

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 3-4, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	December 3rd	
4:00 PM	Roger P. Farren, Sr.	Anniversary
Monday	December 5th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Tuesday	December 6th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
Wednesday	December 7th	
9:00 AM	Mass	
5:30 PM	Vigil—Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
Thursday	December 8th	
9:00 AM	Mass with School Community	
Friday	December 9th	
9:00 AM	James F. Peluso	Anniversary
Saturday	December 10th	
9:00 AM	Lucy Kinch	Memorial
4:00 PM	George Brown & Amelia Brown	Memorial

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

Second Collection

This 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!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Edward Benedetti.

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.

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday	December 4th	
8:30 AM	Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room
10 AM	Coffee Hour	Auditorium
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
11 AM	Monthly Coffee Hour	Auditorium
2 to 3:30 PM	Knitting Ministry	Community Room
2:45 to 4 PM	OLOS Handbell Rehearsal	Church
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
Monday	December 5th	
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
Tuesday	December 6th	
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
7 to 10 PM	MOMs Group	Community Room
Wednesday	December 7th	
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 5:15 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
6:30 to 9 PM	School Board	Tech Lab
6:30 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	Pieta	Community Room
Thursday	December 8th	
9:45 to 10:45	Praying the Scriptures	Community Room
5 to 6 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6 to 7 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
6 to 7 PM	Pizza and Prayer	Fireplace Room
7 to 8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church
Saturday	December 10th	
5 PM	Reception for Fr. Emmanuel	Porch Room

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!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Our parish nurses will be available this 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.

WELCOME FR. EMMANUEL

We are blessed to have Fr. Emmanuel with us. There will be an opportunity to meet Fr. Emmanuel and welcome him to the parish on the weekend of December 10th/11th after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses on Sunday. Please plan to join us—All Are Welcome!

THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, December 11 (John 1: 6-8,19-28), John the Baptist announces that Jesus is God's light for the world.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/121111.shtml>

Next week's question is: How has God chosen me to bring good news, heal and set people free?

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

A Message from Our Co Pastors

At this time of year the gospel readings are filled with words like, watch, stay awake, be alert. I hear those words in light of the gospel of Luke that we hear just before Advent begins. It is the story of Jesus overlooking the city of Jerusalem before Palm Sunday and he weeps. "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."

One can only imagine what Jesus is thinking and feeling. He had so much to offer and the Israelites were not ready to hear it and they lost out. Yet it does not deter him from doing what he feels the Father is asking him to do.

In the prophet Isaiah the question placed before God, "why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and hardened our hearts so that we fear you not?"

For me anyway I am left with thinking what has changed? During the season of Advent we will hear the prophet Isaiah talk about what will happen once the Messiah has come. Yet we know he has come and even though he proclaimed the kingdom is at hand; it has not arrived.

Is what Isaiah saying in the first reading of the First Sunday Advent true today; have we wandered away from the ways of the Lord and harden our hearts so that we do not trust in his ways?

We pray in the psalm; "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Yet he has given us free will and he will not make us. Advent marks the time when people awaited the coming of the Messiah. They looked for him to make a difference. Is that something we share? Are we looking for the Messiah? Are we searching out his ways? Are we trying to affect a difference by living his ways? Are we still suffering the effects of original sin? Do we still believe that our ways are better than God's ways?

I wonder if this season is not a time to look to the prophecies, ponder the promises and look to what is the determining influence in my life that leads me to make the choices and life style decisions I make. I wonder where God would fit in.

As I see it, the questions before us are: Are we truly waiting? Are we open to his coming in whatever way he chooses? Are we willing to put into action the word of God over the word of society?

As in all things the choice is ours, the promise is God's. What shall it be?

~ 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 this week end. 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.

NEWS FROM FR. LEO IN TANZANIA



Fr. Leo arrived safely, after a very long journey, in Dar Es Salaam where he picked up his new truck (see photo), and from there he drove for two days arriving in his Diocese in the far north-western corner near Rwanda. Before beginning his duties as Pastor of his new parish, he had a wonderful visit with his family and friends. He also was excited to tell us that, with his new truck, he was able to drive an expectant mother to the nearest hospital some 40 miles away to deliver her premature twin girls. He told us that if she didn't get to the hospital the babies would not have survived. And, again, he thanks Blessed Sacrament Parish for their generosity. See Parish Website for more photos www.blessedsacrament.org.

GRAND GIVEAWAY COUNTDOWN TO WINNING A GRAND



You still have time to purchase your Grand Giveaway ticket. December 10th is rapidly approaching. If you haven't yet purchased your Grand Giveaway ticket, please act soon. Many numbers have already been requested, so if you have a lucky number in mind, submit your Grand Giveaway form as soon as possible.

As a reminder, we also have a couple of incentives for ambitious sales people in our parish. See the website for information on the sales incentives and how you can earn a chance to win an Apple Store gift card.

For a one time, annual payment of \$100, your Grand Giveaway ticket gives you a monthly chance to win one of 17 cash prizes. Starting in January 2012, every month, 17 lucky ticket holders will win the following cash prizes:

One -- \$1,000 cash prize One -- \$250 cash prize 15 -- \$50 cash prizes

Tickets may be purchased by completing and returning envelopes located in the pews or the school office, or by printing/completing a form from the church or school website, and mailing it to the parish office, attention: Maryellen Horgan-Currier.

Contact Maryellen Horgan-Currier at mhorgancurrier@blessedsacrament.org, Maura Clow at clow-clan@comcast.net or Jen Dyer at jenmooredyer@aol.com for more information about the Grand Giveaway 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. 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!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



If you would care to donate money toward the Christmas decorations in memory of a loved one you are asked to submit the names with a donation to Blessed Sacrament Parish by December 18th. Money received after that date will not guarantee their names will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Day.

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.



PLANT WORKSHOP

Your help is needed to write cards and to prepare plants for delivery to homebound parishioners. Workshop on Friday December 16th after the 9:00 mass in the community room. Please let Marie know if you are coming.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 10/11

	Saturday 4 PM	Sunday 7:30 AM	Sunday 9 AM	Sunday 11 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Emmanuel Deacon Rey	Fr. Emmanuel Deacon Rey	Fr. Tim
Cantor	Marie Martin	Susan Glancy	Eithne Stover	Susan Glancy	Eithne Stover
Musicians			Youth Choir	Adult Choir	Contemporary Ensemble
Lector	Kevin McGovern	Glenn Glover	Bill Donovan	Denise Tetreault	Catherine Latham
Lector	Neal McGovern	Joe Hope	Michaela Clow	Karen Bell	Bethany Welch

OUTREACH HELPERS



Can you make a short visit to a homebound parishioner this holiday season (between December 16 and December 20th) to bring a plant or gift from the giving tree to them from the parish. Your visit is as important as the gift. It helps to put a face on the parish for those who are unable to worship with us. Please contact Marie at 508-668-4700 x 11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org.

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 in the Community Room. The book selected for discussion is *The Reed of God* by Caryll Houselander, Inspiring meditations depicting the human side of Mary, Mother of God, as an empty reed waiting for God's music to be played through her. 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.

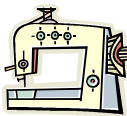


WOMEN AFFIRMING LIFE ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST FORUM

This special event 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.

SEWING MINISTRY



Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with sewing the white garments given to infants at Baptism. A necessary part of the ritual, the white garment is the outward sign of our Christian dignity. It goes home with the newly Baptized individual as a visual reminder that they are to always walk as a follower of Christ. The garments made by the ministry are essentially large bibs. A combination of simple hand- and machine-sewing is required. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity to serve the parish, contact Anne Marie Freitas by phone 508-668-5671 or email am@freitas4.com.

KNITTERS - SHARE YOUR TIME AND TALENT !!

Take one hour out of your busy holiday schedule and join us on Sunday, December 4th, for an afternoon of knitting and friendship. We will meet from 2 – 3:30 PM in the parish Community Room. Our knitters continue their work on baby hats, baby blankets, and prayer shawls. All experience levels are welcome. Take the time for yourself, and in the process, do something for those in need of comfort and prayers. Bring your needles or just yourself!! Yarn is available. All are welcome!! For further information about the Knitting Ministry, please call or e-mail Jen Dyer at: jenmooredyer@aol.com or 508-528-4313.



THE GIVING TREE



Each year, due to your generosity, we as a parish community reach out to over 700 people through Wrentham Development Center, Pine Street Inn, DOVE, Walpole Prison, St. Vincent de Paul, local families in need, homebound parishioners, area nursing homes. Please purchase the item on the tag, wrap it (unless otherwise instructed), attach the original tag and return by the weekend of December 18th, so they can be sorted and delivered in time for Christmas. For envelope or gift card items, unwrapped items for the prison please look for boxes under the trees to receive these items.

DRIVER

Can you make a delivery to Pine Street Inn on Monday or Tuesday, December 19 or 20? Please contact Marie at 508-668-4700 x 11 or mmartin@blessedsacrament.org.



COFFEE HOUR

Today in the School Auditorium after the 9:00 mass.



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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 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 Friday for the following week. Please contact Lou Ernenwein if you would like to advertise at 1-800-698-0299 ext. 238.