

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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*Now the LORD has spoken
who formed me as his servant
from the womb*

Isaiah 49

January 15-16, 2011

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	January 15th	
4:00 PM	Mass	
Monday	January 17th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	January 18th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	January 19th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	January 20th	
9:00 AM	Ryan Cavanaugh	Anniversary
Friday	January 21st	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Saturday	January 22nd	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
4:00 PM	Mass	

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	January 16th	
4:30 PM	Contemporary Ensemble Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	January 17th	
	<i>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</i>	
	<i>PARISH OFFICES CLOSED</i>	
Tuesday	January 18th	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Study	Community Room
Wednesday	January 19th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 10 PM	MOMs Group	Community Room
Thursday	January 20th	
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	January 22nd	
10 to 5 PM	Day of Prayer	Milton, MA

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

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!



Second Collection

Next week's second collection will support the Archdiocese of Boston's evangelization and outreach initiative *Catholics Come Home*. All proceeds will fund the purchase of television and radio advertisements to welcome home to our Catholic family those who have been away for any reason. The *Catholics Come Home* campaigns in other dioceses have been extremely effective at inviting and bringing Catholics to renewed participation in parish life. Please visit www.CatholicsComeHome.org for more information.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Rosina V. Clerici.

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: Sylvia Carr, John Griffen, and Laura Nannicelli.

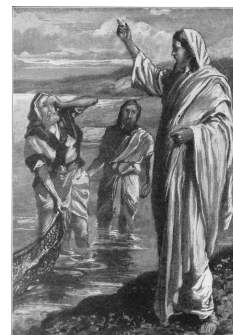
THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, January 23 (Matthew 4: 12-23), Jesus, walking by the sea, calls out to Peter, Andrew, James and John to leave their fishing and follow him. They immediately left their work and followed him.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/012311.shtml>

Next week's question is:

"How does Jesus call us today? How have you answered?"



A Message from Fr. Leo

A desire for freedom is very common among human beings. Both individuals and societies like to be free and when we feel that our freedom has been taken away, we go to great lengths to regain it. When we look at the history of salvation, we note that after the fall (sin) of Adam and Eve, all humanity lost freedom; we were placed under the dominion of sin. However, God prepared a plan of salvation that could restore us from the dominion of sin.

A struggle from the oppression of sin carried on through many years. It involved freedom fighters – heroic men and women who recognized God’s plan and tried to do something about it. Foremost among these fighters were God-inspired prophets of the Old Testament and above all, the “prophet” whom God sent to be the ultimate champion of all the oppressed and sinners, his own and beloved Son, Jesus.

In the readings for today, the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a lot about freedom fighters.

In the first reading, Isaiah encourages the Jews, who are in exile in Babylon, that God will send his servant with whom he is pleased. This servant who is full of spirit “shall bring forth justice to the nations...” he will be “the light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners and light for those who live in darkness.”

However, no struggle for freedom involves a single person – all who are oppressed get involved. In the same way, a struggle from the oppression of sin requires all ‘the people of God’ – you and me. Thus, we are chosen by our baptism to be freedom fighters: not only Israel, but people of all nations. As Peter says in the second reading, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation who ever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.” For us, we need to become part of a struggle by imitating Christ who, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, was sent to proclaim peace to Israel. Peter says, “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with them.”

Evil is, and has always been, the root cause of all oppression and lack of spiritual freedom. In Jesus, however, evil has been defeated. But this depends on how much we accept Jesus in our lives. For, as the Gospel explains, He is the one whom God had promised to send in order to free humanity from the dominion of sin.

In the Gospel we see Jesus with other sinners coming to John for baptism. This shocks John who recognized the superiority of Jesus. Though John hesitated to baptize Jesus, at last he agrees to baptize Him. At His baptism, the heavens were opened for Him and the Spirit of God descended like a dove and came upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased.” Even though it doesn’t seem to make sense for Jesus to be baptized or for Him personally seeking repentance of sins! Still, there is something for us to learn.

In this account, everything about baptism is public. It is not Jesus’ private experience or vision. Jesus shows his solidarity with us despite our weakness, hence he becomes someone we can trust.

This is also an invitation for us, as His followers (as baptized). We must continue His fight for freedom. Like Him, we are sent to seek out and destroy all forms of oppressions that hold people to the bondage of sin and keep them from the healing of hurts caused by the wear and tear of everyday life. We are called to reach out to help the poor, the lonely, and the outcast. We are called to enable them to join more fully in the pilgrimage to God as we look forward to attain the ultimate freedom that only God can give – that is freedom from sin, freedom from the power and the fear of death, freedom from the utter meaninglessness of this life. And let’s be honest.

*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



SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2011 AT 11:00 AM
EXPERIENCE AN AFRICAN AND AMERICAN MASS



As a parish community we are very blessed to have Fr. Leopold Mushobozi with us. He comes as a young priest with a variety of gifts and talents. It is easy to see that one of his great loves is celebrating liturgy. Although the Eucharistic Liturgy is the same throughout the world, it does take on the culture of the people who gather to celebrate. While Fr. Leo is with us wouldn't it be interesting to bring the African culture together with the American culture to celebrate Mass.?

A committee of people from our parish staff, school, religious education, and from the Kenyan Catholic Community and friends from the Archdiocese of Boston have started to work out the details for this celebration of the Eucharist. The liturgy will encourage all to actively participate. Joining us on that date will be a large delegation from the African Catholic Community. The liturgy will be celebrated basically in English, with the introduction of some Swahili. The intent is to have all people actively participate in the liturgy.

Immediately following the liturgy there will be a continuation of this celebration in the auditorium where we will have the opportunity to share a meal prepared by the African community, as well as some American favorites. You are encouraged to set this date aside to come experience two cultures, coming together, to worship God.

DAY OF PRAYER - JANUARY 22, 2011

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 or call him at 508-668-4700. Registration forms are also available at the Parish House. Car pooling available.



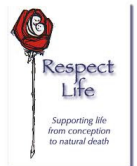
RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER



The Respect Life Committee will be hosting their Annual Parish Family Baby Shower at all Masses the weekend of January 30-31. 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, onesies, baby outfits, crib sheets and blankets, pacifiers, and bottles. Thank you for your generous support.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Respect Life Committee will be meeting on Tuesday evening, January 18th at 7:30 pm. Please enter the side door of the school, the former convent entrance. We will be discussing the upcoming baby shower, which will take place on January 29-30. New members are always most welcome!



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.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please bring in the fronts of your Christmas cards so that we can turn them into the tags for the giving tree for next year. Just leave them on the tables as the entrances to the church. Thanks for recycling



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.



MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY IN UNITED STATES



Martin Luther King Day is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of January. It celebrates the life and achievements of Martin Luther King Jr., an influential American civil rights leader. He is most well-known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968. In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976. Following support from the musician Stevie Wonder with his single "Happy Birthday" and a petition with six million signatures, the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Prayer with our children often begins with a game. At sunset we turn off the lights and sit close together in a quiet, darkening house. We hold the younger children close so they won't get frightened in the dark, and we say, "Let's see how quiet we can be."

After a few moments the squirming and giggling begin to fade. A few minutes more and the silence starts to build. Slowly we find ourselves embraced by an ever-deepening sense of stillness.

As the quiet grows, we feel the hushed amazement of our children as they suddenly realize that our silent room is actually teeming with sound. They begin to sense neighbors talking, playing, shouting, living. Gradually, fainter sounds begin to claim a place: a factory whistle, the hum of machinery somewhere, a far-off siren. The longer we listen, the more we hear of the world around us.

We let this life-filled silence build in us until it seems ready to burst. Then we light our candle, proclaim Jesus Christ "the light of the world," and begin our prayer, much more receptive, much more aware of our connections to others, than we had been a few minutes before.



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MONTROSE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Montrose School (29 North Street Medfield, MA 02052) will host an Open House on Thursday January 20th from 7:00-9:00 PM. Take a tour of campus, meet current students, parents, and faculty and hear from our Head of School and senior scholar at Boston University's Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character, Dr. Karen E. Bohlin. A nationally recognized School of Character, Montrose is an independent college preparatory day school with a Catholic tradition, for girls in grades 6-12. Montrose collaborates with parents to educate the whole person and graduates young women of deep faith, strong character and far reaching vision.

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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