

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:00 PM	August 6th George, Sr. & Helen Jiannetti and Janet White	Anniversary
Monday 9:00 AM	August 8th Mass	
Tuesday 9:00 AM	August 9th Mass	
Wednesday 9:00 AM	August 10th Mass	
Thursday 9:00 AM	August 11th Maria Schifone & Virginia Niziak	Anniversary
Friday 9:00 AM	August 12th Joanne Dowling	Anniversary
Saturday 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	August 13th Mass Richard J. Smith and Stanley Upton	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!

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports emergency relief, human development, and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2 a day. The collection funds the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Migration and Refugee Services, Social Development and World Peace, and The Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/crscollection.



Weekly Events Calendar

Tuesday 9:45 to 11 AM 7 to 8:30 PM	August 9th Bible Sharing Baptism Prep	Community Room Church
Wednesday 9:30 AM 4 to 8 PM 7:30 to 9 PM	August 10th Morning Prayer Group Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Special Needs Parent Mtg.	Community Room Chapel Community Room
Thursday 10:30 to 12	August 11th Sunday Play Group Mtg.	Community Room

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our parish nurses will be available this weekend (**August 6 and 7**) in the Community Room after the 4 PM Saturday mass and all Sunday morning masses to check your blood pressure.



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!

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 Leroy Gebhardt and Claire Morris.

Wedding Banns

I Sean W. Johnston & Michelle A. Quenneville
III Thomas Moran and Kristin Burnham

SAVE THE DATE!

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to our outdoor Mass on **September 18th at 11 AM**. Once again, Blessed Sacrament will join together as a community to celebrate Mass and this year we have invited the Kenyan Catholic Community to join us. The liturgy will be celebrated in English with the introduction of some Swahili and active participation is encouraged! If you missed the wonderful African Community Mass last January at Blessed Sacrament - here is your chance to experience it. We will also have an opportunity to thank Fr. Leo for all he has done for us this past year and wish him well. Food and Festivities will follow immediately after the Mass.

A Message from Fr. Leo

Since last fall, I had been doing my internship at St. Elizabeth's Medical Centre as a Chaplain. Together with the parish ministry, I was a bit busy to the extent that when time for completing my internship approached I was so excited to be getting some time for myself. I had to start planning on how to spend my days off. Hence, I thought, I will have much time to pray, read, visit friends, prepare my trip back to Tanzania and, lastly, time to watch TV!

I thank God that last week I completed my internship and I had a chance to spend my first time off at the rectory. I did several things, including watching TV more than I usually do. However, I was a bit frustrated and unhappy to see what people are going through in their lives and what is happening around our society and the world at large. Murder, hunger, poverty, wars, unemployment, a struggling economy, tension among politicians (debt limit) and the like...all these not only cause those who are directly affected despair, but also we who hear and see tend to be discouraged and lose hope.

When we take a moment to reflect on today's word of God, we find it so encouraging and providing us with hope. For instance, in the Gospel, Jesus faces a very tough situation when his cousin and forerunner John the Baptist is killed as a result of human injustice. "When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Jesus was probably aware that after John, it would be his turn—He may be arrested and killed. He does not protest, complain or seek legal justice for his cousin by filing a case. Instead, he responds by going to a place where he can compose himself and pray. He goes to discuss with his Father how to handle the situation! Maybe we need to ask ourselves, when faced with a similar situation, how would we react? Are we open to discussion with God before we react? Or, do our reactions reflect God's wisdom?

Jesus' peaceful reaction and compassion attract a large crowd and soon they find themselves in a deserted place where no food is available. The disciples, who frequently seem disconcerted by Jesus' apparent lack of foresight, point out that there is a real problem since no food is readily available for this large crowd. Even Jesus at first seems quite unconcerned when he tells the disciples to provide them with food. Their response scarcely conceals their amazement that the Master should not notice how impossible that is: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." However, Jesus simply asks that they give him the loaves, blesses and breaks them, and then gives them to the disciples for distribution. All eat and are filled with twelve baskets of left-over fragments!

The story and miracle presents not only the total inability of the disciples alone, but also the difficult and desperate situation and the ease with which Jesus provides a solution. We must not take it for granted or see it as a miracle that Jesus performed long ago, by which he demonstrated his divinity. That may be part of it, but the message goes much deeper than that. It is all about the inability of humanity, in any age, to deal with serious problems like those today's world or like each of us is facing. Without God's help, we can do nothing. We cannot give in to our common tendency of giving up rather than doing what we can while invoking God's assistance. All we need is hope, trust and confidence in the Lord.

Our hope is assured once we reflect on the words of the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading. In them, we hear the Lord inviting each of us: "All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come receive...and eat; Come, without paying and without cost...Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wage for what fails to satisfy?" These are very powerful words which reflect the love, care and concern that God has for each of us. However, as we know, God does not force us, He respects our freedom! So it is upon you and me to see what we need from him! He is calling us to bring him all our joys, anxieties, challenges, worries and most of all our weaknesses if not sins; He will take care of them! It all depends on how much our love, confidence and trust is placed in Him. In fact, as St. Paul reminds us, "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" Maybe it is that problem you are facing or what you are going through in life? If so, why do you give up and why does it separate you from God? Remember, no matter what, He still loves you and He is always there for you, for He is good. So take courage and hold on!

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

~Fr. Leo

UPCOMING CRAFT SALE



On Sunday August 14th after the Sunday Masses, Chris Cares International will be selling Tanzanian crafts. Chris Cares International is a non-profit organization which raises money to support different projects in Tanzania. In 2007-2009 the profits made from the sale of the goods went toward the building of a Catholic Church in Tanzania. This time the project is the building of the School of St. Nicholas in Tanzania. Chris Cares International supports some of the village women in their small businesses. Chris Cares International buys the handmade items and sells them here. All profits go to the project of choice, this year the school.

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL



In the Gospel for Sunday, August 14 (Mt 15:21-28), Jesus, at first, refuses to heal the daughter of a woman who is not an Israelite until her persistence demonstrates her great faith. <http://www.usccb.org/nab/081411.shtml>

Next week's question is: What do I need to single-mindedly fight for?

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

Teach a Religious Ed class. That's right, it's a great way to come to know more about your Catholic faith. People often feel they don't know their faith well enough to teach. But teaching Religious Education (CCD) is actually one of the best paths to learning more about faith. Each week, each lesson gives you more of our Catholic tradition. The materials we use for Religious Ed classes give you more than just the information you need for each lesson and working with the kids is an amazing experience. You'll receive an email the week before each class that reviews materials and provides background for the important faith ideas in that lesson. Plus there is specific training and orientation for everyone who teaches. It does take time to get ready for a lesson, but if you want to deepen your faith as well as meet a great group of people. Teaching a religious education class is a great way to do both. Call or email Bill Dittrich, 508-668-4700, Ext 26 / bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org. Come to an Information Meeting: Monday, August 22 or Tuesday, August 23 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Community Room.



Come to an information meeting and there is no obligation. We'll outline what we do and give you a better idea of whether you might enjoy being a catechist.

SEPARATION, DIVORCE AND BEYOND

Separation and divorce is painful, often shattering. Our Step II group is offering an 8 week program facilitated by a group of Catholics who have themselves endured separation and divorce. This program is designed to offer support and healing for those who have experienced a failed marriage and offer hope for the prospect of better tomorrows, by discussing subjects such as anger, self-image, loneliness, blame, and guilt. The program consists of 8 meetings, on Sunday evenings, 7:00 to 8:30 PM, held in the Community Room, September 11 through November 13, 2011. If interested in learning more or to sign up for this program, please contact Jeanie Mattila at 508 384-8779 jeanie.matt@comcast.net, or John Meuleman at 781 982-6097 jmeulma@russelectric.com. Sign up is requested by September 4.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PTO TO HOST COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Got stuff? Want to have a yard sale but don't have a yard? Hate the thought of getting rid of anything that doesn't sell? We have the solution!

The Blessed Sacrament School PTO will host a yard sale in the school parking lot in Walpole on Saturday, September 24 from 8-1. The rain date is slated for Saturday, October 1. Each parking space is \$25 or two may be leased for \$40. The Epilepsy Foundation will be available at the end of the event to collect all unwanted items.



Drive away in an empty car with a fuller wallet, as well as a cleaner attic, basement, or garage! Donations of quality are also being accepted for sale by the PTO who will have their own yard sale space. Please contact Adelina Mitchell at mitchell75@aol.com or Andrea Olsen at docagc@aol.com for vendor application and further information.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. LEOPOLD!



Fr. Leo was recently notified by his bishop that he has been appointed to be a pastor of a new parish, St. Josephine Bakhita, which is located in Benaco, Ngara in Tanzania. Since this is the new parish Fr. Leo will be staying at the bishop's house about 10 miles away. Fr. Leo has accepted the appointment and the challenge to create this new parish from scratch which will include building a church and rectory. We ask God's blessings on him and the community that waits to meet him.

HOSPITALITY

We are looking for people to form a committee to welcome new parishioners. We would like to host a wine and cheese welcome evening in November, February, and April. Can you host such an evening in the parish house? What is involved? Simply to set-up refreshments and be there along with staff to meet and greet other parishioners. It should be a fun evening—getting to know the staff and other members of the community better. Contact Marie at mmartin@blessedsacrament.org.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT



There is currently open enrollment for the Kindergarten program at Blessed Sacrament School. The BSS Kindergarten program is a full-day program that provides 5-year old students with a solid academic foundation in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science and religion. Students in Kindergarten are encouraged to think critically and creatively in a nurturing and supportive environment that promotes a deep love for God and neighbor. For more information or to set up a visit, please contact Jim Spillman, Principal, at jspillman@blessedsacrament.org. Come discover the difference of a Catholic education!

LET'S BRING YOUNG CHILDREN TOGETHER

Attention parents with children ages 3-7 years old: A Sunday morning children's group is forming at Blessed Sacrament Church to start this Fall. The idea is that during the Sunday 9 AM Mass, parents could drop off their young children in the Community Room and pick them up after Mass has ended. The parent and volunteer run group will engage children in learning more about church through various activities and crafts. Parents can have full focus during Mass and know that their little ones are learning too. Please join us for an informational meeting on August 11, at 10:30 AM in the Community Room to discuss all the details. All are welcome and volunteers to help run the program are encouraged to contact us ahead of time. Please contact Marley Farrell at 508-359-4011 or email: marleygoround@yahoo.com.

BAPTISMS



We welcome the following children who were recently baptized. They are a gift from God to their parents and to us as a community. May they grow in grace and age.

Colleen Sandra Beals
Caiden Christopher Dunn
Norah Rose Ferguson
Mason Hayes
Autumn Rose Steeves-Pungitore

SPECIAL NEEDS MEETING THIS WEEK

Several parents with special needs children have gotten together to share their experiences and discuss how to better introduce their children to Catholic practices. If you have a child on the autism spectrum or with a developmental disability and would like to meet and talk with other parents dealing with a similar situation come this Wednesday, August 10, at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. Call or email Bill Dittrich with any questions: 508-668-4700 x26 or bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org.



LET'S GET TOGETHER!

As a parish we always enjoy coming together for special events. We could use more of those occasions, so we are looking for your ideas and suggestions for the coming year. We can find others to help once we decide what might be inviting. These events could be for any or all age groups. Please contact Marie at the parish house 668-4700 x 11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org. What would you like to do that would help us to get to know each other better or that can welcome new people to our community?

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM
9:00 AM Family Mass
11:00 AM

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 Ermenwein if you would like to advertise at 1-800-698-0299 ext. 238.