

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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January 7-8, 2012

Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:00 PM	January 7th Mary & Peter Turco, Peter J. Turco, John Dwyer, and Nora Dwyer	Memorial
Monday 9:00 AM	January 9th Mass	
Tuesday 9:00 AM	January 10th Mass	
Wednesday 9:00 AM	January 11th Mass	
Thursday 9:00 AM	January 12th Mass	
Friday 9:00 AM	January 13th Mass	
Saturday 9:00 AM	January 14th Mass	
4:00 PM	Michael DeFazio	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!

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 Theodore Mc Carthy and James "Gerry" McCarty.

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday 8:30 AM	January 8th Blood Pressure Clinic	Community Room
10:15 to 11:15	Religious Ed Grades 1-5	Classrooms
2 PM	Music Ministry Concert	Church
2 to 3:30 PM	Knitting Ministry	Community Room
4:30 to 7:30	Confirmation Session	Auditorium
4:30 PM	Contemporary Music Rehearsal	Church
7 to 9 PM	Music Ministry Party	Porch Room
Monday 4 to 5 PM	January 9th 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 9:45 to 11 AM	January 10th 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 8:30 PM	Baptism Prep	Church
7:30 to 9 PM	Book Club	Community Room
Wednesday 9:30 AM	January 11th Morning Prayer Group	Community Room
4 to 8 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Chapel
7 to 9 PM	PPC	Fireplace Room
7 to 9 PM	Step II	Community Room
Thursday 5 to 6 PM	January 12th Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
6 to 7 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Church
7 to 8:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Church

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Philip Rubini.

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!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND CONCERT TODAY—JANUARY 8

Please join the singers and ringers of Music Ministry on Sunday afternoon, January 8, at 2 PM, 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!

For the complete parish calendar anytime, go to

www.blessedsacrament.org



A Message from Our Co Pastors

Having just listened to Matthew's narrative of the Epiphany, what is it that you remember about it?

"Matthew's account of the Epiphany is very attractive. It features exotic visitors, a wicked king, court intrigue, a mysterious star, precious gifts and a newborn child. But its artistry may cause us to miss the presence of opposition to Jesus and suffering for himself and those around him from the start of his life on earth. Matthew's infancy narrative, in contrast to Luke's, is full of turmoil, danger and suffering. It reminds us that the Word became flesh amid the harsh political and social realities of human history."

Another point that was made regarding the story of the Epiphany is that on the basis of the three gifts, a tradition arose that there were three magi. Eventually the Magi became representatives of different people and races. Displays of the scene in our day attract great interest, but three Magi are more than exotic visitors. Beneath the biblical narrative and the many artistic representations of it lies an important theological theme: this Jewish child named Jesus has significance for all the peoples of the world. The Magi are clearly not Jews. Whether they were Persian priests or Babylonian astronomers or Nabataean spice traders, the basic point is that non-Jews come to the land of Israel to find and pay homage to the child Jesus. In addition to that, it is pointed out by way of reversal at the end of Matthew's Gospel, the risen Jesus will send forth his disciples to 'all the nations.'

Where does all that leave us? Matthew's theme of the birth taking place among the harsh political and social realities of human history has been copied by the church. On Christmas day we have the gospel of the birth of Jesus. On the following day we celebrate the first martyr to the faith and hear of Stephen's being stoned to death. On the 27th we have Mary Magdalene at the tomb. On the 28th we have the story of the children being slaughtered by Herod.

For me it puts the Christmas story into context. Jesus was born into reality, not everything was perfect, in fact, far from it. Yet in his life, amidst this chaos and violence he gave us the way to peace and the means to achieve the peace. He emphasized that it was not for a select few but for people of the world. He left us with his Spirit and commissioned us to make a difference. Certainly not an easy task but it is ultimately the reason for the season.

~ 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

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.

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.

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 5th, March 4th, April 1st, May 6th 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 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 and Our Lady of Sorrows, Sharon, 781-784-2265 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) or call him at 508-668-4700 to sign up.



THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL

In the Gospel for Sunday, January 15 (John 1: 35-42), Jesus' first disciples respond to his invitation to come and follow him.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/011512.shtml>

Next week's question is: What does Jesus' invitation "come and see" mean in my life?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 14/15

	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
Cantor	Karen Bell	Susan Glancy	Eithne Stover	Meg Horgan	Eithne Stover
Musicians			Children's Choir Youth Choir	Adult Choir	Contemporary Ensemble
Lector	Neal McGovern	Glenn Glover	Bill Donovan	Mike Viano	Alex Taurone
Lector	Kevin McGovern	Barbara Taylor	Kate Folwell	Karen Bell	Courtney Sepe

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT/OUR LADY OF SORROWS ADULT SERVICE SURVEY

During a joint meeting of the Parish Pastoral Councils from Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Sorrows, an interest emerged in looking at opportunities for adult service projects. As we explore the direction such a program might take, we are seeking parishioner input.

Both of our parishes have many ongoing service projects, such as supporting soup kitchens, collecting used clothing, and blood drives, and there are many service opportunities for teens through our Youth Ministry programs. For the purposes of this survey, we are hoping to learn about interest in projects that would bring groups of adults or families together to perform service on a one-time or ongoing basis. We have developed a short (10 question) on-line survey that we are asking parishioners to complete. Your input will be very helpful as we consider whether and/or how to move forward with this idea. The results will be shared in the bulletin and e-newsletters.

You can access the survey at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DYV38GWJT>, by either clicking on the link or copying and pasting the address into your browser.

The survey should take less than 5 minutes and the questions are straightforward. Members of both PPCs helped us by participating in a pilot survey. If you have any questions, please contact any one of the following people: Blessed Sacrament: Karen Bell at bellvoce@gmail.com, Gail Mahoney at gem810@comcast.net or Marie Martin at mmartin@blessedsacrament.org. Our Lady of Sorrows: Mary Alice Dowdell at maryadowdell@comcast.net, Brian Darcy at samquentindarcy@comcast.net, or Claire Ramsbottom at kramdecker5@msn.com



Happy New Year!

Blessed Sacrament/Our Lady of Sorrows Collaborative Coordinating Committee

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 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.

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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.