

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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**“Your ways, O Lord,
make known to me.
Teach me your paths.”**

Ps 25

September 24-25, 2011

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	September 24th	
4:00 PM	Alice Betro	Anniversary
Monday	September 26th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	September 27th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	September 28th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Thursday	September 29th	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Friday	September 20th	
9:00 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Saturday	October 1st	
9:00 AM	Charles E. Jones	Anniversary
4:00 PM	Vincent & Catherine Cadigan	Anniversary

Second Collection

This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Please visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica for more information.

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!

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	September 24th	
10:15 to 11:15	Rel Ed In-Service	Auditorium
12:30 PM	Baptisms	Church
4:30 to 5:30	Confirmation Orientation	Church
6:30 to 8 PM	Marriage Prep Planning Mtg.	Fireplace Room
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8:30 PM	Sep., Divorced & Beyond	Community Room
Monday	September 26th	
4 to 5 PM	Rel Ed In-Service	Auditorium
5:30 to 6:30	Rel Ed In-Service	Auditorium
7 to 8 PM	Special Needs Parent Mtg.	Community Room
Tuesday	September 27th	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Sharing	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Rel Ed In-Service	Auditorium
Wednesday	September 28th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 10 PM	MOMs Group	Community Room
Thursday	September 29th	
5 to 6 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Sacristy
6 to 7 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Saturday	October 1st	
8 to 1 PM	School Yard Sale (Rain Date)	
9:45 AM	Walking Club	Parking Lot
5 PM	Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Rudy DeMichele.

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 Frances Penza and Phyllis Marchand.

Wedding Banns

III Steven Bonda & Lindsay White

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 in the pew hymnal to page 3, where you will find the text for the spoken responses of the assembly. If you are searching for the musical settings we sing every week, please turn to the Heritage Mass: #864 Glory to God, #865 Holy, #866 Memorial Acclamation, #870 Amen, and #871 Lamb of God.

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



A Message from Our Co Pastors

I suspect that the gospel passage of the laborers in the vineyard is one that many of us do not agree with or at least have a difficult time dealing with. So as I sat with the readings I asked God what is it you are trying to say? As with the Lord, so many times, there is dead silence; as if the question had never been asked. As the week evolved I was no closer to sense of direction than I was at the beginning. Yesterday I received a list of quotes that had to deal with forgiveness which came about through a discussion on last week's homily on forgiveness. As I read them many of them stood out but there was one that really struck me. The quote states, "Grace is getting something you don't deserve, and mercy is not getting something that you do deserve." All of a sudden I began to look at the gospel differently.

The gospel tells a very familiar story of the laborers in the vineyard. Many of us are outraged at the fact that the workers who worked for only an hour get the same days wage as those who worked in the field under the blazing sun all day. Jesus says to those who are complaining, "My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage. . . . am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" In the first reading Isaiah quotes God as saying; "let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts nor are your ways my ways."

With all this in mind and in looking at the gospel again I have a feeling, using myself as the example, that many of us, who object to his gospel, identify with the people who have worked hard all day and not with the other person who has worked only an hour. I wonder if we would object to the gospel as much if we identified with the person who has worked only an hour. Would we not rejoice in our good fortune? Would we not say the master is free to do as he wishes? "Grace is getting something that you don't deserve; and mercy is not getting something that you do deserve." Last week we were outraged at the servant who was forgiven his debt but could not in return forgive his fellow servant a smaller debt. Yet each and every day we ask the Lord for forgiveness and we know we are not always as equally generous with our forgiveness. With that we rejoice in the fact the Lord's ways are not our ways.

We are told time and time again of the Lord's unconditional love for us. St. Paul reminds in the letter to the Romans that there is nothing, absolutely nothing, that can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus. I wonder if the key to understanding the gospel is found in one of the parables in the gospel according to Luke. Jesus told a parable to those who had been invited to a banquet, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Isn't it interesting how the complexion of the gospel can change when looked at from a different point of view; a gospel that was once seen as unfair can be seen as an expression of God's unconditional love for us all. Maybe the lesson for us here is not to seek out the place of honor but the lower place, not to exalt ourselves but to walk humbly with our God.

~Fr. Tim

SAVE THE DATE - LENTEN MISSION - MARCH 3 THROUGH 5, 2012



Our Lenten Mission, which is a collaborative effort between Blessed Sacrament Parish and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, will take place March 3rd through March 5th. Come! Join together for prayer, song, and worship during our Lenten journey. These evenings will be led by Dan Schutte, who has been composing worship music for over 40 years. You are familiar with many of his compositions but most familiar with "Here I am Lord", "City of God", "Sing A New Song" and "Glory and Praise to Our God". The time and location for each evening will be posted in the bulletins and on the web sites of both Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows as we get closer to the date of the Mission.

As we prepare for what promises to be a wonderful experience during our Lenten journey, we are looking for your help. If you are able to donate United Airlines frequent flyer miles or American Express Rewards points, your time toward chauffeuring Dan Schutte, make a donation toward the costs of the Mission, or assist in one of the many administrative tasks associated with the Mission, please contact Mary Alice Dowdell (maryadowdell@comcast.net) or Kate Mason at (masonctm50@verizon.net) for further information. Above all, please save the dates on your calendar of March 3rd through 5th, 2012 for an amazing event.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, October 2 (Mt 21:33-43), Jesus tells the parable of the wicked tenants who refuse to give the vineyard owner his rightful share of the harvest.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/100211.shtml>

Next week's question is: How do we plan to give back the right shares to God in our lives?

NEW CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED

Religious Education (CCD) classes will be starting in a couple weeks and there are openings for teachers and assistants on both Monday and Tuesday evenings. This is a great way to learn more about your faith. Call Bill Dittrich at 508-668-4700 ext. 26 or email bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org.



NEW LECTORS NEEDED - THE COMMUNITY IS CALLING YOU!



The Spirit has given each us many gifts and invites us to use them for the good of the community. We invite you to consider being a lector to proclaim God's Word at weekend masses. We are especially in need of lectors at the 5:30 PM and 11:00 AM masses, but if you can serve at the 4 or 7:30 we would like to hear from you as well. There will be training offered in September and October. Please contact Marie 508-668-4700x 11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org

TRIVIA NIGHT ON 10/15

Blessed Sacrament School is holding our annual Parish Trivia night on Saturday, October 15, in the school gym. Consider joining the fun! You can enter your own team of 8 to 10 players. Or, sign up with a few friends (at \$20 a head), and event organizers will help build out your team with other registrants. Beer and wine served. Participants must be at least 21 years of age. For more information, please contact Michele Bowery at mbowery@verizon.net.



IEP OR 504 PLAN KIDS

Parents of children with special needs have gotten together a couple times to talk about what is helpful to forming their faith. Come join the group, several helpful ideas have surfaced. We meet again Monday, September 26 in the Community Room at 7 PM.

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 or frtimk@blessedsacrament.org. Training will take place in October.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBER TO THE FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council is looking for an additional member. The Finance Council is an advisory board to the pastor and meets monthly. Due to the scope of the work it is felt by the council that a Civil Engineer with a background in buildings would be a great asset to the council. If you have the background and are willing to serve please contact Fr. Tim.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC



Our parish nurses will be available next weekend (**October 1 and 2**) in the Community Room after the 4 PM Saturday mass and all Sunday morning masses to check your blood pressure.

NEED SOME EXERCISE?

Our walking group meets in the parking lot Saturday mornings after the 9:00 AM mass. All are welcome and you can go at your own pace. Just get out there and walk. Enjoy the approach of Fall and the changes it brings and meet some other parishioners in the process.

LITTLE CHURCH FOR KIDS



Beginning Sunday, October 16, 2011, and every Sunday at the 9:00 AM Family Mass, families with young children can see that the kids get their own experience of the Gospel. Participating parents and volunteers will guide 3 to 6 year olds through the Sunday Gospel story and crafts that illustrate the point. No registration is required. Families who use the service will be expected to help out as their schedule permits. Parents can participate in Mass and know their children are learning the story and enjoying their own community of friends. Contact Marley Farrell for more information, marleygoround@yahoo.com.

DAY OF PRAYER - OCTOBER 15, 2011

Everything will be okay. God will provide and care for me. Do we really believe this is true, even if we don't know what okay means? Are we able to trust? Come away for some reflection and quiet as you deepen your relationship with God during a Day of Prayer at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton on Saturday, October 15, 2011. The theme is **"Trust in God as a Way to Peace."** Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. The day will begin at 10 AM and end with liturgy at 4 PM. Contact Fr. Tim at frtimk@blessedsacrament.org, or call him at 508-668-4700 ext. 10.



RESPECT LIFE WALK- PARISH COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25



The 2011 Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children, sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, will take place on Respect Life Sunday, October 2nd. All proceeds support organizations providing pregnancy and adoption assistance, shelter, counseling, and education services to expectant mothers in need. Donations for the Respect Life Walk will be gratefully accepted at the church doors after all Masses on the weekend of September 24 and 25. Sponsor sheets will also be available for those who wish to walk on October 2nd.

On Sunday, October 2nd, the Respect Life Walk will commence with a Pre-Walk Celebration on the Boston Common at the Parkman Bandstand (near the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets) at 1:30 PM. The 5 K walk will follow at 2:30 PM.

A carpool will meet in Walpole in the parking lot adjacent to Blackburn Hall at 12:30 PM on October 2nd. If you need a ride to the Respect Life Walk or if you have any further questions, please call Ann Corkery at 508-660-8937.

JOINT FAITH FORMATION PLANNING WITH OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Our faith is constantly being formed. We do not stop at one age or stage of life. It is a journey. As our commitment to help everyone on their journey of faith, Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish have agreed to share Religious Education personnel as an approach to enriching the faith formation programming at both parishes.

Our Lady of Sorrows has hired Jackie Baldino as Director of Faith Formation. This is a new full-time staff position. Jackie's Master's program at Boston College concentrated in Total Community Catechesis. She also brings experience from parishes in Malden and Wellesley. To launch this new ministry, Bill Dittrich, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Blessed Sacrament Parish will help Jackie in developing parish-wide structures for faith formation. Bill's background includes both being the Director of Religious Education at Our Lady of Sorrows and Director of the former Archdiocesan Institute for Ministry, a parish lay leadership development program.

To support these expanding efforts Our Lady of Sorrows has also hired Tanya Bollenbach to work as a Religious Education Administrative Assistant serving both Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows Religious Education Programs.

Our hope is to create a cross-generational ministry of Faith Formation that will include education, prayer, social justice activities, parish wide programs, guest lecturers, and much more. Its goal is to give both parishes varied means to enrich our faith and deepen our spirituality no matter where we are on our faith journey.



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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—Thursday, 9:30 AM—5 PM.
Friday 9:30—12 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 Friday for the following week. Please contact Lou Ernenwein if you would like to advertise at 1-800-698-0299 ext. 238.