

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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March 19-20, 2011

Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Remembering in Your Prayers

Saturday	March 19th	
4:00 PM	Andrew M. Betro and Pat Cisternelli	Anniversary
Monday	March 21st	
9:00 AM	Thomas Nelson	Memorial
Tuesday	March 22nd	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	March 23rd	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	March 24th	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Friday	March 25th	
9:00 AM	Carol Antak	Anniversary
Saturday	March 26th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
4:00 PM	Jack Keane	Memorial

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!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Camilio & Fred Clerici.

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	March 20th	
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
6 to 10 PM	Building Connections	Auditorium
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	March 21st	
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	Classrooms
Tuesday	March 22nd	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Study	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
Wednesday	March 23rd	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	Finance Council	Porch Room
7:15 to 9:15	Marriage Prep	Community Room
Thursday	March 24th	
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
Friday	March 25th	
7 to 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7 to 9:30 PM	Marriage Prep	Community Room
Saturday	March 26th	
11 to 12:30	Lector Rehearsal	Church

GUIDELINES FOR LENT



LENT

Abstinence -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday (March 9) and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be consumed at all.

Fast -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday (March 9) and Good Friday (April 22) are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national, and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

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.olossharonma.parishesonline.com.



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

A Message from our Co Pastors

What does the gospel of the temptations of Jesus say to you? For one thing, I believe, it poses the questions of the humanity of Jesus and how did he recognize evil? Certainly when you think about it, if you have the power, there is nothing wrong in turning a stone into a loaf of bread. The doctrine of the Incarnation, Jesus being both God and man, is a mystery and most likely will always be a mystery. The church does teach that Jesus was fully God and fully human. How can that be is a truly a mystery. Given as that may be I suspect we all deal with it in different ways. If we were to deny the reality of the humanity or to minimize it in any fashion today's gospel, in my mind, makes little sense. If these temptations were not as real as the one's we receive then the gospel has little value. Jesus is what God offers us, the fullness of humanity in conjunction with the fullness of divinity that we might have life in its fullest.

I think we need to look at this passage in terms of what happened before these temptations. Jesus may have been told of his origins, he may have known that he was the son of God but when he went to the Jordan and was baptized by John the skies opened, a dove descended over his head and heard a voice say to him, "you are my beloved son with whom I am well pleased." To our knowledge this is the first time he has heard this voice and that God, or this voice, claimed him as his son. We can only imagine the impact that had on him. From there he is lead into the desert, as the gospel says, to be tempted by the devil. That seems strange to me but think about it, if he cannot recognize the voice of God how is he to recognize the voice of evil? Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the desert and I suspect, during that time, there were other manifestations of the Father. He emerged from the desert, hungry, tired and ready to sleep and eat. He encountered a voice that said to him, if you are the son of God then take this stone and turn it into bread. At this point in time he has had a good time with the Father, had come to know the Father somewhat and possibly learned some of what was being asked of him. Deep within the humanity of Jesus there could be this lingering doubt about who he is. So he hears, if you are the son then turn this stone into bread. After all he is hungry, what harm can it do? Yet he recognized that it was not the voice of the Father. Most likely he said to himself I do not need to prove who I am to anyone. According to the passage this happened two more times and both times he refused, undoubtedly calling upon God, the Word, to assist him.

There are two other times in the scriptures where we see Jesus being tempted. One is when Peter told him not to die and Jesus replied get out of my sight you Satan. He was not talking about Peter. The other time is when he is on the cross and someone yelled at him, If you are the Son of God, save yourself. I suspect that there were many others. It would seem that Jesus came to recognize the voice of the Father, even though the temptation was heard in the voice of Peter, Jesus knew it was not the voice of the father.

So where does that leave us? First question: do we recognize the voice of God? When you think of what Jesus was being tempted with, a stone into bread, save yourself, neither of these are bad in themselves but neither was of God. Even though one came in the voice of a good friend, he recognized it as the voice of the evil one. How did he do that? This is where we can water down his divinity and say well he is God. St Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, said we need to be aware of what is happening inside. When a prompting is accompanied by light, peace, a good feeling then it is most likely God; yet when it is accompanied by doubt, chaos, or the lack of peace it most likely is not. This feeling comes with the hearing of the prompting, not later on but with the hearing.

Jesus asks us not only to follow him but to learn from him. So maybe the lesson he is offering us today is be attentive, notice what is happening inside so that we come to recognize the voice of God and be lead by God to the fulfillment of our lives not only in this world but in the next.

~Fr. Tim



THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, March 27 (John 4: 5-42), Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for water. By the end of the conversation she abandons her water jar, her old drudgery, and goes to the village with good news.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/032711.shtml>

Next week's question is: "What confining habits or taboos would you like to break?"

2011 COLLABORATIVE MISSION



Monday, March 28th, the Collaborative Mission for 2011 will open at Our Lady of Sorrows at 7:30 PM and the second night will be held at Blessed Sacrament at 7:30 PM on March 29th. Now, please check your calendar – is the date entered there? Why not circle it in green (meaning “go”) so you can’t miss it! Father Barry, the Jesuit priest leading our Mission, is going to offer us new ways to consider our relationship with God and each other - - and we’ll provide dessert during the social following Father Barry’s presentation - - another reason not to miss this event! If you did not see the previous articles with Father Barry’s bio, here it is: Father Barry entered the Society of Jesus in 1950 and was ordained in 1962. He earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan in 1968. He has taught at the University of Michigan, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, and Boston College. Presently he resides at Campion Center where he is co-director of a nine month Jesuit Tertianship Program and gives retreats and spiritual direction. He is the author or co-author of 15 books, including The Practice of Spiritual Direction, God and You, Finding God in All Things, Spiritual Direction and the Encounter with God, Who Do You Say I Am?, With An Everlasting Love, and Contemplatives in Action with Fr. Robert Doherty.

IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION

As our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon and Blessed Sacrament continue to build connections between the parishes, in the spirit of collaboration Fr. Scott and Fr. Tim have arranged to exchange pulpits during the month of March. On Sunday, March 20th Fr. Scott will celebrate the 11:00 Mass at Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Tim will celebrate the 11:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. On Saturday, March 26th Fr. Scott will celebrate the 4:00 Mass at Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Tim will celebrate the 4:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows.

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 7:20 PM. beginning March 11th. Beautifully illustrated booklets are provided for you to follow along. All are welcome!



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.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT – WITH THE HELP OF GOD

On our own we cannot live the life God intends for us. Like Abraham, our lives can produce great fruit only if we follow God in faith. This week, pray for the grace to follow God with stronger faith. Pray also for the gift to see the poor in our midst so that we may assist them, for the fruit of faith is love. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl supports programs that help the most vulnerable in communities in Indonesia and around the world.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Looking for a way to deepen your faith during this Lenten season? The New Jerusalem Prayer Group invites you to a Life in the Spirit seminar weekend which will be presented at St. Timothy Church in Norwood on March 25-27. Through group presentations, discussion, prayer and praise, we will explore strengthening our relationship with God and living in the power of the Holy Spirit daily. Offering of \$30 includes a light breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday. For information or to register call Tom Barrile at 508 380-5645 or Kathy Lynch, at 781-762-3723 or see www.newjerusalemprg.net.

TRAINING OFFERED FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Anyone actively involved in ministry at Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's, or Our Lady of Sorrows is invited to a training on the new mass translation, to be facilitated by Fr. Scott of our sister parish Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon, on March 27 and on April 3 in the Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Invitations and directions to register for the training were sent via email. If you do not have internet access please contact Maggi Taurone at 508-660-1757 to register.

THE SUPPER QUILT

An amazing fabric depiction of Leonardo daVinci's famous painting The Last Supper will be on display at Traditions and Treasures, a quilt show hosted by the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild. The show takes place Saturday, March 19, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, March 20, 10 AM to 4 PM in the Blue Hills Regional Technical School at 800 Randolph Street in Canton. The quilt measures more than 15 feet long and 5 feet high. It was constructed using 51,816 half-inch fabric squares and contains more than 350 different fabrics. The quilt creator, Dr. Donald Locke of Waxahachie, TX will be present to answer questions from the audience. For more information visit the guild website, rnqg.org, and click on the tab for "Quilt Show '11" or look at the posters displayed near each of the church exits.



SCHOOL NEWS



The school's recent celebration of National Reading Week was a tremendous success. All classes met with local author and illustrator, David Biedrzycki, who amazed the students with his artistic abilities and storytelling. Our commitment to reading continues later this month with the school's first ever Battle of the Books. This contest will have groups of students competing together to answer questions about books they have read this year.

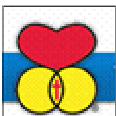
Our students look forward to doing charity work for members of our community during this Lenten season and beyond. If you or anyone you know needs some extra help at their home (raking leaves, cleaning out gardens, etc.) please contact Mr. Spillman at jspillman@blessedsacrament.org so that we can organize a group of students to help out.

SERVS SAFE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In case you haven't heard, "Breaking Bread" is Walpole's weekly community meal, open to all who are looking for a delicious dinner and wonderful fellowship, free of charge. Meals are served every Monday night at 5:30 PM at United Church, 30 Common Street, next to the Post Office. Our request for volunteers has been met with great enthusiasm by the community and the number of guests served has been increasing each week. We are currently looking for more kitchen volunteers who are Servsafe certified. State and local health regulations require that at least one team member be certified and on the premises during each meal to ensure that Breaking Bread is in compliance with the regulations. If you have your certification and can volunteer for an occasional Monday evening from 4—7 PM, please contact us at breakingbreadwalpole@gmail.com. This would be a monthly or bi-monthly commitment and we would gladly work around your schedule. If you want to see what we're all about before making a commitment, please stop by any Monday night and introduce yourself to the team.



WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't cave in to the temptations of the devil and this world in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the tools to live out your sacrament as God calls you to. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England is April 8-10. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

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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