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Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday | April 30th | | |
| 4:00 PM | Alfredo & Nicolina Marangiello | Anniversary | |
| Monday | May 2nd | | |
| 9:00 AM | Liturgy of the Word with Communion | | |
| Tuesday | May 3rd | | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass | | |
| Wednesday | May 4th | | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass | | |
| Thursday | May 5th | | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass | | |
| Friday | May 6th | | |
| 9:00 AM | Mass | | |
| Saturday | May 7th | | |
| 9:00 AM | Frances, Frank, & Jack Calf | Anniversary | |
| 4:00 PM | Dominic Lamberti | Memorial | |

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!

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: Debra Ayer, Marilyn MacDonald, and Mary Connolly.

Weekly Events Calendar

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| Sunday | May 1st | | |
| 11 AM | Mass with Baptism | Church | |
| 10:15 to 11:15 | Religious Ed Grades 1-5 | School | |
| 2 to 3:30 PM | Knitting Ministry | Community Room | |
| 4:30 PM | Contemporary Music Rehearsal | Church | |
| 7 to 8 PM | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | Church | |
| Monday | May 2nd | | |
| 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 | May 3rd | | |
| 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 | May 4th | | |
| 9:30 AM | Morning Prayer Group | Community Room | |
| 4 to 5:30 | First Communion Rehearsals | Church | |
| 6 to 8 PM | Adoration | Chapel | |
| 6:30 to 8:30 | School Board Meeting | Tech Lab | |
| 7 to 9 PM | Pieta | Community Room | |
| Thursday | May 5th | | |
| 4 to 5 PM | Religious Ed Grades 1-5 | School | |
| 4 to 5:30 | First Communion Rehearsals | 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 | May 7th | | |
| 1 PM | First Eucharist Mass | Church | |
| 5 PM | Blood Pressure Clinic | Community Room | |

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Fred Weinkauf, Annette Richmond, Bill McLeod, Peter DeMichele, Diane Roble and Virginia Daddario.

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!

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 25TH OR 50 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY?



Seán Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2011 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 26, 2011; 11:30 AM Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of the participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend this celebration, please register with your parish staff by May 9, 2011 by contacting Marie at 668-4700 x11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org. A formal invitation will then be sent from the Archdiocese to celebrating couples.

5:30 PM MASS

Our last 5:30 PM Mass for the summer will be on Sunday, May 1st. Mark your calendars. We will resume Sunday, September 25th.



Thanks to our 5:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble that has helped us to sing our prayer each week!

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

First Eucharist celebrations will be happening at masses this week end.



A Message from Fr. Leo

If it happens that you go around the world today, you will notice that something special has happened. Not only we Catholics but even other Christians are celebrating, rejoicing, and singing the same song: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has risen from the dead, alleluia, alleluia"! In other words we are celebrating Easter which is the central feast in the Christian liturgical year. It is the height of our religious celebrations because it presents the ultimate breakthrough – from death to new life, in which Christ rose from the dead and won victory over Satan.

As we celebrate Easter we focus our attention on the Easter Candle which represents the risen Christ who is the source of life and light in Spirit and whose light cuts through the darkness of evil that had covered the earth. Not only that but also this Candle stands among us as the source of joy and happiness.

Easter also assures us that we will find the strength we need to follow Christ through life and through death into resurrection. It is thus a huge relief to us followers of Christ. Easter is the source of strength that we need to help us view life in a new perspective, to live it with a new purpose, to witness it, and to share it with others with more zeal. It makes us become like Peter whom on Good Friday we heard denying the Lord that he doesn't know him and said: "I am not", after he was asked if he was one of Jesus' disciples. But today we here him standing out with courage preaching and testifying: "...you put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised Him on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us ... He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God". The same is true for us, Easter will have meaning if we go out and proclaim this risen Christ to our souls, families, friends, neighborhood, communities, places of work, and to all those who haven't heard of Him.

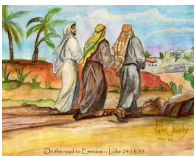
Most of all we are celebrating Easter because we have been set free from doubt and fear, as we hear from the Gospel of John. The first witness who went to the tomb was so excited that they couldn't restrain themselves. Mary Magdalene runs to bring the news to Peter and other disciples, who then run to the tomb. The other disciple arrives first and then waited for Peter to catch up with him. What a joy, Easter has set them free and now there able to run to witness the Lord's resurrection. What about us whom the Lord has freed, are we running to him? If not, to whom do we run?

You and I have been set free on this day by the Lord's resurrection. Our bonds have been loosened – there is nothing to fear! However, we need to be aware that Jesus' victory does not only promise us just a mere relief from troubles and challenges we face in this life. He promises us more of a share in his kingdom where every tear will be wiped away and every human limitation will have no place – no sin and no death but eternal life. **HAPPY EASTER!**

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, May 8 (Luke 24:13-35), two disciples of Jesus, grieving over his death, meet the risen Jesus on the road, but recognize him only when he breaks bread with them. Perhaps we are fed in similar ways today.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/050811.shtml>

Next week's question is: Can you identify times when a group of friends has lifted your spirits?

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE NEXT WEEK END

The Respect Life Committee will be holding their annual Mother's Day Rose Sale next weekend. All proceeds will benefit women and children in need and those facing crisis pregnancies. Please contact Kate Hinton at 660-1023 for information about the sale or if you would like to help with the sale at the doors of the church.



YOU'RE INVITED

Please join Fr. Tim for a Celebration of Thanksgiving for the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. There will be a Liturgy on Sunday, May 15 at 11 AM immediately followed by a reception in the Blessed Sacrament School Hall. In lieu of gifts, a donation in Fr. Tim's name may be made to: Eastern Point Retreat House, 37 Niles Pond Road, Gloucester, MA 01930.



HOW CAN WE THANK FR. LEO?



Fr. Leo has been working tirelessly with Fr. Tim by assisting him in his enormous tasks as Pastor over the past several months. Fr. Leo will be leaving us at the end of September to serve his Diocese in Tanzania which has over 350,000 Catholics in an area covering 13,000 sq. miles with some 280 outstations (Mission Churches). Most of the people are extremely poor and their sustenance depends mainly on the crops and animals that they grow and raise. To help him better perform his duties, we would like to purchase a truck for him and his Diocese. To date, we have raised \$20,000 but need an additional \$8,000 to complete the purchase. If you would like to make a contribution, please know that any amount (large or small) would be greatly appreciated and that it will make a great impact on the lives of many people every day for years to come. Please use the envelopes located at the entrances to the Church and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the address printed on the envelope. Please make your tax deductible check payable to Blessed Sacrament Parish. For further information or if you have questions please contact Dan or Jean Falvey at 508-668-2555 or jfalvey4@comcast.net and thank you for your attention.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is next Tuesday, May 10th at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. The book selected for discussion is Little Bee by Chris Cleave, the surprising story of two women whose lives collide one fateful day. Extra copies may be available in the church office. Newcomers are always welcome! For information about the book club please call Judy Bosl at 781-821-3680 or email judybosl@gmail.com.



SPRING GREETINGS FROM THE KNITTING MINISTRY



Please join us !! The Knitting Ministry will gather on Sunday, May 1st at 2 PM in the Community Room. Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, we will have new yarn available for prayer shawls. For further information about the ministry, please call or e-mail Jen Dyer at: jenmooredyer@aol.com or 508-528-4313.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst"
(Mt. 18:20).

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our parish nurses will be available next weekend (**May 7 and 8**) 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.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



In today's gospel Christ says "Peace be with you." Let the peace and love of Christ reign in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are May 13 – 15 and June 24-26. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our web-page at www.wwme.org.

KEEPING SILENCE

In the liturgy, we are silent, silent *together*. This is not an INDIVIDUAL silence, even though each of us—as best as each of is able—is quiet. This is not a passive silence, even though we try to be as still as we can be. We are silent together, actively quiet, purposely still. We're silent before the liturgy begins, in order to be present to each other and thus find God. God is always present to us; we forget that sometimes, fail to hear God amid our noisy living. So before we wrestle with God in our rites, we are silent: Be still, and know that I am God.

We are silent at the words "Let us pray." These words begin the opening prayer and prayer after communion at Mass, as well as the prayers after the psalms at morning and evening prayer. At this invitation, we pray and we pray hard and we pray hard together, so that when the priest speaks, all of our prayers are drawn to those words like metal shavings to a magnet. One voice breaks the silence with words of prayer, and one mighty voice, spoken from all of our throats, seals that prayer: "Amen!"

We are silent after readings of scripture and after the homily. How else can God speak to us? How else are we to hear the divine voice, not only echoing from long ago in ancient words brought back to life, but speaking now, in this time, in the quiet that we provide here? After the readings and the homily, we are silent together because we are listening together for the voice on which our very lives depend, the voice that calls us into being, the voice that bids us to come out of our dumb tombs to live and to love again.

On occasion, instead of singing, we may be silent when the gifts of money are gathered for the poor and for the church, and when the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar. And when all have been fed, when all have drank from the cup, again we are silent, caught up in the reverie of great mystery, standing together wide-eyed and satisfied, breathing quiet gratitude for life breaking out everywhere, enjoying the quiet of this moment before an eternal dawn, when God will be all in all and the final silence will be ruptured with raucous, joyous cries of "Worthy! Worthy! Worthy!"

The liturgy's silences both tax and nourish us. They tire us because they are active moments, concentrated periods of deliberate, attentive, awe-filled stillness. But they nourish us as well. They are vitamins for a life made anemic with noise, tonic for the blathering (the world's and our own) that sometimes sickens us. The moments of communal silence in the liturgy plant seeds of peace in our souls, so that in the turmoil of every day life we can find a still center inside and hear the voice of God.

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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