

# 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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December 31, 2011-January 1, 2012

Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 31st</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
4:00 PM	Arthur Viola	Memorial
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1st</b>	
7:30 AM	Mass	Church
9 :00 AM	Family Mass	Church
11:00 AM	Mass	Church
<b>THERE WILL BE NO 5:30 PM MASS NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 2nd</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 4th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 5th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 6th</b>	
9:00 AM	Mass	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 7th</b>	
9:00 AM	Joseph Gravina	Month's Mind
4:00 PM	Mary & Peter Turco, Peter J. Turco, John Dwyer, and Nora Dwyer	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.

## 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!

### FREQUENT FLIER MILES NEEDED



We are still looking for frequent flier miles on United Air to fly in our musician for the Lenten retreat. Can you help us out? Contact Marie at [mmartin@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:mmartin@blessedsacrament.org).

### THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Epiphany, January 8 (Matthew 2: 1-12), three magi follow a star from the east to honor the infant Jesus as their king.



<http://www.usccb.org/nab/010812.shtml>

**Next week's question is: Are there bright stars that beckon us beyond our comfort zone to new born possibilities?**

### RECEIVING COMMUNION

With the flu season ahead, we need to take care of ourselves and others, so get your flu shots. If you are sick, use good judgment about attending Mass and even as you recover, be responsible not to approach the cup until you are well. Our Eucharistic Ministers will continue to use hand sanitizers before they distribute Communion.

## Weekly Events Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 1st</b>	
		<i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 2nd</b>	
		PARISH OFFICES CLOSED
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 3rd</b>	
9:45 to 11 AM	Bible Sharing	Community Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 4th</b>	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	Collaborative Committee	Community Room

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



## A Message from Our Co Pastors

There is a lot of time and preparation put into the celebration of Christmas. Then in one short day it is all over. Yet I think for the believer that Christmas marks only the beginning. All the prophecies that we have been listening to during Advent are now to come true. The celebration of Christmas marks the fulfillment of the prophecy and the time of visitation for us. When the Blessed Mother was visited by the Angel Gabriel she was asked to be the Mother of the Messiah. Her acceptance of the task marks the beginning of our story of salvation. The Christ child who is both God and human, whose birthday we celebrate, grew from this infant we see in the crèche to a man who offered his life for us on the cross and gave himself to us in sacrament, word, and spirit. In doing this he brought light into a darkened world that we might be able to build the city of his promise, the City of God. Now as we all know the city of his promise has yet to come. This is not the case because God has not fulfilled his end of the deal, but it is the case because you and I have not taken up the gauntlet.

There are two stories that precede the gospel of Jesus' birth that I believe vividly paint what is happening or not happening in our world. These are the stories of St. Joseph and Zechariah. The interesting thing is that both men are believers. Now the story of Joseph tells us he had great difficulty accepting and understanding that the child that Mary was carrying was the child of God. Yet in a dream an angel appears to him and tells him that it is true. Joseph accepts this and takes on the challenge of raising this child. On the other hand we have the story of Zechariah who is told by an angel that he and his wife are to have a son. Due to the fact that they are old, he does not believe it. As a result he loses his ability to speak. Joseph hears the voice of God in faith whereas Zechariah hears the voice of God through disappointment and past experience.

You and I have the promise of God before us. If we allow Christ to be the light of our life, we are told that we can truly turn this world around. Yet like Zechariah even though we are believers, we can hear the promise through ears that tell us it is impossible. Elizabeth was past childbearing and was considered barren. We hear the promise with ears that hear of the war in Afghanistan, violence in our streets and corruption in life. It is hard for us to believe yet it is the promise of God. The reality of that promise is in the hearing and our looking to Christ for direction and putting his plan into action. Are we a Joseph who comes to belief because he has developed a relationship with God that allows him to accept the impossible or are we a Zechariah who cannot believe that even God can accomplish this? The real meaning of Christmas is found in our answer.

Like Zechariah and Joseph we gather in faith to celebrate his birth. May our faith be not that of Zechariah, where the message of Christmas is overshadowed by the negativity in the world. May our faith be that of Joseph, where our doubt is overshadowed with trust, where we trust in his promise and accept the challenge to follow his light and bring his presence into the world. Then and only then, will Christmas be the celebration it is meant to be. May the spirit of Christmas and its promise of peace be ours throughout the year.

~ Fr. Tim

### NEW DIRECTIONS

It has been my privilege to be a cantor here for over 23 years. As we begin the new year, I have decided to let go of singing at the weekend liturgies, so that I have more time to give to other aspects of my ministry here. Liturgy has always been my first love and I will continue to write the prayers of the faithful and serve as Eucharistic Minister and Lector. I look forward to working again with the Baptismal team and talking with new parents, as well as having more time to visit those who are sick and homebound. I feel I am most effective working with families around the time of loss and I will continue to lead music at parish funerals as part of that outreach to the bereaved. Thanks for allowing me to walk on sacred ground as we have sung together over the years. We connect with each other on such a different level when we sing together. So keep singing as we continue to grow as a faith community. Blessings in the year ahead.

~Marie Martin, Pastoral Associate

## KNITTING MINISTRY KNITS FOR BABIES IN NEED



Join us in January as we continue knitting baby blankets for the Respect Life Baby Shower. We will meet in the Community Room on Sunday, January 8th from 2—3:30 PM.

The Knitting Ministry meetings for the rest of the year will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 2—3:30 PM in the Community Room.

If you knit or crochet and would like more information on this ministry, please contact Jen Dyer at [jenmooredyer@aol.com](mailto:jenmooredyer@aol.com) or 508-528-4313.

## 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, author and very familiar composer of Christian music. Some of his songs include “City of God” and “Here I am Lord” and his latest book is “Walking the Sacred Path.”



## 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)

## SAVE THE DATE

### BLESSED SACRAMENT SPONSORS A DAY OF PRAYER ON JANUARY 28, 2012

#### THEME: GOD AS HEALER

Need a quiet day for yourself? Join us on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton for a day of prayer. Our theme is “God as Healer.” Engage in this opportunity to explore ways in which God heals us. The day begins at 10 AM and ends with Liturgy at 4 PM. The fee is \$40 and lunch is included. Registration forms are on the Blessed Sacrament website. Car pooling and driving directions are also available. Contact Fr. Tim ([frtimk@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:frtimk@blessedsacrament.org)) or call him at 508-668-4700 to sign up.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT JANUARY 8



Please join the singers and ringers of Music Ministry on Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 2pm, for an hour of festive music and a pageant presented by the children of the parish. The parish choirs will present music from their Christmas repertoire. Last year's concert was not to be missed, so mark your calendars for this special event!

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 7/8

	Saturday 4 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Tim	Fr. Scott	Fr. Emmanuel	Fr. Kevin Deacon Rey	Fr. Kevin
Lector	Cathy Needham	Barbara Taylor	AM Freitas	Jim Hyatt	Bethany Welch
Lector	John Marcus	Mike Teeley	Mark Freitas	Carissa Kane	Terry Witherell

## BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 PM in the Community Room. The book selected for discussion is Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Taking place during World War II at the Japanese Internment camps in the USA, it is a wonderful story of friendship, family, history, and the struggle between two generations. 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](mailto:judybosl@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS

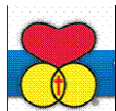
Open enrollment has begun for the 2012 Kindergarten program at Blessed Sacrament School. Kindergarten students must be five years old by September 1, 2012 to enroll in the school's program. If you are interested in visiting the school or learning more about the Kindergarten program, please contact Jim Spillman, Principal, at [jspillman@blessedsacrament.org](mailto:jspillman@blessedsacrament.org) to arrange an appointment. The admissions process for students in Grades 1-8 will begin in late January in grades where seats are available. The 2012 Pre-Kindergarten class is full. If you would like your child added to the wait list, please contact the main office.



Our annual Open House will be on Sunday, January 29th at 10 AM. The Open House will be preceded by a special 9 AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church kicking off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. If you have ever been interested in learning more about Blessed Sacrament School, this will be a great opportunity to visit our community.

5 great restaurant deals, 1 easy card! Blessed Sacrament School is offering a fantastic restaurant card for \$20. One "buy one entrée, get one free" offer at 5 of downtown Walpole's favorite restaurants: Beckett's, Jalapeno's, Raven's Nest, Finnegan's Wake, and Cruisers on Main. You can only use the card once at each restaurant (eat in only), and they are good for the months of January - March ... You'll be getting 5 free entrees ... about a \$75 value for \$20! It's great for the local restaurant businesses, and helps the school. Even if you only eat at 1 or 2 of the restaurants, you'll get your \$'s worth! And you can try a restaurant you might not have been to before! If you are interested in buying any, please contact the school office at 508-668-2336, or contact Anne Rijo at [annerijo@yahoo.com](mailto:annerijo@yahoo.com).

## WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



God gave us the greatest gift of love when He sent His son to redeem us. He asks us to love one another as He loves us. Take the time to grow deeper in love with God, your spouse and your family at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 13-15 and February 10 - 12. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit their webpage at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org).

## AREA BLOOD DRIVE

The 8th Annual Gary Mirliss Memorial Blood Drive is taking place January 7th, from 9 AM to 3 PM at the King Philip Middle School, 18 King St, Norfolk, MA. The drive is held in partnership with Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital Boston, and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. January historically has the lowest blood donation levels of any month throughout the year, and every donation is needed to maintain a stable level. All are welcome to attend, individuals may show up or make appointments in advance by going to [www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org](http://www.halfpints.childrenshospital.org) and using the Sponsor Code MIRLISS.

## MONTROSE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Montrose School (29 North Street, Medfield, MA 02052) will host an Open House on Thursday, January 12 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Take a tour of campus, meet current families and faculty, and hear from our Head of School and senior scholar at Boston University's Center for the Advancement of Ethics and Character, Dr. Karen E. Bohlin. A nationally recognized School of Character, Montrose is an independent college preparatory day school with a Catholic tradition, for girls in grades 6-12. Montrose collaborates with parents to educate the whole person and graduates young women of deep faith, strong character and far reaching vision.

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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

**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.