

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 12-13 2011

First Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 12th	
4:00 PM	Robert McLaughlin	Anniversary
Monday	March 14th	
9:00 AM	Justin Flynn	Anniversary
Tuesday	March 15th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	March 16th	
9:00 AM	James, Ellen, Michael, and John Kennedy	Memorial
Thursday	March 17th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Friday	March 18th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Saturday	March 19th	
9:00 AM	Joseph Gallo	Anniversary
4:00 PM	Andrew M. Betro and Pat Cisternelli	Anniversary

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!

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: Rita Rumble.

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	March 13th	
12:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
4:30 PM	Confirmation Session	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	March 14th	
4 to 5 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
5:30 to 6:30	Stations of the Cross	Church
7 to 8 PM	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
Tuesday	March 15th	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Study	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
7 to 8 PM	Eucharistic Minister Training	Church
7 to 10 PM	MOMs Group	Community Room
Wednesday	March 16th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7:15 to 9 PM	PPC	Fireplace Room
Thursday	March 17th	
9:45 to 10:45	Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
4 to 5 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
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
Friday	March 18th	
9:30 to 10:30	Coffee Social	Community Room
7 to 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church

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!

Wedding Banns

III Stephen McCormack and Heidi Bentsen

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 Fr. Leo

Five Sunday's ago we listened to Jesus giving the Beatitudes which opened the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes and summarizes his sermon on the Mountain by exhorting us to live honestly and with personal integrity. He always reminded his disciples of the "Father who sees in secret" and urged them to be honest and faithful in whatever they do. The honest and sincere person is the one who builds his house on the rock by acting according to the will of God. In his words Jesus says, *"Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."*

Reflecting on our real lives as believers and followers of Christ, we recognize that such words challenge us. Despite the struggle, we need to continue to put our faith into action and be genuine to ourselves. At one time or another, every one of us has tried the way of deceit and found that one lie just leads to another. The result, as viewed by Bishop Anthony Taylor, is that "our life becomes complicated and we live in constant fear of discovery...we get nervous whenever the phone rings and a chance remark makes us wonder what that other person knows. We lie awake at night trying to figure out how to get out of the mess we have made of our life." This makes our life like a house built on sand.

Again, I find that the readings for this Sunday push us to action in our Christian lives. Especially when we genuinely ask ourselves, whom do we fool when we say one thing but do the opposite? Remember the promises you made to your spouse, your family, a friend or a boss? Do you keep them or do they just become empty and hollow when it comes time for action? What about God, is God also a person that we try to fool with empty words? We need to be aware that God knows what is in our hearts, and when it comes to profess love for Him and for those to whom we made promises, we must also *act* in loving ways.

In fact, God is clearly calling us to action for "actions speak louder than words," but first we must learn what God wants of us. This learning is a life long affair. God always teaches us new depths to older truths. Learning should lead to action and should also encourage us to support one another. Lastly, Jesus reminds us to "be like a wise man who built his house on a rock." We can do so by building our faith on a rock of actions that are in line with God's will. As Christians, we are called to listen intently to God's words and then act based on those words.

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

~Fr. Leo

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL



In the Gospel for Sunday, March 20 (Matthew 17:1-9), Jesus goes with his disciples to a mountaintop. The disciples witness his radiance, hear the voice of God, and are forever changed themselves.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/032011.shtml>

Next week's question is: "What would it mean to climb a mountain with Jesus today? What would you see and hear?"

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!



RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Respect Life Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday evening, March 15th at 7:30 PM. Please enter the side door of the school, the former convent entrance. New members are always most welcome!



2011 COLLABORATIVE MISSION



Monday, March 28th, the Collaborative Mission for 2011 will open at Our Lady of Sorrows at 7:30pm and the second night will be held at Blessed Sacrament at 7:30pm 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 13th Fr. Scott will celebrate the 9:00 Mass at Blessed Sacrament and Fr. Tim will celebrate the 9:30 Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows. 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.

GUIDELINES FOR 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.”

FIRST WEEK OF LENT – JOURNEYING THROUGH THE DESERT

As we enter the desert of Lent together, Jesus shows us that to live fully the life God has given us, we must obey His Commandments and follow the Holy Spirit. Just as we are called to care for the gift of our eternal life, we are also called to care for the gift of God’s creation. Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl supports agriculture programs in Haiti and around the world that teach farmers effective and ecologically sensitive growing methods which allow them to get the most out of their land while preserving it for future generations.



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.newjerusalemprayergroup.net.

NEW TEXT FOR MASS TO COMMENCE ADVENT OF 2011

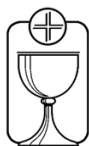
The *Roman Missal, Third Edition*, the ritual text containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass, has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. First use of the new text of the new *Roman Missal* will be on the First Sunday of Advent, 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 final installment. Anyone actively involved in ministry at Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's or Our Lady of Sorrows is invited to a training on the new translation, to be facilitated by Fr. Scott of our sister parish Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon, on March 27 and April 3 in the 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.

What will happen after the texts are used in liturgical celebrations?

The long-term goal of the new translation is to foster a deeper awareness and appreciation of the mysteries being celebrated in the Liturgy. The axiom *lex orandi, lex credendi*—"what we pray is what we believe"—suggests that there is a direct relationship between the content of our prayers and the substance of our faith. It is hoped that writers will start to provide materials reflecting on the rich content of the text. These contributions might encourage priests to use the content of the prayers as a basis for their homilies or to supplement their homilies on Sundays. Those giving retreats or days of recollection can use the new texts of the missal as a resource for their presentations. All can make use of the texts for deepening their prayer life.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED



In order to facilitate the distribution of communion under both species at liturgy, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you feel you would like to be a part of that ministry or would like more information on it please contact George Sabatini at 508-668-1397 or Fr. Tim at 508-668-4700 X10 or frtimk@blessedsacrament.org. Training will take place on Tuesday, March 15 at 7 PM in the Church.

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, 10AM to 5PM and Sunday, March 20, 10AM to 4PM 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



Congratulations to Coaches Foley, Fogarty and French and the senior Girls Basketball Team on winning the South Shore Parochial School League championship. The girls will now go on to represent BSS at the state and regional championships.

BSS students recently collected over \$550 through a casual day to aid a Norwood family whose two sons are Marines that suffered injuries in Afghanistan. As Lent continues, the school community will find other ways to answer the Lenten call of almsgiving.

Registration for 2011-2012 is ongoing for most grades, including Kindergarten. If you are interested in visiting the school, please contact Jim Spillman, Principal and jspillman@blessedsacrament.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