

# The Church of the Blessed Sacrament

*Blessed Sacrament is a Catholic community, rooted in the Eucharist,  
where All are Welcome as we Build the City of God*

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December 11-12, 2010  
Third Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions for the Week

## Sanctuary Lamp

<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 PM	<b>December 11th</b> Dick Panciocco	Anniversary
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 13th</b> Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 14th</b> Carol Antak	Memorial
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 15th</b> Mass	
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 16th</b> Mass	
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 17th</b> Mass	
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>December 18th</b> Sante and Paolina Mancini	Memorial
4:00 PM	Peter & Mary Turco, Peter J. Turco, Nora Dwyer and John Dwyer	Memorial

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Cam and Roberta Clerici.  
The sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns this week in memory of John E. Boyle, Sr. and John E. Boyle, Jr.

## Prayer Line

If you have something or someone you would like us to pray for, call the Prayer Line at 508-668-2448 and a group of prayerful parishioners will add your intentions to their daily prayer. Prayer works!

We are in need of additional members to pray for our Prayer Chain. For more information please contact Mary Kane at 508-668-2448.

## Weekly Events Calendar

## Wedding Banns

<b>Sunday</b> 10:15 to 11:15	<b>December 12th</b> Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
12:30 PM	Baptisms	Church
4 to 5:15 PM	MS Youth Group	Community Room
4:30 to 7:30	Confirmation I and II	Auditorium
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Monday</b> 4 to 5 PM	<b>December 13th</b> Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
5:30 to 6:30	Religious Ed Grades 1-2	Classrooms
7 to 8 PM	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
<b>Tuesday</b> 9:45 to 11 AM	<b>December 14th</b> Bible Study	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
7 to 9 PM	BSS Christmas Concert	Church
7:30 to 9:30	Book Club	Community Room
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:30 AM	<b>December 15th</b> Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 6 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	BSS Christmas Concert	Church
<b>Thursday</b> 9:45 to 10:45	<b>December 16th</b> Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
4 to 5 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
5 to 6 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6 to 7 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
7 to 10 PM	MOMs Group	Community Room

- | Gregory Ober and Maria Pantages
- | Christopher Sullivan and Amy Cunniff

## Remembering in Your Prayers

We are asked to remember in our prayers all our shut-ins, our unemployed, our sick, our grieving, and our own parish dead.

### PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES DURING ADVENT



During this Advent – would you like to step into a deeper relationship with God? Loving God completely is a growth process that involves the personal elements of communication and response. By listening to the Holy Spirit in the “Word” (Scriptures) and speaking to the Lord in our thoughts and prayers, we can move in a direction of coming to know the Lord in a more intimate way. God’s “Word” is alive and powerful. We will be “Praying the Scriptures” after the 9 AM Mass on the following Thursdays during Advent. God desires a personal relationship with you. What is your desire this Advent?

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

With the flu season ahead, we need to take care of ourselves and others, so get your flu shots. If you are sick, use good judgment about attending Mass and even as you recover, be responsible not to approach the cup until you are well. Our Eucharistic Ministers will continue to use hand sanitizers before they distribute Communion.



For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to [www.blessedsacrament.org](http://www.blessedsacrament.org)



## A Message from the Co-Pastors

In the gospel of Matthew one hears; “A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” In the reading from the prophet Isaiah he says: “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him; a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge but he shall judge the poor with justice. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra’s den, and the child lay his hand on the adder’s lair.

The world described by Isaiah is hardly the world in which we live. We live in a world of chaos mixed messages and conflicting lights. In addition to the confusion resulting from the variety of messages and lights we live in a world with many authorities who speak as if they have the way to go. What seems to be missing in all this is the Messiah. “A voice crying out in the desert, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” This is a statement that not only speaks to the world of 2000 years ago but our world as well. Yet not unlike the Israelites we are not always ready to listen and to put into action what God has to say. St. Paul states in his letter to the Romans that we have hope by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures.

It strikes me that with all that is being presented by those in authority as the way to go, to be at peace and harmony, and in an economic security, we have silenced the one who really knows. Our nation was founded on a believe system that had a rootedness in God. That God provides us with the light that we might bring about the world of his promise. Yet like Adam and Eve we know better and we do it our way. Not only do we do it our way; we silence the one who really knows. “Prepare the Way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

Truly that does not need an act of congress to bring about. That is an individual decision. What it does require is faith and endurance and a willingness to let the light of Christ shine in a darkened world.

~Fr. Tim

### DID YOU KNOW?



We often hear of the shortage of ordained priest. Here are some startling statistics and projections. In 1870 the Archdiocese of Boston had 400 priests for 800,000 Catholics. In 2010 we have the same number of priests but for 1,800,000 Catholics. In the archdiocese of Boston in 2011 we will have 316 priest in parish ministry; in 2016 there will be 241; and in 2021 it is expected there will be 178 priests available for parish ministry. It used to take 25 years from the time of ordination until a priest was named pastor. In the not too distant future it is projected that a priest needs to be ready to assume a pastorate within two years of his ordination. In the future it is projected that a majority of parishes will be served by one priest who is responsible for multiple churches. We are very fortunate to have Fr. Leo assisting us during this time.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Breaking Bread, a community meal sponsored by Walpole Families of Faith, has started serving meals to those in our community who are in need of spiritual, nutritional, or communal sustenance. Meals are served at The United Church, 30 Common Street in Walpole, every Monday evening from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. All people are welcome at the table to enjoy food and fellowship. Anyone interested in helping to prepare and/or serve this meal, please e-mail [BreakingBreadWalpole@gmail.com](mailto:BreakingBreadWalpole@gmail.com), or contact Marianne Kearney at 508-668-2763. All contributions of time, talent and treasure are welcomed.

## SAVE THE DATES

January 22, 2011 Day Away of Prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton  
March 2, 2011 Morning of Prayer with Sr. Nancy Sheridan, SASV  
March 28 – 30, 2011 Collaborative Lenten Retreat  
April 2, 2011 Day Away of Prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton



## WOMEN AFFIRMING LIFE ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST FORUM



Saturday, December 18, 2010 at the Four Points by Sheraton Norwood. Registration begins at 8 AM. Mass begins at 8:30 AM. Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap., Celebrant and Homilist. Breakfast Forum Speaker: Mary Ann McLaughlin, Co-Director of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Boston. Tickets before December 3rd are \$25 and \$15 for students. After December 3rd, all tickets are \$30. For more information, please call Ann Corkery at 508-660-8937.

## THE GIVING TREE—REMINDER

Returns from the Giving Tree are due back this weekend by 6:30 PM on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> so we can sort and distribute items to the appropriate agency by Christmas. Thanks to all who made it possible.



## OUTREACH HELPERS



**A Christmas gift of your time?** We need about 40 volunteers to take a gift to a homebound parishioner. These folks are visited regularly during the year by Eucharistic and Friendly Visitors. Can you put another face of the parish before them by visiting just one person sometime between December 17<sup>h</sup> and Christmas. Contact Marie 668-4700 x 11 or [mmartin@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:mmartin@blessedsacrament.org).

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND PAGEANT

Music Ministry at Blessed Sacrament warmly invites you to an hour of beautiful music prepared by our parish music ensembles on Sunday afternoon, January 9th, at 3 PM in the church. You will hear selections from the Youth Choir, the Adult Choir, and the Handbell Choir, followed by a Christmas Pageant presented by the children of the parish. January 9th officially closes the liturgical celebration of Christmas, and what better way to celebrate the season than listening to these talented local musicians!



## SING WITH THE FESTIVAL CHOIR AT MIDNIGHT MASS!



Music ministry at Blessed Sacrament needs your voice to join in the singing of carols at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. No prior experience is necessary – only a desire to sing the beautiful music of the season. Because the Festival Choir is singing carols this year and they are not preparing more complex choral music, there will be no required rehearsal. All those who would like to sing with the choir are welcome to come to the choir loft on the evening of the 24th at 11:15 PM, and the prelude of carols and instrumental music will begin at 11:30PM. Please join us! For more information, please contact Erica: [music@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:music@blessedsacrament.org).

## FINCOM REPORT

The Finance Committee has added the most recent monthly financial report to the finance tab of the parish website. This report provides information on income and expenses year to date. If you have any questions regarding this report or any other parish finance concern, please email [fincom@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:fincom@blessedsacrament.org). If you are unable to access the Internet or send an email to the committee for any reason, please contact the parish house for more information. Thank you.



## THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL



The Gospel for Sunday, December 19, (Matthew 1:18-24), tells how before they were married Joseph learned that Mary would have a child and he must decide what to do. He believes in what the Angel tells him and makes Mary and Jesus his own.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/121910.shtml>

**Next week's question is:**

**"What is your favorite part of the Christmas story? Why?"**

## CHRISTMAS ELVES NEEDED

We are in need of many hands to sort the gifts from the giving tree Sunday evening, December 12 at 6 PM in the Community Room, to make a visit to a homebound parishioner between Dec 18-21st, to deliver gifts to Pine Street Inn - Boston, and to attend a plant workshop - to prepare plants for homebound December 17 at 1:30 PM in the Community Room.



## LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE



The holidays can be a particularly difficult time for those who grieve. So we invite you to join us for a special Advent prayer service on this longest night of the year, when it feels like the world is swallowed up in darkness. We come together to pray, to sing, and to celebrate the Light who comes in the midst of our darkness. If you are grieving or finding the holidays a really difficult time this year for you please come and join us on **Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the Church.**

## DAY OF PRAYER - JANUARY 22, 2010

In the deep midwinter the light is short, the darkness long. Sometimes our spiritual lives feel like this, too, especially after the busyness of the holiday season. Give yourself the gift of quiet to get in touch with the Source of your light again. Come away for a day of prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton on Saturday January 22, 2011. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. The day will begin at 10:00 am and end with liturgy at 4:00 pm. Please contact Fr. Tim at [frtimk@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:frtimk@blessedsacrament.org) or call him at 508-668-4700. Registration forms are also available at the Parish House. Car pooling available.



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS



The Christmas Season is a time of memories, especially of our beloved dead. As we prepare to order flowers and decorations for the Christmas Liturgies, would you please assist us? Please consider making a donation and listing your deceased loved ones for us to remember at our parish Liturgies throughout the Christmas Season. For names to appear in the bulletin Christmas week, donations must be received no later than Sunday December 19, 2010.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Church: Handbell Choir, Trumpet, Cantor, and Organ

4:00 PM School Auditorium: Youth Choir, Piano

6:00 PM Church: Contemporary Music Ensemble, Youth Cantors

7:30 PM Church: Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, Trumpet, Cantor, and Organ

Midnight Mass: Festival Choir, Trumpets, Handbells, Cantor, and Organ

### Christmas Day

10:00 AM Church: Cantor, Trumpet and Organ

12:00 PM Church: Cantor, Trumpet and Organ

### Holy Family Sunday (December 26)

7:30 AM Cantor

9:00 AM Handbell Choir

11:00 AM Handbell Choir

5:30 PM Contemporary Music Ensemble



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## PASTORAL STAFF

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### Co-Pastors:

Rev. Timothy J. Kelleher, Ext. 10 [FrTimK@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:FrTimK@blessedsacrament.org)  
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### In Residence:

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### Pastoral Associates:

#### Outreach & Bereavement:

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### Director of Pastoral Music:

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Jim Spillman (508) 668-2336 [JSpillman@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:JSpillman@blessedsacrament.org)

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM

**Sunday:** 7:30 AM  
9:00 AM Family Mass  
11:00 AM  
5:30 PM

**Daily Mass:** 9:00 AM in Chapel

**Holy Days:** Vigil: 5:30 PM  
Day: 9 AM and 7 PM

**The Chapel of Reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** open daily for prayer  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Pray the Rosary:** Monday through Friday at  
8:30 AM in the Church.

## THE SACRAMENTS

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):** For those who wish to become Catholic, receive sacraments as adults, or learn more about our faith. Contact Fr. Tim for more information.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are celebrated at any of the weekend Masses and on one Sunday a month at 12:30 PM, except during Lent. The schedule for Baptisms can be found on the online calendar or by contacting Fr. Tim. Baptism Preparation class is held the first Tuesday of each month, except July and September, at 7 PM in the Church. To register for a Baptism, register for the class, or for more information, please contact Fr. Tim.

**Confirmation:** Celebrated annually for students in Youth Ministry. Contact the Coordinator of Youth Ministry for more information.

**First Communion:** Celebrated annually for students in Grade 2. Contact Bill Dittrich for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance):** Saturday 3:15 - 3:45 PM or anytime upon request.

**Parish Visitation/Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Marie Martin so that we may minister to the sick and home-bound.

**Marriage:** Couples preparing to marry here should contact the Parish House at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. Parish marriage preparation programs are held in the Spring and Fall of each year and should be attended at least six months prior to the wedding. Contact Fr. Tim or Deacon Rey for more information.

**Vocations:** if you think that God may be calling you to a life of service in the Church, talk to any member of our pastoral staff, or contact the Archdiocese of Boston at [www.vocationsboston.org](http://www.vocationsboston.org) or by phone at 617-746-5949.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**New Parishioners:** We want to meet you! Please call or visit the Parish House to be registered in the parish or to find out how to get involved.

**Parish House Hours:** Monday—Friday, 9:30 AM—5 PM.

**Accommodations for the Handicapped:** Ramp access is available at the East Street entrance of the church.

**Blessed Sacrament School:** Classes are held for students in grades Pre-K through 8. Contact Jim Spillman, Principal, for information.

**St. Francis Cemetery:** Lots are available to parishioners in time of need. Contact Michael Lamperti.

**Bulletin:** All items to be submitted for the bulletin should be sent to [bulletin@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacrament.org) by noon Saturday for the following week. Please contact Jeff Blouin if you would like to advertise at [jblouin@cathedralcorporation.com](mailto:jblouin@cathedralcorporation.com)