

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 4-5, 2010
Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:00 PM	December 4th William J. Finneran Mass with Baptism	Memorial
Monday 9:00 AM	December 6th Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Tuesday 9:00 AM 5:30 PM	December 7th Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception—Vigil	
Wednesday 9:00 AM 7:00 PM	December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
Thursday 9:00 AM	December 9th James F. Peluso	Anniversary
Friday 9:00 AM	December 10th Frank DeRose	Anniversary
Saturday 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	December 11th Raymond Paquette Dick Panciocco	Anniversary Anniversary

Second Collection

This week's second collection will be the monthly Balance the Budget collection, typically held on the first Sunday of each month, and is used to do just that: balance our operating budget. The weekly collection has not kept up with skyrocketing expenses, especially insurance, salaries, and utilities, and so the monthly Balance the Budget collection helps to offset the deficit. Many thanks for your generosity!

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!

Wedding Banns

III Timothy Kilcoyne and Julie Fisher

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday 8:30 AM 10:15 to 11:15 11 AM 2 to 3:30 PM 7 to 8 PM	December 5th Blood Pressure Clinic Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Mass with Baptism Knitting Ministry Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Community Room Classrooms Church Community Room Church
Monday 4 to 5 PM 5:30 to 6:30 7 to 8 PM	November 29th Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Grades 1-2 Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms Classrooms Classrooms
Tuesday 9:45 to 11 AM 5 to 6 PM 6:15 to 7:15 7 to 8:30 PM	November 30th Bible Study Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Religious Ed Grades 6-8 Baptism Prep	Community Room Classrooms Classrooms Church
Wednesday 9:30 AM 4 to 8 PM 6:30 to 8:30 7 to 9 PM 7:15 to 9 PM	December 1st Morning Prayer Group Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament School Board Divorced/Separated II PPC	Community Room Chapel School Community Room Fireplace Room
Thursday 9:45 to 10:45 2 to 2:30 PM 4 to 5 PM 5 to 6 PM 7 to 8:30 PM	December 2nd Praying the Scriptures Handbell Choir Rehearsal Religious Ed Grades 1-5 Youth Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal	Community Room Church Classrooms Church Church

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, especially: Jennie Cuggino and Bernard Ryan.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Edward Benedetti.

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: December 9th, and 16th. God desires a personal relationship with you. What is your desire this Advent?

For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to
www.blessedsacrament.org



A Message from the Co-Pastors

As the day light gets shorter and the darkness of night gets longer I, for one, look to the 21st of December when the process begins to reverse. Certainly the readings and the time of year we are now in emphasize the light. Christmas lights will begin to appear in abundance, each week another candle is lit on the Advent wreath and the readings often talk about the light that the Messiah will bring into the world. In the readings of the first week of Advent the prophet Isaiah states, "let us walk in the light of the Lord." St. Paul, in the letter to the Corinthians, states; "Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." In the gospel passage from Matthew Jesus is quoted as saying; "for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

It seems each year, just before we begin Advent, in the daily readings we have the passage in which Jesus is about to enter the city of Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Before he enters it he stands on a hillside overlooking the city and weeps. As he stands there he says to himself; "if only you knew what made for peace...you missed your time of visitation."

Certainly in the first reading Isaiah portrays a wonderful world in which there will be no more war; "swords shall be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

One of the things that struck me as I thought about the readings and the world we live in is the very basic fact that it is our choice whether we look to the light or not and whether we consider the source of the light as well. The Israelites at the time of Jesus chose not to listen to what he had to say. They missed the time of their visitation.

We have just celebrated Thanksgiving. Traditionally it has been a day when families gathered together to celebrate. Yet there is a strong movement to overshadow that day with Black Friday as it is called. Stores opening at midnight, some now open during the day on Thanksgiving. I saw on the TV news, and I have no idea where this took place, but someone was actually trampled by a stampede of people trying to get the bargains. Light, where is the light in that and if one sees it as light who is defining it?

Maybe this is a season to look to our light and its source.

I want to leave you with a true story that was told to me by my nephew as it involved his daughter. The girl's name is Samantha. During a school vacation Samantha' aunt was taking Samantha and a few of her friends to the movies. The aunt said to Samantha, what snacks do you want me to bring to the movie with us? Samantha replies I don't think we are allowed to do that. The aunt replies; oh of course we are. They go back and forth for a while and the aunt packs up a bag and off they go. As they are sitting there waiting for the movie the kids ask for something to eat and the aunt replies, wait to the lights go off and I will pass out the snacks. Samantha replies I bet if it were really alright you would not have to wait to the lights went out to share the snacks.

~Fr. Tim

DAY AWAY OF PRAYER AT THE ST. JOSEPH RETREAT HOUSE IN MILTON



Come away for a day of prayer, reflection, and dialogue as we gather at the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton on January 22, 2011 from 9:30 – 5:00. The day will give people the opportunity to spend some quiet time, listen to different presentations, as well as share insights. If you are interested in attending please email, call, or give Fr. Tim a note with your name, phone number, email address and a check for \$40 payable to Blessed Sacrament. Participation is limited.

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.



SAVE THE DATES

January 22, 2011
March 2, 2011
March 28 – 30, 2011
April 2, 2011

Day Away of Prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton
Morning of Prayer with Sr. Nancy Sheridan, SASV
Collaborative Lenten Retreat
Day Away of Prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton



RESPECT LIFE CHRISTMAS CARD SALE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4-5



The annual Respect Life Christmas card sale, hosted by the Respect Life Committee, will take place before and after all Masses on the weekends of December 4-5. The cards will also be available at the Blessed Sacrament Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 4th. The cost of each package of ten cards is \$7. All proceeds support parish and community initiatives that defend the sanctity of human life. What a beautiful way to both celebrate Christ's birth and affirm the value of life!

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



Thanks to all who took tags this year. Gifts should be returned with the original tag next Sunday evening, December 12. If you can help sort on Sunday evening after the 5:30 PM mass or drive to Pine Street Inn, or visit an elder with a remembrance from the parish please contact mmartin@blessedsacrament.org or call 668-4700 x11.

CARD SENDERS

Looking for 8 people to send about 15 cards each during the Holiday season to people who have lost a loved one this year. We will provide all you need for the mailing. Contact Marie at 668-4700 x11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org.



OUTREACH HELPERS



Can you make a brief visit to a homebound parishioner this holiday season between Dec 17 and Dec 21st. Your visit is as important as the gift you bring them from the parish. It helps to put a face on the parish for those who are unable to worship with us. Please contact Marie at 668-4700 x11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org.

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS - SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENT!!

Take one hour out of your busy holiday schedule and join us on Sunday, December 5th, for an afternoon of knitting, crocheting, and friendship. We will meet from 2 – 3:30 PM in the Community Room. Our knitters continue their work on baby hats, baby blankets, and prayer shawls. All experience levels are welcome. Take the time for yourself, and in the process, do something for those in need of comfort and prayers. Bring your needles or just yourself!! Yarn is available. All are welcome!! For further information about the Knitting Ministry, please call or e-mail Jen Dyer at: jenmooredyer@aol.com or 508-528-4313.



BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



Our parish nurses will be available this weekend (**December 4 and 5**) in the Community Room after all the Masses to check your blood pressure.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, December 12, (Matthew 11: 2-11), John the Baptist, sends his disciples to ask Jesus if he is the Messiah. Jesus points to his words and deeds as evidence of the coming of God's kingdom.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/121210.shtml>

Next week's question is:

"What do you think Jesus could do in our world today?"



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, or contact Marianne Kearney at 508-668-2763. All contributions of time, talent and treasure are welcomed.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL- BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR

Come and shop Thursday, December 9th from 9 AM -10 PM at the annual BSS book fair at the Barnes & Noble store in the Walpole Mall. Proceeds from sales will benefit Blessed Sacrament School. Barnes & Noble offers many items including books, CD's, movies, Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes, and a large selection of children's toys and games. Visit the Café for coffee and a treat. If you are unable to come into the store on December 9th, please shop online from 12/9-12/14 by visiting the B&N website and entering the book fair id #10125276. Please visit the school's website or call Debbie Feldman with any questions, 508-733-0556.



NEW CATHOLIC RADIO STATION



On November 1, Boston's New Catholic Radio Station debuted. It is dedicated to Mary Queen of Martyrs, with the call letters WQOM. You can listen at 1060 AM and online at WQOM.org. We also mention that CatholicTV programs can be seen on Comcast 268, Verizon 298, RCN 85, and at CatholicTV.com.

GUILD OF ST. TIMOTHY

The Guild of St. Timothy invites all women to a meeting on Tuesday, December 7 at 11:30 AM. We will gather in the church to pray the rosary and then go downstairs for lunch and a program. Bring your own bag lunch. We will provide coffee and tea. We will be making cards to send to veterans. Please bring any cards or materials that can be used to decorate the cards. For more information, call Mary at 508-668-3570.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The Feast of Mary's Conception is clearly known as early as the 7th century in the East, and may even date to as early as the 5th century in the Churches of Syria. The feast spread to the West, at least by the 9th century. The feast and doctrine initially were opposed by the Dominicans, while the Franciscans argued in favor of the Immaculate Conception and its feast. For awhile, a great debate raged about the doctrine, even up until the 19th century. The Council of Basle in 1439 affirmed that the Immaculate Conception was a pious belief in accord with the Catholic faith. In 1476 Pope Sixtus IV approved the feast with its own Mass and Office, and in 1708, Pope Clement XI extended the feast to the universal Church, making it a holy day of obligation. In 1847, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Mary as patroness of the United States, under the title of her immaculate conception. Thus, to this day, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast of the United States.

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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 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 by noon Saturday for the following week. Please contact Jeff Blouin if you would like to advertise at jblouin@cathedralcorporation.com