education:

Youth Director:

Meetings

Church Secretary:

Ladies Society: Meetings 2nd Sunday after Mass (no summer meetings)

Music Ministry at All Masses:

Prayer Line:

Bereavement Committee:

Hospitality Committee: (Refreshments Sept. - May)

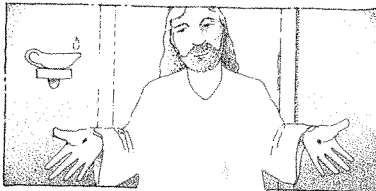
Parish Hall Rental Information

Parish Council:

Members: Jim Spencer '12, Chairman; Ashleigh Bailey '12, Jim Horak '13; Dennis Kaiser '12; Bob Legere '13; Tim Lopez '14; Tiffany Parker '14; Daryl Weeks '13 and Laurie Young '12.

Ex-officio: Financial Chairman, Ladies Society President, Church Secretary, and Fr. Howard.

Saturday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Mon. ~ Sat. 6:45 a.m.
7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (with exceptions)
Saturday 5:00 p.m.; anytime upon request
Please call Fr. Howard for arrangements
Please call Deacon Kenny Kaiser 987-1503
Gabriella (Van) Danley 987-5020
Sarah Kaiser 989-7209 (H) 850-501-3025 (Cell)
Wednesdays - Call Mrs. Kaiser for time & place
Margaret Peterson 987-5251 (H) 752-5250 (Cell)
Arlene Saucier, President 987-5330
Erin Faulk, Director 978-2383
Joyce Horak 986-5248 for prayers
Margaret Klein 986-5256 to help/ask for a meal
Alma Doege 986-5201
Call Paulette Corban 923-9787 (note new number)
Second Monday of Month 7:00 p.m.



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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) May 1, 2011

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

— John 20:29b

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2011

The month of May is our month for supplying the Food Pantry at Catholic Social Services in Robertsedale. Please be generous!

Wednesdays	Youth Choir Practice will resume May 4 at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 1	Second Collection for Building & Maintenance Fund
	First Communion @ 10:30 a.m. Mass
Sunday, May 8	Mother's Day (No Ladies Meeting)
	Special Second Collection for tornado victims in north Alabama
Saturday, May 14	Clean-up of upstairs in parish hall at 8:00 a.m. (Note change in day)
Sunday, May 15	Ladies meeting between Masses
	Second Collection for Seminarians of Archdiocese

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship – April 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2011

Attendance:

Holy Thursday <u>83</u>	<u>27</u> Env: \$385.00	Loose: \$42.00	Total: \$427.00
Good Friday <u>80</u>	<u>31</u> Env: \$392.00	Loose: \$67.00	Total: \$459.00
Easter Vigil & Sunday Masses <u>364</u>	(Loose was divided between Weekly & Easter Env.)		
<u>59</u> Weekly Envelopes: \$2,072.00		Loose: \$258.50	Total: \$2,330.50
<u>52</u> Easter Envelopes: \$1,386.00		Loose: \$257.00	Total: \$1,643.00

For Your Information:

FISH FRY FINAL REPORT:

Final numbers are in for the Fish Fry Fund-raiser. Total Income:	\$15,099.00
Total Expenses (Inc. \$360 to Church for Hall expense)	<u>4,709.00</u>
Amount to be divided three ways (rounded)	\$10,390.00
Payout to St. Benedict and K of C - \$3,460.00 each & to St. Bart's \$3,470.00	

Again, a big THANK YOU! To all who helped make the Fish Frys a success. All of our workers and those who came and ate and another Thank You to a special donor who helped with expenses the last four weeks. Please include this donor in your prayers!

LAST CHANCE to order Gourmet Apples from the Sanchez sisters. Call 943-4386 to order.

The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery will hold its Spring Quarterly meeting & luncheon at the Shrine of the Holy Cross in Daphne on May 18, 2011. Lunch will be \$13.00. Reservations are necessary and can be made with Arlene Saucier or Margaret Peterson by May 15.

NOTE: The ladies will meet with Lana Kaiser at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14 in the hall to clean the upstairs storage room. Note the change in date originally scheduled.

MAY is one of the months that St. Bartholomew Church and St. Benedict School donate to the Catholic Social Services Food Pantry in Robertsedale. There will be baskets in the back of the Church for your non-perishable food items.

Dried milk, Peanut butter and canned meats are especially needed as well as rice, dried beans, jelly, boxes of oatmeal/grits and breakfast cereal. Please help the less fortunate!

Cash donations (tax deductible) are always needed and can be sent to:

CSS
PO Box 870
Robertsedale, AL 36567

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
4/30 6:00 p.m.	K. Kurtts E. Kurtts J. Kurtts	Betty Wood	N. Frank T. Feely	Lucille Falzone Jill Byerley Annette Bitto	B - 2nd B - 5th B - 5th
Extraordinary Ministers:					
5/01 8:00 a.m.	C. Kaechele J. Kaechele N. Weeks	D. Kurtts, Shirley Helms & Betty Wood Kathy Sanchez	Eddie Frank Greg Bloch		
Extraordinary Ministers:					
5/01 10:30 a.m.	M. Kaiser C. Schaff E. Kaiser	Debbie Wallace, Bill Byerley, & K. Sanchez Kelly Spencer	Sam Carter Richard Krauss	John & Vermell Kichler Lawrence & Pat Krauss	A - 1st A - 4th
Extraordinary Ministers: Andy Schaff, Jim Spencer & Olivia Marquez					

MASS INTENTIONS – April 30 – May 8

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES</u>
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, Apr. 30		++ Deceased of St. Bernard Abbey		<i>Requested by:</i>
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, Apr. 30		+ Laurie Barbara Smith		Her Parents
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, May 1		+ Shirley Keegan		Lucille Falzone
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, May 1		First Communicants and their Families		
6:45 a.m. – Monday, May 2		+ Willie Keldorfer		
6:45 a.m. – Tuesday, May 3		+ Gayle Frank		Family
6:45 a.m. – Wednesday, May 4		+ Mike Fischlein		
6:45 a.m. – Thursday, May 5		+ Jack Grussel		Gerry Grussel
6:45 a.m. – Friday, May 6		+ Vera Stevens		
10:30 a.m. – Friday, May 6		Children's Mass		
6:45 a.m. – Saturday, May 7		+ Abbot Baldwin, OSB		
6:00 p.m. – Saturday, May 7		+ Ron Hager		Betty Hager
8:00 a.m. – Sunday, May 8		+ Alby Gruber		Family
10:30 a.m. – Sunday, May 8		Our Mothers Living and Deceased		

IN YOUR CHARITY—Please remember these people in your prayers: Claudia Adam, Alice Burkhardt, Kenny Feely, Butch Gruber, Roger Kaiser, Joyce Langston, Fred Leiterman, Joe Martino, Mary Morgan, and also: Barbara Carter, Ima Ree Carter; Audrey and Walter Cummings; Guiliana Fell; Olive Keller; Evelyn Kichler; William Morris; Mary O'Donnell; Charles Peterson, Libby O'Pry; Carolyn Rohe; Joe Salzman; Phillip Schaumburg; Joan Simpkins; Frank Shellem; Velma Viscuso; and Bootsie Williams.

Special Prayers, please, for those who were killed by the tornadoes in north Alabama. Please pray for our recently deceased brothers and sisters: Samuel Carter, Sr., Dennis Corban, Buddy Fodor, Ruby Frank, Alby Gruber; Ron Hager, Helen Kaiser, Karen Linton; Gene Morris, Eugene Plachta, Emily Saulters, Pauline Salzman, Jack Sheehy, Teresa Sheehy, Vera Stevens, Anita Warriner, and Carson Williams.

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5/07 6:00 p.m.	A. Odee C. Fell S. Young	Natalie Saucier	Frank Young Reeves Fell	Angel Reavis Amos Sanchez Lacey Riebe Dean Horak, Jr. Pat Rohe	B - 8th B - 9th B - 10th B - 13th B - 14th
Extraordinary Ministers: T. Fell, N. Saucier & L. Young					
5/08 8:00 a.m.	A. Muth C. Muth J. Kaiser	Paulette Corban	Christopher Kaiser Charles Gruber	Skip & Yvonne Gruber Andy & Christine Schaff Corky & Annette Kaechele Robert & Gwen Riebe Todd & Jessica Frank	A - 8th A - 8th A - 9th A - 11th A - 13th
Extraordinary Ministers: Marie Kaiser, Nita Kaiser & Bill Byerley Michael Kaiser					
5/08 10:30 a.m.	T. Chandler N. Spencer M. Kaiser		Billy Schneider Harold Schneider		
Extraordinary Ministers: Andy Schaff, Mary Klingelberger & Glen Kaiser					

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR VICTIMS OF TORNADOES IN NORTH ALABAMA

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday; Holocaust Remembrance Day
Monday:	St. Athanasius
Tuesday:	Ss. Philip and James
Thursday:	Cinco de Mayo
Friday:	First Friday; National Day of Prayer
Saturday:	First Saturday

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR VICTIMS OF TORNADOES IN NORTH ALABAMA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

FEAST OF FAITH

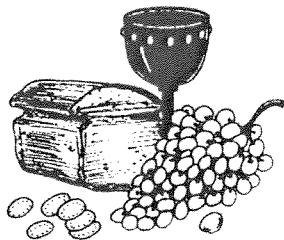
The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

"Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep. For today is holy to the Lord, your God. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."
Nehemiah 8:9-11

CONSECRATION OF OUR FAMILY: We consecrate to thee, O Jesus of love, the trials and joys and all the happiness of our family life, and we beseech Thee to pour out thy blessings on all its members, absent & present, Living and dead—and when one after the other, we have fallen asleep in thy blessed bosom, O Jesus, may all of us in Paradise find again our family united with thy Sacred Heart. Amen



First Communion

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Let the House of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the Lord say,
"His mercy endures forever."

**Congratulations to those making
their First Communion today at the
10:30 a.m. Mass.**

**We pray that you persevere in your
Faith and keep Jesus in your heart
always!**



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