

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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A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a snow-covered path. The path is flanked by bare, snow-laden trees. The sky is overcast and grey. The overall mood is quiet and contemplative.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.3

January 29-30, 2011

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	January 29th	
4:00 PM	John A. Wasilunas	Anniversary
Monday	January 31st	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	February 1st	
9:00 AM	George & Helen DeYoung	Memorial
Wednesday	February 2nd	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	February 3rd	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Friday	February 4th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Saturday	February 5th	
9:00 AM	Bernard Cunnane and the Deceased Members of the Michael Cunnane and John Folliard Families	Memorial
4:00 PM	Jane Elizabeth Harte	Anniversary

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	January 30th	
9 AM	Confirmation II Retreat	Off Site
9 AM	Family Mass with Baptism	Church
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
11 AM	Mass with Blessing of Baby Blankets	Church
4:30 PM	Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	January 31st	
4 to 5 PM	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
Tuesday	February 1st	
9:45 to 11 AM	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
Wednesday	February 2nd	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
6:30 to 8:30	School Board	School
7 to 9 PM	Pieta	Community Room
Thursday	February 3rd	
9:45 to 10:45	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
7:30 to 8:30	Beloved Community	Fireplace Room
Saturday	February 5th	
5 PM	Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room

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

Second Collection

Next 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!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Louise and Paul Kelly.

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.

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!

For Your Reflection

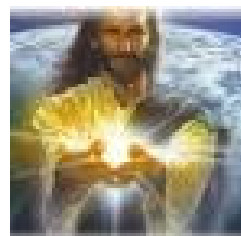
THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, February 6 (Matthew 5: 13-16), Jesus urges his disciples to be like salt and light to those around them.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/020611.shtml>

Next week's question is:

"How can I surprise someone with unexpected goodness this week?"



A Message from Fr. Leo

Most of us are familiar with the saying, "history repeats itself." This phrase may lead us to draw conclusions about the events or situations we face in relation to similar past ones. However, history is the study of past events in relation to the present with an aim of amending the future. That is why, as George Santayana says, "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." The fact is – history does not repeat itself!

This Sunday's readings are a powerful antidote to this reality. However, it is a reality that we reach after deep reflection. The first reading begins with a passage from *Isaiah*. It is one that we proclaim at the Christmas Midnight Mass: "*the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadows, a light has shone.*" In the Gospel, Matthew repeats the same message. Then he immediately presents Jesus who perks up John's ministry.

When Jesus hears that John the Baptist has been arrested, he does not seek for his release. Instead, he leaves Nazareth and goes to Capernaum where Herod Antipas is the ruler. It is there that Jesus goes to take up John's dangerous mission to proclaim the coming of God's kingdom. He repeats the words of John, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

At first, it seems as if history is repeating itself as Jesus appears to repeat what John the Baptist did. In one sense, that is true. Jesus does pick up where John left off. Still, in two important ways, Jesus gives a whole new meaning to John's words. The most significant difference is the person of Jesus. John was the last and the greatest prophet. Jesus, on the other hand, is God. He not only announces the kingdom; he brings it about in his person. He brings to fulfillment what was proclaimed by his predecessor, John. With Jesus, something new enters human history. This is major.

There is a second way that John's words acquire a new meaning when Jesus speaks them. They also have the power to forgive sins, "*to cure and heal every disease and illness among the people*". In fact, these are now the words of Jesus, after all John has been arrested. It is a whole new ball game. It is the game that we are invited to take part in. That is why Jesus proceeded by calling Peter, Andrew, James and his brother John to follow him as disciples. In this same way Jesus continues to call us so that we become his true disciples to continue his mission of ending all the situations that continue to dominate people under sin and injustice. Of this, I have no doubt that most of us have already responded.

However, despite our response to Jesus' call, we still need to be aware of not 'repeating history' by being like the Christians of Corinth. The Corinthians regarded themselves to be Disciples of Christ but were still divided. The deep division that arose among them was due to their personal interests as well as their failure to understand a true identity of Jesus whom they believed. They considered Christ to be like any human being or historical figure. As a result, we hear them saying, "*I belong to Paul,*" or "*I belong to Cephas*" or "*I belong to Christ*".

What about us? Who is Jesus to us? To whom do we belong? Doesn't this remind us of the many divisions in the Church today? Paul's answer to the Corinthians is also good for us: "Has Christ been divided? Was Jesus crucified for you?"

We need to remember that Jesus is one. He calls each of us by name to follow him. He wants us to respond by playing our part like Isaiah and John the Baptist and where we fail, he is there to help. Our true participation in the mission of Christ depends on how we view and consider his ministry. His ministry is not a repetition. Instead, it is a continuation of God's plan – the plan that brings us to the kingdom of God where we hope to enjoy ultimate happiness.

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

~Fr. Leo

SISTER PARISHES

Please visit the web sites or contact our sister collaborative parishes for additional information on Mass schedules and services: St. Mary Parish, East Walpole, 508-668-4974 www.stmarywalpole.com and Our Lady of Sorrows, Sharon, 781-784-2265 www.ourladyofsorrows.net



RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER—THIS WEEK END



The Respect Life Committee will be hosting their Annual Parish Family Baby Shower at all Masses this week end. All gifts are for the benefit of Pregnancy Help, an agency of the Archdiocesan Pro-Life Office. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Some items needed are: diapers and wipes, onezies, baby outfits, crib sheets and blankets, pacifiers, and bottles. Thank you for your generous support.

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. 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.



HATS OFF TO OUR KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS !!!



Our knitters and crocheters have been very busy throughout these cold winter days. A big thank you goes out to all of you. We are sending off chemo caps to Norwood Hospital and soldier hats to the Warmth for Warriors program. In addition, we are happy to announce that the first two babies baptized in January received baby hats as gifts from the Blessed Sacrament community. Also, please join us as we offer beautiful baby blankets to the Respect Life baby shower the weekend of January 29th and 30th at the 4 PM and 11 AM masses. And, finally, we continue our work on prayer shawls for the sick members of the parish. Our next meeting will be on February 6th at 2 PM in the Community Room. As always, all are welcome.

If you would like more information about the Knitting Ministry, please contact Jen Dyer at 508-528-4313 or jenmooredyer@aol.com.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Blessed Sacrament School will hold their annual Open House on Wednesday, February 2 at 6 PM. The evening will provide prospective families with an opportunity to meet with administrators, teachers and parents, and to participate in a guided student tour of school facilities. BSS, which serves students in Pre-K through Grade 8, is well known as one of the finest Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Openings are anticipated in all grade levels for the 2011-2012 academic year. We invite you to consider the long-term value of a Catholic education for your children and hope that you will visit our Open House to see what the BSS community has to offer your family. For more information, please contact our principal, Mr. James Spillman, at jspillman@blessedsacrament.org or 508-668-2336.



PLAY GROUP TO FORM



Moms of Young Children: Blessed Sacrament Parish is starting up a morning playgroup for moms and their children ages 0-5 years. If you are looking for a place to meet other moms and share experiences, please contact Kathy Falvey @ 508-850-6975 or kathy@falveyfamily.net. A "Meet & Greet" coffee is planned for Tuesday, February 8th, 10:00 - 11:00 AM in the school auditorium. Hope you can join us!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our parish nurses will be available next weekend (**February 5 and 6**) in the Community Room after all the Masses to check your blood pressure.



NEW TEXT FOR MASS TO COMMENCE ADVENT OF 2011

The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. First use of the new text of the new *Roman Missal* will be on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011. The implementation of the revised *Roman Missal* has the potential for being a time of deepening, nurturing, and celebrating our faith through the renewal of our worship and the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy. For additional information and resources, please visit <http://www.nccbuscc.org/romanmissal/>.

This is the second of eight weekly installments. Anyone involved in ministry at Blessed Sacrament or Our Lady of Sorrows will be invited to a training on the new translation, to be facilitated by Fr. Scott of our sister parish Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon, this Spring. Please contact the parish house with any questions or concerns.

Who completed the work of translation?

The process of translation was a highly consultative work of several groups. The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) is chartered to prepare English translations of liturgical texts on behalf of the conferences of bishops of English-speaking countries. The USCCB and the other member Conferences of Bishops received draft translations of each text from ICEL (called "Green Books") and had the opportunity to offer comments and suggestions to ICEL. A second draft (called the "Gray Book") was then prepared by ICEL, which each Conference of Bishops approved (a Conference reserves the right to amend or modify a particular text) and submitted to the Vatican for final approval. At the level of the Vatican (the Holy See), the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments examined texts and offered authoritative approval (*recognitio*) of texts, granting permission for their use. The Congregation was aided by the recommendations of *Vox Clara*, a special committee of bishops and consultants from English-speaking countries convened to assist with the English translation of the *Missale Romanum*.

HOLY YOGA



In Mark 12:30 Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all you soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." This is the intention with holy yoga. A practice of bodily alignment, mindful breathing, and purposeful reliance on God. It is an amazing opportunity to connect to God and glorify Him in your mind, body, and soul. Michelle Lawlor is a Registered Yoga Teacher, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art and Dance and is offering a Yoga class on Wednesdays beginning February 2 from 12:30-1:30 PM in the Parish School. Come in comfortable clothes and bring a mat or towel. Come experience a unique way to pray and connect with your God. Join us. Please ring the bell at the East street entrance to the school.

COMMUNITY MEAL

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.



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Jim Spillman (508) 668-2336 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 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