

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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April 9-10, 2011
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Remembering in Your Prayers

Saturday	April 9th	
4:00 PM	Maria Sabatini	Memorial
Monday	April 11th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	April 12th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	April 13th	
9:00 AM	Muriel Saunders	Anniversary
Thursday	April 14th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Friday	April 15th	
9:00 AM	Charles Garbarino	Memorial
Saturday	April 16th	
9:00 AM	John Gore	Anniversary
4:00 PM	Carmen & Doris Puopolo	Memorial

We are asked to remember in our prayers all our shut-ins, our unemployed, our sick, our grieving, and our own parish dead, especially: Barbara Goodwin, Marian McAdams, Mary Pereira, Margaret Ginley, Helen Willis, and Elaine Philbrick.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Carlo Penza and Nicolina DeLucia.

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!

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	April 10th	
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
4 to 5:15 PM	Youth Group Meeting	Community Room
4:30 PM	Confirmation Session	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Ensemble	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	April 11th	
2:45 to 4:30	Passion Rehearsals	Church
4 to 5 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
5:30 to 6:30	Religious Ed Grades 1 & 2	School
7 to 8 PM	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	School
Tuesday	April 12th	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Study	Community Room
1 to 3 PM	Passion Rehearsals	Church
5 to 6 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	School
7 to 8:30 PM	Baptism Prep	Church
7:30 to 9:30	Book Club	Community Room
Wednesday	April 13th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
1 to 4 PM	Passion Rehearsals	Church
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	Step II	Community Room
7:30 to 9 PM	PPC	Fireplace Room
Thursday	April 14th	
9:45 to 10:45	Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
4 to 5 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
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
7 to 8:30 PM	New Day Program	Porch Room
Friday	April 15th	
7 to 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
Saturday	April 16th	
11 to 2 PM	Lector Rehearsal	Church

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Our Easter Sunday Mass schedule is as follows: 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM (church and hall), and 12:30 PM. There is no 5:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday. Please note that this schedule is different than in previous years, so please alert your visiting family and friends to the change, which hopefully will improve parking and traffic between Masses.

EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to donate money toward the flowers for the Easter Season in memory of a deceased loved one is asked to please put your donation in an envelope with the names of those to be remembered and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish House. Names and donations must be received by Sunday April 17th to make the Easter bulletin.

LENTEN MISSION COLLECTION



The collection on Monday, March 28, the first night of our Lenten Collaborative Mission, was \$315 for the Ilse Marks Food Pantry. The Isle Marks Food Pantry serves Stoughton and Sharon. The collection on Tuesday, March 29, the second night of our Lenten Collaborative Mission, was \$200 for the Walpole Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

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

A Message from Fr. Leo

Too often, we tend to judge people's worth by worldly standards. We look at their appearance or how they have done in business, in sports, in the arts. Are they well off? Do they come from the upper or middle strata of society? In fact, these are false standards for judging real worth. The true standard is found in the readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the first reading, Samuel is sent by God to the house of Jesse to choose a king from among his sons. On seeing the eldest of Jesse's sons, Samuel says to himself that he must be the one. But the Lord says to Samuel, "Do not look upon his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as humans see, they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." One after the other, Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel but none of them were chosen by the Lord, until the youngest one, who was looking after the sheep, was brought to him. Upon his appearance the Lord says to Samuel, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one."

No one thought that the youngest son, David, was capable of being a king. But God did. Here we see that God's ways are not like human beings' ways.

In the Gospel, we find John describing a controversy between the Pharisees and a man who was born blind, but whose sight Jesus restored. The reaction of the Pharisees and of the religious leaders is not based on what they have seen and heard concerning the cure of a blind man, but on fear of losing their social status, prejudice, and stubbornness. In the course of the dialogue, it becomes clear that the Pharisees and religious leaders are becoming more blind and stubborn, whereas the cured blind man grows steadily more enlightened; more sure of who Jesus really is. He finally affirms his faith by saying, "Lord, I believe."

Jesus has given the man born blind the incredible gift of both physical and spiritual sight. We too are in great need of such gifts. However, at times, we don't receive it because we are not in a proper disposition. We tend to think that we see hence no need of Jesus to heal our sight. This is not true. We all need Jesus to heal our blindness in order to overcome our worldly way of judging things/issues, particularly our failure to see those close to us. Help us to see our own children, our family members, our fellow parishioners and most of all those in need and the outcasts, as the first reading says, not just their outward appearances, but their heart; for God looks at our hearts.

God is good...all the time!
All the time...God is good!

~Fr. Leo

HOW CAN WE THANK FR. LEO?

Fr. Leo has been working tirelessly with Fr. Tim by assisting him in his enormous tasks as Pastor over the past several months. Fr. Leo will be leaving us at the end of September to serve his Diocese in Tanzania which has over 350,000 Catholics in an area covering 13,000 sq. miles with some 280 outstations (Mission Churches). Most of the people are extremely poor and their sustenance depends mainly on the crops and animals that they grow and raise. To help him better perform his duties, we would like to purchase a truck for him and his Diocese. To date, we have raised \$20,000 but need an additional \$8,000 to complete the purchase. If you would like to make a contribution, please know that any amount (large or small) would be greatly appreciated and that it will make a great impact on the lives of many people every day for years to come. Please use the envelope provided in this week's bulletin for your donation and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the address printed on the envelope. Please make your tax deductible check payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish. For further information or if you have questions please contact Dan or Jean Falvey at 508-668-2555 or jfalvey4@comcast.net and thank you for your attention.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Palm Sunday, April 17 (Matt 26:14 – 27:66), Jesus enters Jerusalem to cheers and blessings from the people only to be arrested and suffer death on the cross.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/041711.shtml>

Next week's question is: "What scene in the passion strikes you as the most terrible? Which one shows the most love?"



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Come join us during the season of Lent to celebrate the Stations of the Cross. They will be held on Friday evenings from 7 to 7:30 PM. Beautifully illustrated booklets are provided for you to follow along. All are welcome!

PALM SUNDAY OUTDOOR PROCESSION

Walk together with Jesus in his triumphant entrance to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday this year by joining Blessed Sacrament Parish at the 9 AM Mass on April 17. We will gather outside the school for a blessing of the palms, and then we will join our voices together with trumpets and the Parish Youth Choir as we process around the yard and into the church. All children and families from the community are warmly welcomed to join us as we begin our celebration Holy Week.



WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY



Spend time in prayer and reflection on Good Friday with fellow Christians of Walpole as we Walk the Way of the Cross at 3 PM on April 22. Families and faithful of all ages are warmly welcomed to join us! We will begin at Epiphany Episcopal Church (just off the Common, on Front Street) and then walk several stations around the Common before ending at the United Church (by the Post Office). At each station we will hear Scripture, say a communal prayer, and sing. The walking distance traveled is not far, and the event will last under an hour, making it appropriate for all ages. Please consider gathering with the Christian parishes around Walpole and joining your voice in a prayer of the community. This event is sponsored by the Walpole Ministerial Association, who seek to develop ecumenical ties within the community of Walpole.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT — I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE

The scriptures this weekend are rich with the theme that God brings the dead to life. God has made us all to share life with Him, and so all humans have rights and responsibilities to the basic goods of the earth. In Kenya and elsewhere, Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl helps people receive the basic right of an education.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is next on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:30 in the Community Room. The book selected for discussion is Mother Theresa: Come Be My Light edited by Brian Kolodiejchuk, M.C. The private writings of Mother Theresa shed light on her interior life in a way that reveals the depth and intensity of her holiness. Extra copies may be available in the church office for \$12. Newcomers are always welcome! For information about the book club please call Judy Bosl at 781-821-3680 or email judybosl@gmail.com.

THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS

We all know how life can take us this way and that. The same is true for people who regularly teach religious education classes. We need a couple people who, on short notice, would be comfortable working with a class of children. There are three time slots that could use a person to substitute for the regular teacher: Tuesday at 5 PM and 6:15 PM and Thursday at 4 PM. The earlier class times are children from first through fifth grade. The Tuesday 6:15 time is middle school grades 6 to 8. This is not for every week it's just if and when someone can't make it for a day. It's between now and May 12. If this is something you could do, please call Bill Dittrich, Pastoral Associate at 508-668-4700 x26 or email bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org.



SCHOOL NEWS



Both the 6th grade and 7th/8th grade girls basketball teams won the Eastern Massachusetts Championship last weekend. These two teams will now go on to represent BSS and the Boston Archdiocese in the New England CYO Championships in New Hampshire.

MIL MILAGROS BENEFIT SALE

Beautiful Guatemalan jewelry, bags and scarves for sale on Sunday, April 10, at Epiphany Church, 62 Front Street, Walpole, 11 AM - 3 PM. Looking for a gift for one of those spring occasions: Easter, Mother's Day, graduations, birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, First Communion? Come browse Artesania, one-of-a-kind handmade goods from Guatemala. Find the perfect gift — or treat yourself — with unique necklaces, bracelets, earrings and pins in every color of the rainbow. In addition to jewelry, there are scarves, shawls, handbags and small, zipped purses, perfect for cell phones. Kids will love the headbands and whimsical animal key chains that make great backpack decorations. All proceeds from the sale benefit Mil Milagros (www.milmilagros.org), a child health and nutrition program in the Guatemalan highlands that feeds 500 impoverished children a hot, daily meal. For those interested in learning more about Mil Milagros, founder Margaret Blood will give a brief presentation at 12:30 PM. For more information, contact Mary Cahill at walpole-cahills@hotmail.com or Michelle Bowery at mbowery@comcast.net.

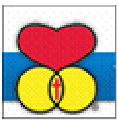
AN INVITATION FROM OLOS IN SHARON

Father Robert Bullock was the Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Sharon for twenty-six years. Since his death in 2004 the parish has hosted a lecture in his memory. The lecture is focused on the goals of Father Bullock's life and ministry: the Church, religious education and interfaith dialogue among religious denominations. The Lecture organizing committee and parishioners at Our Lady of Sorrows would like to invite the members of Blessed Sacrament to join us for the Sixth Annual Father Bullock Lecture which is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 7:30 PM.

This year we are privileged to have Kerry Maloney, Director of Religious and Spiritual Life at Harvard Divinity School, as our speaker. Kerry is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ with degrees in theology and divinity from Boston College and Boston University, respectively. Her areas of special interest include the integration of contemplative spirituality and social activism, the impact of religious pluralism on contemporary spiritual life, and women's theologies and spiritual development. She has been Chaplain at Bates College in Maine where she fostered the development of multi-religious dialogue among the students. The topic for her talk will be "The Spiritual Life of Young People: A View From Below".

The Lecture will be held in the church and followed by a Coffee Hour immediately following in O'Connell Hall. We hope that you will be able to join us to hear Kerry's unique perspective on the spirituality of our youth.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Give new life to your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are April 29-May 1 and May 13-15. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

PILGRIMS, PALMS, PROCESSIONS

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we will meet outside of our normal place of worship to hear about how Jesus entered Jerusalem in triumph before his passion, death and resurrection. Then we will bless palm branches—branches carried by us as pilgrims. And like the children of Jerusalem we will walk and sing in procession. The gospel that we have been listening to all year long now has been leading us to this journey to Jerusalem, this procession to the supper table, the cross and the tomb.

When we accept the palm branches next week, we promise to live as pilgrims, to move through this life with and to Jesus. Like the Israelites in the desert, we are only passing through. Like Christ himself, we go about carrying good news, even when we walk the way of tears. Come prepared next week to walk and sing together as fellow travelers. We will walk behind our cross to our holy table—Jerusalem, in our own neighborhood. And this procession will be practice for an even more awesome journey that we will make in two weeks—the Easter Vigil's procession to the font of baptism—that place where we die to sin and rise in love to life everlasting.

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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