

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 26-27, 2011

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	March 26th	
4:00 PM	Jack Keane	Memorial
Monday	March 28th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	March 29th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	March 30th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	March 31st	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Friday	April 1st	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Saturday	April 2nd	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
4:00 PM	Stanley Kelliher	Anniversary

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	March 27th	
12:30 to 1:30	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
1:30 to 3:30	Mass Translation Training	School Auditorium
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	March 28th	
2:45 to 4 PM	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	Classrooms
7:30 PM	Lenten Mission	OLOS, Sharon
Tuesday	March 29th	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Study	Community Room
2:45 to 4 PM	Passion Rehearsals	Church
5 to 6 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
7:30 PM	Lenten Mission	BSC, Walpole
Wednesday	March 30th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
2:45 to 4 PM	Passion Rehearsals	Church
4 to 6 PM	YM Interviews	Porch Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9:30 PM	Marriage Prep	Community Room
Thursday	March 31st	
9:45 to 10:45	Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
4 to 5 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	School
5:15 to 7:30	YM Interviews	Porch Room
5 to 6 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
Friday	April 1st	
7 to 7:30 PM	Stations of the Cross	Church
7 to 9:30 PM	Marriage Prep	Community Room
	YM Interviews	Porch Room
Saturday	April 2nd	
10 to 5 PM	Day of Prayer	Offsite
11 to 12:30	Lector Rehearsal	Church
5 PM	Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room

For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to
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Second Collection

This week's second collection will be for the people of Japan.

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!

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: Carol Johnston.

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Ralph and Lena Romano.

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!

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."

A Message from Fr. Leo

Every time I reflect on the 'call' of Abraham it makes me think about my personal experience of the 'call' to the priestly vocation. I do so because I want to know and define the exact moment when I felt that I was called to this vocation. When I am asked by people when and how I began feeling a call to priesthood, I end up explaining to them how and when I decided to become a priest. This is, in fact, a response to the call and not the beginning of the call. I am sure that most of us face similar experiences. We find it easy to explain how we responded to our callings (vocation) or who we are now—be it a Christian (Catholic), married, a religious, a priest, a deacon, a lector, an acolyte (Eucharist minister), volunteer, teacher or the like—but difficult to tell how the process began.

The first reading for the second Sunday of Lent reminds us of the call of Abraham. Who is, as I am sure you know, the "father in faith" not just for Jews and Christians, but also for our Muslim brothers and sisters. To understand what it means to be a "son or daughter of Abraham" we have to know something about his call. Even though we may take it for granted, it is important to know from where he was called.

The book of Genesis tells us that God called Abraham out of Ur (a city in what today is thought to be southern Iraq). Archeologists and biblical scholars testify that Ur may have been the world's largest city at the time of Abraham. Like any of the Ancient civilized cities, Ur had its flourishing economy and advanced technology. On the other side, it had many pagan practices such as worshipping idols and offering of human sacrifice, including the sacrifice of small children.

One of the reasons God called Abraham was to fight against such evil practices. Another was to use him as a foundation for his plan of salvation. I am sure it was not an easy experience for Abraham especially when God asked: "Go forth from the Land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Most difficult of all, I am sure, was a test of obedience that was imposed on him when God ordered Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac! Even though Abraham never had a clear knowledge of God, as we do today, he had strong faith. Obedience prompted him to take the risk and pass the test! As a result, the promise was made and reaffirmed in Abraham. Later, this promise found its fulfillment in the one who is the beloved son of God. Of whom God says, "Listen to him."

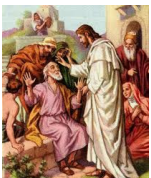
Like Abraham, we live in a prosperous world that prides itself on technological advancement. And, unfortunately, we also have a dark side. Even though we have become more sophisticated and more civilized, we still practice some things that are not in conformity with God's will.

We need to be aware that, even though the call is the same and it is always there, we do not have the same experience and feeling of this call that Abraham did. Some of us are already responding even though we can't tell when we heard the call for the first time, while others are still struggling or hesitating to respond to the call. The most important thing is that we need to support each other so that every one of us (even those who haven't heard or responded to the call) may discover this divine invitation and respond.

As a matter of fact, God is always calling us and He wants us to do something, especially during this Lenten season. As the experience of Abraham's call and response was rooted in obedience of faith, we too must struggle to discover that within our hearts. As the Catechism states, "To obey (from the Latin *ob-audire*, to "hear or listen to") in faith is to submit freely to the word that has been heard, because its truth is guaranteed by God, who is Truth itself." (CCC 144). Abraham was prepared as the model of obedience in faith for us. He is the model from which Jesus shines out as the fullness of this reality.

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, April 3 (John 9:1--41), Jesus heal a man born blind. The blind man comes to see who Jesus is but the Pharisees, who have sight, are blind to it all.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/040311.shtml>

Next week's question is: "How do you think it would feel to see for the first time?"



2011 COLLABORATIVE MISSION

This 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. 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 Tertiarity 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 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.

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.

EASTER CANDLE

Anyone wishing to donate the Easter Candle in the Church or in the Chapel please speak with Fr. Tim. The candle in the church burns for the Easter Season at every liturgy, during the month of November, and at all baptisms and funerals during the year. The Easter Candle in the chapel will burn for the Easter season and the month of November at daily Mass.

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. beginning March 11th. 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.

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.

SPECIAL NEEDS POSSIBILITIES

That's what we would like to explore at a parish meeting Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. Whether your child is on the autism spectrum, has Down syndrome or other special needs, the idea is to bring parents together to identify how Blessed Sacrament might better serve you. Parents get to meet each other and discuss issues around worship, sacraments, religious education or whatever else is needed. Facilitated by Bill Dittrich, Pastoral Associate, bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT — THE LORD SHOWS US ANOTHER WAY

When the Israelites felt that they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our parish nurses will be available next weekend (**April 2 and 3**) in the Community Room after the 4 PM Saturday mass and all Sunday morning masses to check your blood pressure.

SERVSAFE 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.

WOMEN OF THE GOSPEL PRODUCTION

Don't miss the opportunity to attend a hilarious production of "Women of the Gospel". Linda Gray Kelley stars as she changes costume and puts a comical slant on familiar Bible stories. Men and ladies alike can sit back and enjoy the show. It is being offered free-of-charge. Canned goods, packaged grocery items, or donations are encouraged and all items collected benefit the Walpole Food Pantry. Bring your friends, your family, your neighbors. The performance will take place on Sunday, April 3rd at 3:00 PM, at Epiphany Parish, on Walpole common, 62 Front St., Walpole. Light refreshments are available before the show, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Questions? Contact Epiphany Parish at 508-668-2353

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let your love for your spouse shine like a light house, guiding others to joy and happiness. Find out how you can do this by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are April 8-10 April 29-May1 and May 13-15. 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