

# 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*

10 Diamond Street, Walpole, Massachusetts 02081-3408 Phone: (508) 668-4700 Fax: (508) 668-3554  
[www.blessedsacrament.org](http://www.blessedsacrament.org)

*Stay awake...*



*You do not know on which day  
your Lord will come...*

November 26-27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 26th</b>	
4:00 PM	Harold Golden	Memorial
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 28th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 29th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 1st</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>	
9:00 AM	Richard, Richard Jr., Maureen & Marianne McCarthy and Aileen Capitanio	Memorial
4:00 PM	Roger P. Farren, Sr.	Anniversary

*Praying of the Rosary: Monday—Saturday at 8:30 AM  
in the Church.*

## Second Collection

Next week's second collection is 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 Grant Cos and John Connolly.

## Weekly Events Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 27th</b>	
8:30 AM	Little Church	Community Room
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
2:45 to 4 PM	OLOS Handbell Rehearsal	Church
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 28th</b>	
4 to 5 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
5:30 to 6:30	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
6:45 to 7:45	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 29th</b>	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Sharing	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
6:15 to 7:15	Religious Ed Grades 6-8	Classrooms
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 30th</b>	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 1st</b>	
9:45 to 10:45	Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
4:15 to 5 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	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 9 PM	Beloved Community	Fireplace Room
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>	
10 AM	School Mass	Church
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>	
8 to 3 PM	Christmas Bazaar	Auditorium
11 to Noon	First Reconciliation	Church
1:30 to 2:30	First Reconciliation	Church
5 PM	Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room

*For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to  
[www.blessedsacrament.org](http://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!

### FOLLOWING THE ORDER OF MASS

We invite you to follow the order of the Mass by turning to the red worship aids (booklets) in the pews or by turning to page 3 of the pew hymnal, where you will find the text for the spoken responses of the assembly. If you are searching for the musical settings, they may only be found in the red worship aids. We are now using the revised translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal and you may notice many changes to familiar responses. Please use the resources in the pew to help you participate fully as we worship together.

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM CARDINAL SEÁN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE SUNDAY MASS

Cardinal Seán has written a Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass to all Catholics in the Archdiocese. One of Cardinal Sean's requests in the letter is that every Catholic will reach out to a fellow Catholic that has been away from the Church. Please read the letter online at [www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter](http://www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter) and share the link with friends and family members.

## A Message from Our Co Pastors

On Wednesday we had a staff day of prayer at which we spent some time with the Gospel according to Matthew. In particular we looked to the Last Judgment; the division of the sheep from the goats. As we were sharing our reflections I thought Fr. Emmanuel put it very succinctly but powerfully. He said it really is so easy but we make it so difficult. Coming from someone who has lived through the genocide in Rwanda I thought it was rather profound.

When you think of it what is the Lord asking us to do, treat others as you would be treated? He is asking us to look to him for the example and to do as he did. In the first reading from Ezekiel he talks about the shepherd and how the shepherd tends his sheep. Ezekiel states the shepherd will rescue them when scattered, will provide them with a green pasture, will give them rest. The shepherd will seek out the lost, bring back those who have strayed, bind the injured, and heal the sick.

On the Thursday before Thanksgiving the gospel for the day was Jesus' lament over Jerusalem. In this part of the narrative Jesus is on his way into the city of Jerusalem just before Palm Sunday. We know that he is aware of how he will be greeted and of how he will be treated at the end of the week. As he overlooks the city he weeps and he says; "If this day you only knew what makes for your peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. . . .You did not recognize your time of visitation."

In the gospel of today we have the Son of man separating the sheep from the goats. The division is primarily based on how people witnessed to the ways that Christ had given us. Those who, as with the shepherd in Ezekiel, reached out to those in need in a Christ-like fashion receive the gift of God and those who did not receive punishment. Once again I think the punishment rendered or received is self inflicted. You and I are created in the image of God, meaning that we are love. Anything that goes against our basic nature robs us of living life to its fullest. It is like trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. It just does not work or if it does, the circle is distorted and not what it was created to be.

I wonder when we go back to the passage from Luke and look at it as Jesus overlooking us what does he see and how does he react. Is he left with the same sense of sadness? He promised us everything but we have not received it and yet we try to get it our way and that does not work. He has given us the means and the way to achieve it yet we think we know better and do it our way.

Look at the situation of the world, the government, the church. It is all in chaos. Where is God? I would dare to say he is there, shepherding, and yet we hear not, see not and in the words of Jesus himself; could we be missing the time of our visitation as well?

~ Fr. Tim

### RESPECT LIFE CHRISTMAS CARD SALE 2011



The annual Respect Life Christmas Card Sale, hosted by the Respect Life Committee, will take place before and after all Masses on the weekend of December 3-4th. The cards will also be available at the Blessed Sacrament Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd. The cost of each package of ten cards is \$7.00. All proceeds support parish and community initiatives that defend the sanctity of human life. What a beautiful way to both celebrate Christ's birth and affirm the value of life!

### INFORMATION ABOUT THE PETITION DRIVE FOR ASSISTED SUICIDE

Between now and December 7, supporters of a bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide will be trying to gather 68,911 signatures from Massachusetts voters. This is the first step in putting physician-assisted suicide on the ballot in November, 2012. The position of the church is that all suicide is a tragedy. In a recent homily, Cardinal Seán said, "A vote for assisted suicide is a vote for suicide." Please consider Church teaching if you are asked to sign. Also, the petition may be falsely presented to you as one that promotes "compassion," "autonomy" and "human dignity." Please be aware that it supports the legalization of physician-assisted suicide in Massachusetts.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



Our parish nurses will be available next weekend (**December 3 and 4**) in the Community Room after the 4 PM Saturday mass and all Sunday morning masses to check your blood pressure. There will be no Little Church on blood pressure clinic weekends.

## GRAND GIVEAWAY— UPDATE



The deadline for purchasing a Grand Giveaway ticket is quickly approaching. Please purchase your ticket today, and then sit back and wait for your number to be called in 2012! Tickets can be purchased by downloading the ticket order form on our website: <http://school.blessedsacrament.org/grand-giveaway> Remember that families who sell 10 or more tickets will be entered into a drawing to win an Apple Store Gift Card. And the top seller will win a \$500 Apple Store gift card. So be sure to invite your friends and family to be part of this program.

## DAILY MASS LECTORS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in becoming a lector to read at the daily 9 AM Mass, please contact Kevin Johnson at 508-668-4896 or via email at [kjpf1@verizon.net](mailto:kjpf1@verizon.net). This is a great way to serve your parish and strengthen your faith with only a small commitment of time. Convenient, flexible schedule and a most rewarding experience!



## DE COLORES



Please join us for Ultreya, a faith and joy filled gathering on Tuesday, November 29th at 7 PM at St. Mary's Church, Avery Street, Dedham. We meet in St. Joseph's Chapel at the Parish Center. Fr. Charles Flaherty will be our guest celebrant. For more information call 781-326-0674.

## 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](http://www.stmarywalpole.com) and Our Lady of Sorrows, Sharon, 781-784-2265 [www.olossharonma.parishesonline.com](http://www.olossharonma.parishesonline.com)



## WOMEN AFFIRMING LIFE ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST FORUM

This special even will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Four Points by Sheraton Norwood. Registration begins at 8:00 AM, and Mass begins at 8:30 AM with Sean Cardinal O'Malley, Celebrant and Homilist. Breakfast Forum Speaker, Sr. Maris Stella Karalekas, S.V.- Sisters of Life, will speak about "Making Room for Christ in the Inn of Our Hearts." Tickets are \$25 per person and \$15 per student. After December 3rd, all tickets are \$30 per person. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church. Checks and registration forms may be sent to Women Affirming Life, P.O. Box 35532, Brighton, MA 02135.

## THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL



In the Gospel for Sunday, December 4 (Mark 1:1-8), we meet John the Baptist in the wilderness proclaiming a message of repentance, telling us to change.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/120411.shtml>

**Next week's question is: Why might we be reluctant to change even if it was for the better?**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 3/4

	Saturday 4 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Emmanuel	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Emmanuel
Cantor	Karen Bell	Marie Martin	Eithne Stover	Susan Glancy	Eithne Stover
Musicians			Children's and Youth Choir	Adult Choir	Contemporary Ensemble
Lector	Maggi Taurone	Ken Fettig	Terry Nolan	Alex Taurone	Terry Witherell
Lector	Jean Falvey	Sharon Wall	Kate Folwell	Jim Hyatt	Becky Hyatt

## PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES IN ADVENT



Advent is the sacred season of anticipation and expectation. How are you planning to keep your heart fixed on the Lord during this Advent season? Why not consider praying the Scriptures on Thursday mornings during Advent after the 9 AM Mass in the Community Room. We will be meeting on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd. To pray the Scriptures is to live in an awareness of a Presence that changes us forever.

## 2012 LENTEN MISSION—WALKING THE SACRED PATH

The Sharon-Walpole Catholic Collaborative, including Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes, is planning a Lenten Mission for two nights March 4 and 5, 2012 with the theme, Walking the Sacred Path. The Mission leader is Dan Schutte, a very familiar composer of Christian music and author. Some of his songs include "City of God" and "Here I am Lord" and his latest book is "Walking the Sacred Path." On the weekend of December 10 and 11, there will be a special opportunity after all the Masses to purchase some of Dan Schutte's books and CD's. Proceeds from this sale will help defray the cost of our Mission.



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - DECEMBER 3

### RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND

Blessed Sacrament School's annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, December 3rd, from 8 AM to 3 PM. Come shop for gifts, unusual finds, and bargains—and take your chance at winning one the exciting raffle prizes. This weekend you have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at just \$1 each. Prizes are an Apple iPad, a stocked wine refrigerator, and \$250 cash.

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM



St. Mary's Parish in Foxborough is presenting the "Beyond Loving" Marriage Preparation Program for couples planning to be married within the next year. It will be held on:

Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM &

Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 1 PM to 7:00 PM

Attendance at both sessions is mandatory. The cost is \$100 per couple and registration is limited to 24 couples. Pre-registration is required. For registration information, please call: 508-543-7726.

## WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are December 2-4, January 13-15, and February 10-12. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).



## ETERNITY'S CLOCK AND CROWN

What is this Advent wreath whose four candles help us mark the passing of the weeks before Christmas? It is eternity's clock—a circle that says "In our ending is our beginning." It is the wheel of time—a circle of evergreen branches—cut and left to wither—revealing that death and life are both of a piece. It is also a crown, the victor's laurel garland, the sign that the race is done, the prize won. It is the crown of us as a people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood. It is the crown of each of us as individuals—baptized individuals (all of a piece) whose heads were smeared with that royal oil, chrism. We are marked for eternity. With four candles lit, the Advent wreath is the fiery crown that we give to Christ the King, the Savior who returns in the growing gloom to gather us into our eternal home, the new and heavenly Jerusalem.

Copyright © 1997, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 1800 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago IL 60622-1101; 1-800-933-1800. Text by David Philippart. Art by Steve Erspamer, SM.



# THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

10 Diamond Street, Walpole, Massachusetts 02081-3408  
Phone: (508) 668-4700 Fax: (508) 668-3554 [www.blessedsacrament.org](http://www.blessedsacrament.org)

## PASTORAL STAFF

All extensions refer to (508) 668-4700

### Co-Pastors:

Rev. Timothy J. Kelleher, Ext. 10

[FrTimK@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:FrTimK@blessedsacrament.org)

Rev. Emile R. "Mike" Boutin, Jr., Ext. 12

[FrMikeBoutin@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:FrMikeBoutin@blessedsacrament.org)

### Permanent Deacon:

Deacon Reynold G. Spadoni (617) 512-9045

[ReySpadoni@gmail.com](mailto:ReySpadoni@gmail.com)

[www.deaconrey.com](http://www.deaconrey.com)

### In Residence:

Fr. Emmanuel Rutangusa Ext. 20

[Fatheremmanuel@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:Fatheremmanuel@blessedsacrament.org)

### Weekend Associate:

Rev. Kevin Sandberg, CSC

### Pastoral Associates:

#### Outreach & Bereavement:

Marie Martin, M.A., Ext. 11

[MMartin@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:MMartin@blessedsacrament.org)

#### Faith Formation/Religious Ed:

Bill Dittrich, M.A., Ext. 26

[BDittrich@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:BDittrich@blessedsacrament.org)

#### Confirmation/Youth Ministry:

Margaret Bouffard, M.Div., Ext. 17

[youthminister@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:youthminister@blessedsacrament.org)

### Director of Pastoral Music:

Dr. Erica Johnson, Ext. 22

[Music@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:Music@blessedsacrament.org)

### Finance Manager:

Jeanette Penza, Ext. 21

[JPenza@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:JPenza@blessedsacrament.org)

### Office Manager:

Lee Smolinsky, Ext. 15

[LSmolinsky@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:LSmolinsky@blessedsacrament.org)

### Facilities Manager:

Mike Lamperti, Ext. 36

[MLamperti@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:MLamperti@blessedsacrament.org)

### School Principal:

Jim Spillman (508) 668-2336

[JSpillman@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:JSpillman@blessedsacrament.org)

## 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

**The Chapel of Reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament:** open daily for prayer  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

**Pray the Rosary:** Monday through Saturday  
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 second 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 Marie Martin at extension 11.

**Confirmation:** Celebrated annually for students in Youth Ministry. Contact Margaret Bouffard at extension 17.

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacrament.org) by noon Friday for the following week. Please contact Lou Ernenwein if you would like to advertise at 1-800-698-0299 ext. 238.