

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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***“Strive to enter through
the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will
attempt to enter
but will not be strong
enough.”***

Luke 13:24



August 21-22, 2010

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:00 PM	August 21st Members of the Giovanni Procaccini Family	Memorial
Monday 9:00 AM	August 23rd George & Edith Perkins and Lydia Goulet	Anniversary
Tuesday 9:00 AM	August 24th Mass	
Wednesday 9:00 AM	August 25th Christine M. Richardson	Anniversary
Thursday 9:00 AM	August 26th Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Friday 9:00 AM	August 27th Liturgy of the Word with Communion	
Saturday 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	August 28th Mass Alfred & Doris Orlando and Debra Ann Barry	Anniversary

Second Collections

This week's second collection is for Catholic Missions within the US. This Appeal helps strengthen Catholic communities in mission dioceses by underwriting evangelization, religious education, education for future priests, and training for lay ministers. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/hm.

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: Stanley Upton Jr.

Wedding Banns

- II Robert Alexander and Amy Lazzaro
- II Sean Hayward and Jillian Newman
- III Rupak Datta and Cristina Gioioso

Weekly Events Calendar

Sunday 12:30 PM 7 to 9 PM	August 22nd Baptisms Divorced/Separated Fac. Mtg. Community Room	Church
Monday 7 to 8:30 PM	August 23rd Golf Tournament Meeting	Community Room
Wednesday 9 AM to 1 PM 9:30 AM 4 to 8 PM 7 to 8:30 PM 7:30 to 9 PM	August 18th New Student Orientation Morning Prayer Group Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament School of Community PPC	Auditorium Community Room Chapel Community Room Fireplace Room
Thursday 2 to 3 PM 7 to 8 PM	August 26th Handbell Choir Rehearsal Facebook Training	Church Community Room

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

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!

Sanctuary Lamp

The sanctuary lamp in the church burns this week in memory of Rocco and Josephine Aprea.

SUMMER HOURS FOR PARISH HOUSE

From Monday, June 14th until Saturday, September 11th, the Parish House will be closed for business during the summer on Mondays and Fridays. The Parish House will be open Tuesday—Thursday only, from 9:30 AM—5 PM. Please plan to conduct your parish business during those hours so that our office volunteers can enjoy the summer. In an emergency, call the Parish House at 508-668-4700.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) REGISTRATION FORMS GO IN THE MAIL



Families should have received registration information for Religious Education Grades 1 through 8 this week. If you didn't, please call Bill Dittrich, 508-668-4700 so we can send you the form and schedules. All the information is also on the parish website, www.blessedsacrament.org. The deadline for registering is Monday, August 30, 2010. Please spread the word especially to people who may be away or haven't sent their children to religious education in the last few years. The deadline allows us to plan the number of classes for each day and know how many teachers are needed at what times. That's why the fee goes up after the deadline. Also you are less likely to get the class day and time you want after the deadline. This year, because Mondays are so popular there will be an overflow time slot if we have more requests for Monday classes than the schedule permits. Still if possible, choose another day: Sunday, Tuesday, or Thursday.

A Message from the Co-Pastors

The Story of the Annunciation and the subsequent trip to see Elizabeth is a well know story for most of us. Yet I think it is interesting to sit with what we hear, and have heard over the years, and ponder some of the behind the scene possibilities. I, for one, have a great love for the Blessed Mother, not because of what I was told as a child but because I have come to appreciate more some of the decisions that she made in life; decisions that were made because she loved God and her desire to do what God asked.

Many of us, when we hear the story of the Annunciation, probably picture the Blessed Mother as some artist has portrayed her. So often the pictures of the of the Annunciation are of the Blessed Mother at a kneeler, praying and dressed in fine robes, and a halo around her head. The Blessed Mother did not come from money so the outfit is probably misleading and whether she was in prayer or not it probably was not at a kneeler. For me I have come to envision her as doing her daily chores when the angel appeared to her. As the gospel says she was afraid. Think about it she is a young girl, probably steeped in the Old Testament, but personally unfamiliar with anything like this. The angel asks her to be the mother of God, she questions, then the angel answers and to reassure her he tells her of Elizabeth. After she accepts and the angel leaves she hastens off to see Elizabeth.

Now think of this: does she tell anyone, her parents, Joseph? Why is she in such a hurry to get there? Again think about it; she has just had a supernatural experience, if you will. She has agreed to be the mother of God, she has not been with a man, and supposedly Elizabeth, who is barren, is having a child as well. What would your reaction be to all this. Undoubtedly she would want to talk to someone about it, but who? Elizabeth, if she is pregnant, would understand. Seeing Elizabeth and hearing her story would also verify what Mary believes she has heard and agreed to.

You see, pondering this in this fashion, allows me to humanize the Blessed Mother. She was sinless, chosen, but human, and had choices to make. So much of the artwork that depicts the Blessed Mother portrays her in a serene, peaceful sense, that is not always part of life. To know that her choices were the result of questions and struggles is comforting and also an example of how to make decisions. In a sense what we see here today is a perfect example of prayer: Listen to the word of God, ponder the Word of God and act upon the Word of God. Her choices were made out of love for God but not without discernment, prayer, and questions.

In addition what we hear at the end, when she discovers that all is as it seems, is her praise of God for all that he has done for her. So often it is easy to forget the source of blessing for all that we are and all that we have. I wonder if we took the time to write our own magnificent what would it be like?

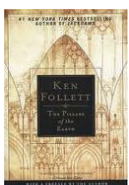
~Fr. Tim



GOLF TOURNAMENT NEWS

We need some short-term help! We have just weeks before the 2010 Blessed Sacrament Golf Tournament and could use some more golf committee members!! Join us for any or all of our next committee meetings which are held at 7 PM. Upcoming dates include: August 23rd at the Parish house and September 8th at the Rectory. Golf Tournament experience not necessary - we just need help tracking down raffle items and a few sponsors!

BLESSED SACRAMENT BOOK CLUB



The next meeting is on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:30 in the Community Room. The book selected for discussion is The Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett, which chronicles the struggles of a prior, his master builder, and their community as they endeavor to build a cathedral and protect themselves during the tumultuous 12th century. Extra copies are 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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT BSS

Blessed Sacrament School is currently seeking a full-time Director of Advancement. The Director of Advancement will work as part of the school administrative team (principal, vice principal, co-pastors) to further the school's mission and support the continued growth of both the Blessed Sacrament school and parish communities. Please visit the school website or contact Jim Spillman at jspillman@blessedsacrament.org for more information about this position, including job responsibilities and qualifications.



DAY AWAY OF PRAYER AT THE ST. JOSEPH RETREAT HOUSE IN MILTON



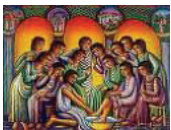
Come away for a day of prayer, reflection, and dialogue as we gather at the St. Joseph Retreat House in Milton on October 2, 2010 from 9:30 – 5:00. The day will give people the opportunity to spend some quiet time, listen to different presentations, as well as share insights. If you are interested in attending please email, call, or give Fr. Tim a note with your name, phone number, email address and a check for \$35 payable to Blessed Sacrament. Participation is limited.

PASS ON YOUR FAITH, TEACH CCD

Our religious education program uses storytelling, crafts, art, and activities kids enjoy. We're hoping to find people who have never done this before, adults looking for fulfilling activities as well as others who may have done this when their children were young. Add your experience to what the parish offers young families because it can make a difference. It's really not hard. It depends mostly on caring about the kids. The materials supply everything you need plus there is training and weekly support. You can check it out at an information meeting either Thursday, September 2 or Tuesday, September 7 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Community Room. If you can't make the meeting, call Bill Dittrich, 508-668-4700, email bdittrich@blessedsacrament.org. or use the volunteer form at www.blessedsacrament.org.



THINKING ABOUT NEXT WEEK'S GOSPEL



In the Gospel readings for Sunday, August 29, (Luke 14:1, 7-14), Jesus goes to dinner at a Pharisee's house and teaches about humility and truly generous and inclusive living. <http://www.usccb.org/nab/082210.shtml>

Next week's question is:

"Where does status and position affect people in Walpole?"

UPCOMING PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land, February 19 - March 2, 2011

Update: Our group is filling up fast! We now have 30 people going out of a total group size of 40, so just a few spots left. Don't delay!



Visit the places where Jesus was born and lived, taught, died, and was raised from the dead: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Cana, and Jerusalem. Cost is \$3,198 ppdo. For more information about the pilgrimage, contact Terry or Deacon Rey.

KNITTING MINISTRY RECONVENES AUGUST 29TH

After the summer hiatus, the Knitting Ministry will resume its monthly meetings beginning Sunday, August 29th from 2 – 3:30 PM in the Community Room. We invite knitters and crocheters of all experience levels to join us for prayer and friendship as we create prayer shawls, baby blankets, and other projects. Baby blankets are in progress and will be given to the Respect Life baby shower in January. The meetings for the remainder of the year will be held: October 3rd, November 7th, and December 5th. For more information regarding the Knitting Ministry, please contact: Jen Dyer at 508-528-4313 or email: jenmooredyer@aol.com.



ONE MORE WAY TO CONNECT

Attention all Facebookers! Blessed Sacrament Church now has a facebook page! This facebook is for official business and will be used to send out and post messages about church events, activities, and meetings. It's a great resource to grow our sense of community outside of Church and keep everyone up to date no matter where they are! Come check it out and friend us today! Questions? Email blessedsacrament.ma@gmail.com and click here to see the page <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/profile.php?id=100001140944094> or search Blessed Sacrament Walpole MA. **There will be a training session on Thursday, August 26 @ 7 PM in the Community Room. Snacks will be provided!**

MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

A mass and healing service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church, 122 Canton Street, (Route 27) Stoughton, MA on Thursday, September 9 at 7 PM with Fr. Joseph McDermott. All those who have physical illnesses, as well as those burdened, or suffering emotionally, mentally, spiritually, psychologically, or financially are cordially invited to come and pray with us. You may pray for your own needs or the needs of others.

OUTDOOR MASS SCHEDULED



Our Annual Outdoor Mass and cook out is scheduled to take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 and planning is well underway. We are looking for a number of volunteers to assist in the planning efforts. Specifically, we need people to work on publicity, set-up, transportation, outreach to parishioners, and cook out logistics. In order to make this annual event the success it has been, we once again need your support. Please take a minute to send an email to ppc@blessedsacrament.org and let us know how you'd like to get involved.

LOOKING FOR PHONE CHAIN VOLUNTEERS

We need your help! Once again we would like to phone all of our parishioners to extend a warm welcome to the Outdoor Mass and cook out on September 12th at 11 AM. This has been a very successful endeavor in the past. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church. Also, there will be a brief meeting on Thursday, September 2 from 7 – 7:30 PM in the school auditorium. At that time all will receive a list of people to call and a script to use when making those calls. Let's make sure that people know "ALL ARE WELCOME!!" If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Kearney @ 508 – 668 - 2763, or marianne77@aol.com. Thanks in advance for your help.



TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OUTDOOR LITURGY



We are looking for volunteers to help with the outdoor liturgy on September 12. We need people to help with transportation to/from the offsite parking lots. There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, August 30, at 7 PM. in the Community Room. If you can't attend the meeting but would like to volunteer, please contact Maggi @ 508-660-1757 or maggitaurone@gmail.com.

SING WITH THE FESTIVAL CHOIR FOR THE OUTDOOR MASS

Our parish festival choir needs your voice! No prior experience is required, nor do you need to understand how to read music! If you enjoy singing and would like to join your voice with fellow parishioners to participate in the annual Outdoor Mass and cook out on September 12 at 11 AM, we would love to have you. There is only one rehearsal, on Thursday, September 9 from 7— 8:30 PM in the church balcony. Please contact Erica for more details: music@blessedsacrament.org.



INSTRUMENTALISTS NEEDED FOR THE OUTDOOR MASS



Do you play a string instrument, a wind instrument, or hand drums/percussion? We need your musical skills for our Outdoor Mass! Please consider participating in this liturgy on September 12 at 11 AM. All of the music will be provided and a short rehearsal is all that would be necessary! Please contact Erica for more details: music@blessedsacrament.org

THANKS FROM SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE

Thank you and the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament for being part of our healing work, through your donation of 60 bags of clothing in July of 2010. Clothing and shoe donations are vital to our work. St Francis House provides basic clothing for hundreds of guests every month to protect them from the elements. Every donation we receive, every tribute made, every in-kind gift helps us improve the lives of Boston's poor and homeless.

Your generosity is especially helpful now, when our guests -more than 800 a day-need a cup of cold water, literally and figuratively to help them through the hot summer months. We provide an air-conditioned refuge where guests can escape the elements and avoid heat stroke and overexposure. We also offer a full complement of life-saving services and programs: nutritious meals, clean, seasonal clothing, counseling, access to health care, vocational training, housing, and more.

Many thanks to the following volunteers who helped collect, sort and bag the clothes, shoes and toiletries: June Doyle, Kay Bergeron, Pat Heavey, Sharon Wall, and Claire Weierman.

BIKES NOT BOMBS DRIVE

On Saturday, September 18 from 10 AM to 2 PM, St. Timothy Parish will be holding a bike drive for "Bikes not Bombs". This is an organization that provides education and training for young people to become bike mechanics. They also ship donated bikes to multiple areas internationally. We are looking for folks to donate bikes they no longer use that may be gathering dust in basements or garages. We request a \$10 donation with each bike for processing, storing, and transporting bikes.



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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 Summer Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30 AM—5 PM. Office closed on Mondays and Fridays during the summer.

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 Saturday for the following week. Please contact Jeff Blouin if you would like to advertise at jblouin@cathedralcorporation.com