

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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July 10-11, 2010
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“And who is my neighbor?” Lk 10: 25-37

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	July 10th	
4:00 PM	Thomas Connolly	Anniversary
Monday	July 12th	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Tuesday	July 12th	
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Wednesday	July 14th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	July 15th	
9:00 AM	Catherine Horgan	Anniversary
Friday	July 16th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Saturday	July 17th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
4:00 PM	George Hoxie	Memorial

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	July 11th	
12:30 PM	Baptisms	Church
Wednesday	July 14th	
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 8:30 PM	School of Community	Community Room
Thursday	July 15th	
6 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
6 to 9 PM	School Board Meeting	School

For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to
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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!

Next week's second collection will be the Missionary Cooperative Appeal. Proceeds from this collection support the Propagation of the Faith.

Wedding Banns

- I Andrew Mason and Serena Cardoso
- I Sean O'Keefe and Stephanie Foley
- II Brian Mulvey and Michelle Brown
- III Francis Pawluczzonek and Krista Zechello

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church this week burns in memory of Alfred & Doris Orlando and Deborah Ann Orlando Barry.

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!

REPAIR OF THE CHURCH TOWER UPDATE



The tower has been inspected by three different, independent engineers who basically came up with the same opinion as to why the tower is leaking. There are no guarantees as the tower is close to 100 years old. We have hired an engineer who will oversee the project once the repair work is started. The engineer will talk with the interested contractors, put it out for bid, and make recommendations to the Finance Council. The repair to the chapel will not take place until a suitable period of time has passed and we are sure the initial problem has been corrected. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful building to gather in for worship. As the building ages the Finance Council will continue to put in motion the necessary repairs to the building. The tower itself will require more work once this repair work is completed.

SUMMER HOURS FOR PARISH HOUSE

From Monday, June 14th until Saturday, September 11th, the Parish House will be closed for business during the summer on Mondays and Fridays. The Parish House will be open Tuesday—Thursday only, from 9:30 AM—5 PM. Please plan to conduct your parish business during those hours so that our office volunteers can enjoy the summer. In an emergency, call the Parish House at 508-668-4700.



A Message from the Co-Pastors

The other morning as I was celebrating liturgy this insight struck me; it is not only about Fr. Mike or the alleged victim but it is also about us and how we choose to respond.

Given the events of the week what are we being called to? I am sure it would be fair to say that we are all shocked, he is a good priest and we need to pray. As the week has evolved, the news has carried different stories, the papers have told all the graphic details of the alleged event and the stories have started to spread, the speculations are abounding, the conclusions are being reached.

At a prayer meeting the other night Deacon Rey told of this study that was performed dealing with the fact that "nature abhors a vacuum and human nature particularly abhors a vacuum" theme. The story is that in a famous study pigeons were subdivided into three groups: The first pecked at a target and were rewarded with a pellet of food. The second received a pellet and an electric shock at the same time. The third group randomly received food and sometimes the shock. It was unpredictable. The first two groups did perfectly fine, but the third stopped pressing the target and died from lack of food. Organisms despise uncertainty. We can't thrive in it. So, it is human nature to fill the vacuum with our judgment, our opinion, our conclusion, our certainty. We take comfort in taking a side and sticking with it, sometimes stubbornly and without prejudice to emerging facts. This situation with Fr. Mike is about uncertainty. But faith is about beholding the uncertainty and staring into a sea full of it and surrendering to God.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community has received a tremendous shock and we are reeling from the events of the week and the aftershocks. There has been a tremendous outpouring of support for Fr. Mike, me, the staff, the community, and concern for the victims of abuse. There have been numerous people expressing their desire to help out in any way. For all of this I am most grateful and I will most likely take you up on your offer to help. But what is the task before us now? As the study indicates we like certainty, we like to know. We do not have it so we create it, both positive and negative. What is absolutely needed is truth. The other night at the meeting of the Beloved Community I was asked what I wanted from this. My answer was simply the truth. I said I think we need to pray that truth and justice will prevail. You see with the truth we can move on. Right now what is happening is that there are many stories, conjectures, opinions, conclusions, and judgments being proclaimed and the end result is that a much divided community is emerging.

The gospel reminds us the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. The harvest, the truth, is there to be proclaimed and we, the laborers, are to work for that harvest. We have the tools; the gift of speech, thoughts that can express to God our need for truth and justice. Yet the need for certainty is there. The temptation to fill the void with talk that is not truth but opinion, conjecture, conclusion, judgment abounds.

Remember the story, I know, I have told this before but I think we need to be reminded of it. The story is about the young boy who meets the missionary. The missionary asks the young boy how he is doing. The boy replies that he has this terrible battle going on inside. The missionary asks; what is the battle all about? The boy replies it is a battle between the dog of good and the dog of evil. The missionary asks; which dog wins? The boy responds whichever one I feed.

Let's face it we have no control over the outcome of this. The vacuum being filled with all our opinions, judgments, conjecture, conclusions will not bring about the outcome of our choice. Yet giving into the temptation to go down that path will end in disaster for this community. As we hear in the scriptures; a house divided against itself cannot stand. Therein lies the tragedy and, if you will, the dog of evil. On the other hand, our certainty can be found in the presence of God among us and his desire for unity in truth. We can answer the invitation of God to come together in him and pray for truth. In there lies our victory and our Easter Sunday celebration.

~Fr. Tim

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULED



Our Annual Outdoor Mass and cook out is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 and planning is now underway. We are looking for a number of volunteers to assist in the planning efforts and sign up sheets are available at the main entrance of the Church. Specifically, we need people to work on publicity, set-up, transportation, outreach to parishioners, and cook out logistics. In order to make this annual event the success it has been, we once again need your support. Please take a minute and sign up after Mass to help out or send an email to ppc@blessedsacrament.org and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

GRAND CLUB

After careful consideration, the Grand Club will cease to exist in its current form. The parish is very grateful to Bill and Pat Keane for their tireless efforts to run an efficient club which has brought in significant monies to the parish. Using their framework and streamlining the clerical commitment, the Grand Club will be regenerated in the Fall, with one annual drive for membership and monthly drawings. To close the current Grand Club in a fair and equitable manner a "Summer Bonanza" drawing was conducted. This drawing was held on Wednesday, June 23rd. At that time were eight \$1,000, eight \$300, eight \$200, eight \$100 and sixty-four \$50 prizes awarded. The names of the winners will be in the bulletin and on the web site. As usual checks will be mailed directly to the winners. In October there will be the first annual drive for the new Grand Club. The deadline for membership will be December 15, 2010. The annual fee will be \$100 per number. This will entitle the member to an entire year of drawings. Numbers will not be prorated. There will be no discount for multiple numbers. However, you may purchase as many numbers as you like. You may request your old numbers or choose new ones. You may continue to purchase numbers as gifts, with winnings mailed directly to the recipients. Drawings will remain monthly, occurring on the second Wednesday of each month. The first drawing will be held January 12, 2011 and the final drawing will be held Dec 15, 2011. The prize structure will remain the same. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition and your continued support of this fundraiser is appreciated.



DONATE A FAN FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE THIS SUMMER!



The Attleboro Council of Churches is currently collecting fans to distribute to the less fortunate in the community. Sadly, some people find themselves unable to spare the price of a new fan, to bring even a little relief from the summer heat. If anyone has a fan they no longer use, and are willing to donate, they can contact the Attleboro Area Council of Churches @ 508-222-2933 to arrange a pick up or a drop off time.

RCIA

Are you searching for meaning or trying to make sense out of life? Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Are you married to a Catholic and wonder what Catholics believe? Have you considered sharing the same faith as your spouse or your kids? Were you baptized Catholic but never learned about God? **MAYBE GOD IS CALLING YOU ...** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which we "make new Catholics": a process of learning, and asking questions, and growing together in a nurturing, welcoming community of faith. Find out more: Contact Fr. Tim.



THE ANNUAL SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE CLOTHING DRIVE

JULY 17-18 AND JULY 24-25

Saint Francis House, located at 39 Boylston Street in Boston, is a nonprofit, comprehensive shelter with rehabilitative programs for homeless men and women ages 18 and over. It provides basic necessities including food, shelter, showers, clothing, and medical care. In the past year SFH served 382,550 meals and filled over 13,000 requests for clothing. The need for clothing has been increasing with these poor economic times. SFH has sent a clothing wish list. SFH greatly appreciates our donations. Please drop off clothes and toiletries before and after the Masses at the Parish House garage. Anyone who would like to volunteer sorting the clothing, please email Denise Tetreault at DTetrea874@aol.com.

Men's items

Baseball hats
Belts-All sizes
Casual short sleeves Shirts: Large and bigger
Men's jeans-sizes 28-38
Men's Sweatpants 28-38
New and gently used footwear-all sizes
New crew socks (white only please)
New underwear-Briefs: S, M, L, XL, and XXL (please NO BOXERS)
Shorts-all sizes
Spring Jackets -All sizes
T-Shirts: L, XL, XXL, and 3X

Women's Items

New underwear-sizes 5-14 (white only please)
New bras-all sizes (white only please)
New socks (white only please)

Other

Traveler size deodorants
Traveler size soaps
Shopping plastic bags

NEEDED: ONE TRAINER OR TWO



For the last year, Blessed Sacrament has not had a person to conduct child abuse protection training for parish volunteers. So we are seeking at least one person who would be willing to attend a two day "train the trainer" session this fall. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, September 18 & 19. After that, the responsibility is to conduct two or three safe environment training workshops for parish volunteers, religious education teachers, coaches, etc. using the Virtus "Protecting God's Children" programming. For more details if you would consider doing this, email bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org or call Bill Dittrich, 508-668-4700.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel readings for Sunday, July 18, (Luke 10:38-42), Jesus visits Mary and Martha and shocks Martha by declaring that Mary has made the better choice and he won't criticize her.



Next week's question is:

"How can you stay focused on following Jesus in the midst of everyday activities?"

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land, February 19 - March 2, 2011

Update: Our group is filling up fast! We now have 30 people going out of a total group size of 40, so just a few spots left. Don't delay!



Visit the places where Jesus was born and lived, taught, died, and was raised from the dead: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Cana, and Jerusalem. Cost is \$3,198 ppdo. For more information about the pilgrimage, contact Terry or Deacon Rey.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

HOT, HOT, HOT. If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 23-25, September 17-19 and September 24-26. For more information and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

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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 on Sunday at any weekend Mass, and on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, except during Lent, at 12:30 PM. Baptism preparation is held on the first Tuesday of each month, except July and September, beginning at 7:00 PM. Contact Fr. Tim for more information.

Confirmation: Celebrated annually for students in Youth Ministry. Contact Terry Witherell 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 Summer Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 AM—5 PM. Office closed on Mondays and Fridays during the summer.

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 jbouin@cathedralcorporation.com

