



#### From the Desk of **Deacon Alan Doty**

#### The Feast of the Transfiguration



Recently, while sifting through some old papers, I stumbled upon my grandmother's naturalization papers. She arrived in the United States around 1904 from the Austro liturgy. In the Mass, we are transported to heaven, and -Hungarian Empire. Her scrawled signature on the certifi- in adoration, we dwell in the presence of the Lord. We cate (she had never learned to read or write) marked her feast on the Eucharist, truly bread from heaven, which status as a citizen of the United States.

Similarly, Baptism marks our status as citizens of heaven. The priorities of an earthly citizen are temporary, con-Heaven is our true home, and here on earth, we are pilgrims and sojourners. The scriptures and sacred tradition serve as our guidebook, and the sacraments prepare us for our heavenly homeland.

This Tuesday, as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, we catch a glimpse of what that homeland might be like. Jesus led Peter, John, and James up a mountain, where they were granted a life-changing revelation. For a few moments, they gazed upon the dazzling face of Jesus the Son, appearing in His glory. The overshadowing cloud represented the Spirit, and the voice of the Father placed the three apostles in the midst of the Trinity.

It was not a dream or vision but a breaking forth of heaven's glory into our world. This experience must have left the apostles with a deep longing for their heavenly homeland, a hunger for that realm of beauty, light,

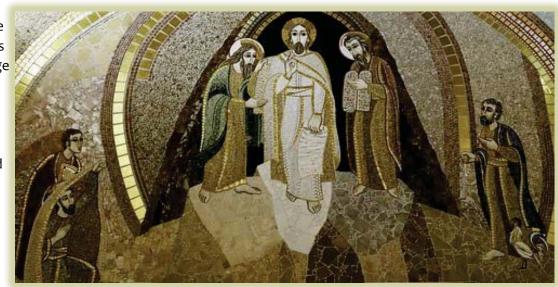
and perfection. The memory of this event gave them both a homesickness for heaven and the courage to withstand future trials. We, too, feel a homesick hunger for our true home, the home promised to us, where we will be with God and gaze upon His perfection for all eternity.

Like Peter, John, and James, we might also be granted glimpses of our

heavenly home by God's grace, perhaps in the laughter of a child, the bond of human love, or the beauty of the gives us strength and courage for our journey.

cerned with the things of this world. In contrast, the priorities of a heavenly citizen should be eternal, focused on things of lasting value. In this life, we strive to be illuminated by the brilliant light of the Transfiguration and encouraged in love. As citizens of heaven, we anticipate the unfading glory and beauty of the next world. We live in eager anticipation of the return of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. As citizens of heaven, we pray and yearn for the day when Jesus will return to transform our lowly bodies to conform with His glorified body.

Our citizenship in heaven is far more significant than my grandmother's naturalization papers, as important as they were. The Feast of the Transfiguration shows us that our true homeland is eternal and infinitely glorious, beyond what the human mind or heart can ever imagine.



#### Via Pulchritudinis (The Way of Beauty)

In this weekly series, we admire the rich Catholic symbolism present all around us at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Saint: Clare Feast Day: August 11

Church Location: Right Wall, Window #7, Right Image Bio: On Palm Sunday night in the year 1212, a young woman ran away from home. Clare Offreduccio wanted to follow Jesus Christ by living a radically evangelical life. Her desire for this way of life was inflamed by the preaching of a charismatic young man of Assisi named Francis Bernardone. Over her family's objections, Clare left her life of comfort to join Saint Francis in his new movement. Clare trusted in God and pledged to follow Jesus Christ in a life of total poverty.

Soon, Clare's sister Catherine joined her, and little by little more women came. They established poor convents and slowly began to spread throughout Italy and be-

yond. Their new religious order came to be known as the Poor Clares. As Clare's reputation for holiness grew, people flocked to the convent with requests for prayer. Clare struggled when Church authorities resisted the idea of a group of nuns living in complete poverty without a source of income. But she always stood firm on this point, and after great opposition, official approval of her order's Rule arrived just as Clare neared death.

#### Reflection

In establishing the Poor Clares, Clare collaborated with Saint Francis in a spiritually fruitful way that shows her as a strong, wise woman. Her strength of character enabled her to withstand pressure from Church authorities who wanted her to follow a less austere way of life. The strength of Clare teaches us that the great works of God spring from the root of poverty and prayer. In Caelo et in Terra: 365 Days with the Saints, Daughters of St. Paul

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# OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15-21 OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15-21 Giving back to God BLESSED SACRAMENT ST. MARY

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In Pew/Mail in	\$7 <b>,</b> 273	\$5,057
Online	\$2,216	\$240
Weekly Goal	\$10,225	<b>\$7,202</b>
Difference	-\$736	-\$1,905
% Difference	<b>-7</b> %	-26%
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE	(7/2024-6/2025)	
Offertory Total	\$30,547	\$20,045
<b>Cumulative Goal</b>	\$30,675	\$21,606
Difference	- \$128	-\$1,561
% Difference	0%	-8%

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII said to the crowd that had gathered at St. Peter's Square, that 'the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

On **August 15**, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Wednesday, August 14
Vigil Mass at 6pm at Blessed Sacrament Church
Thursday, August 15
5:45am Mass at St. Mary Church
9am Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church
4pm Mass at St. Mary Church



#### 2024 SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD WINNER

#### **Recipient: Lauren Ofgant**

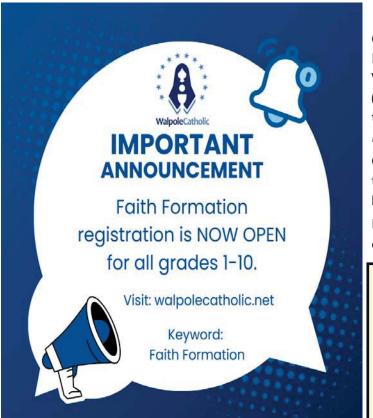
Dear Father Jean Pierre, Father Healy, members of the Reverend Donald R. Delay Service Recognition Award Committee, clergy and parishioners of St. Mary Parish and Blessed Sacrament Parish,

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for recognizing me as a 2024 award recipient. It is truly an honor to be selected and I am incredibly thankful for your generosity and support.

I am so lucky to have found such great support and sense of community within Blessed Sacrament Parish. Becoming involved within my church these past few years has allowed my faith to grow. I loved delivering holiday gift bags to elderly homebound parishioners which I think helped them stay connected to the church while also putting a smile on their faces. I have become more deeply connected to God as a participant in the mass as a lector and I am grateful that I was given this opportunity. I have also truly enjoyed assisting in Faith Formation classes which has hopefully helped the young children of the parish strengthen their faith and understand why having a relationship with God is important. I am hopeful that my involvement in the church will provide a good influence to the youth in our parish and encourage them to get involved as well. I am extremely grateful to have had these opportunities to expand my faith and share it with others, as it has shaped me into who I am today. In addition to volunteering at the church, I have volunteered in the community as a youth coach, a referee for the Unified Basketball Program, a high school peer tutor and a tour guide at Walpole High School for school orientations and open houses.

I am committed to making the most of my future opportunities while attending Clemson University in South Carolina. I plan to uphold the values and principles of my Catholic faith and hope to find new ways to give back to the community and make a positive impact on others, just as you have for me. Thank you again for your generosity. I truly appreciate this scholarship and the support provided by the Walpole Catholic Collaborative. Sincerest thanks,

Lauren Ofgant



#### **CONFESSIONS**

Confessions are held on Saturdays from 2:45-3:50pm at Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary Churches and on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 5:15 and 6:15am (before and after the 5:45am Daily Masses) and after the 9am Daily Mass on Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Mary and Saturdays at Blessed Sacrament Churches.

Confessions are also heard on the first Wednesday of the month at Blessed Sacrament Church from 7-8pm. Please use the Chapel door at the East Street entrance.

In addition, parishioners can approach the priest before or after a Mass.

#### **COLLABORATIVE OFFICE HOURS**

Blessed Sacrament Parish Office (10 Diamond St)

Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

St. Mary Parish Office (205 Washington St.)

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm



#### **BAPTISM REGISTRATION**

Baptism is the first sacrament of Christian initiation. It is the sacrament that frees a person from original sin and makes that person a member of Christ and His Church, thus being the way to a new and spiritual life. One must be baptized before sharing in any of the other sacraments. Infants can be baptized soon after birth. At the time of baptism, parents vow to practice their faith and provide a Catholic upbringing for the child.

Group baptisms take place on the second Sunday of the month at 1pm at St. Mary's and at Blessed Sacra-

ment on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

To register, please contact our Baptism Coordinator, Pat, at 508-668-4974 ext. 115. Leave a message and your call will be returned.



## JULY BAPTISMS WALPOLE CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

In July, Noah Cedrick Chavannes, Cameron Thomas Penfield, Lucille Georgia Sullivan and Seamus Michael Keeley were baptized at St. Mary Church and Brynn Marie Vater, Oakley John Fraser, Bailey Mary DeAngelo, Vivianne Sheila Buchanan, Benjamin Gerald Baker and Oliver Gus McCarthy were baptized at Blessed Sacrament Church.

We joyfully welcome them to our collaborative and congratulate their families.

#### HOMEBOUND VISITATION

Do you know of someone who is homebound or unable to attend Mass and who would appreciate the Eucharist being brought to them?

If you would like to arrange a home visit or nursing home visit for a member of our Walpole Catholic Community, please contact the Parish Office at 508/668-4700 x119. Such visits can include regular weekly visits to receive the Eucharist or with parish priest for the Sacrament of Healing.

If you are interested in serving as a pastoral visitor, please reach out to Deacon Jim Hyatt at jim.hyatt@walpolecatholic.org or Deacon Rey Spadoni at rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

After months of meetings of the Blessed Sacrament Capital Campaign Committee, and in response to the results of the Planning Study conducted at the end of last year, Blessed Sacrament Parish is launching the 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign!

As a result of early activity, Blessed Sacrament Parish is blessed to have received a six-figure donation and a five-figure donation. As a result of these early donations, we will begin to rebuild the front steps of the church in early August. Each parishioner will be asked to support this campaign. You will be hearing more in the upcoming weeks.

Impact to Church Operations:

- 1. Closure of Front Entrance: The front entrance of Blessed Sacrament will be closed from August through September 2024.
- 2. Alternate Access: During this period, access to the church will be through the East Street entrance and the side door that is located between the Parish Office and the church.

Alternate Venue: All weddings, funerals, and some other church activities will utilize St. Mary Church during the closure of the front entrance. However, please note that Blessed Sacrament daily and weekend masses and Private and Group Baptisms will still take place at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Heartfelt Thank You to our Parishioners:

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our parishioners for their continued support and future participation in the Blessed Sacrament Capital Campaign. Your generosity and commitment make a significant impact on our community. Thank you!





(Before construction pictures)



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https://walpolecatholic.net/bsp150



## Save the Date

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

6:00 PM Dinner and Dancing at Lake Pearl Luciano's Wrentham, Massachusetts.

Tickets \$80pp beginning August 17th!



11:00 AM Anniversary Mass with reception to follow in the Blessed Sacrament School gymnasium.

All are welcome!

## Celebrating 150 Years of Faith and Discipleship







Whether you are new to the parish or a long-time parishioner, we are looking to collect photographs of important moments in our parish history! Do you have a special moment that occurred in our parish that you'd like us to consider including in our 150th Anniversary commemorative booklet?

There are 3 ways to submit images:

- scan and email to BSP150th@walpolecatholic.org,
- · drop off at one of our parish office locations or,
- place your image in the collection boxes at the main entrances of each church.

NOTE: All images should be accompanied by a brief description of the event (approximate date, place and name of the event/activity) along with identifying information regarding the people involved. If providing physical copies of your images, please be sure to enclose in an envelope and include your full name and contact information and a note expressing if you'd like your images to be returned to you.

#### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### READING 1.....EX 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them,

"Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.

Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was.

But Moses told them,

"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

#### R. (24b) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, We will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

#### R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

#### R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance.
And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.
R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

#### READING 2.....EPH 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:

I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in right-eousness and holiness of truth.

#### **ALLELUIA**

#### R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

#### GOSPEL......JN 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats

and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."

So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"

Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."

So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him,

"Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them,

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen..

## SANCTUARY CANDLES AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



Remember a friend or loved one with a sanctuary candle lit in his/her name. Your Candle Intention can be in the Chapel or the Main Church for a \$15 donation. The candle will burn from Sunday to Sunday for the week requested. All intentions will be noted in our bulletin.

Call our Parish House at 508-668-4700 to request one.

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 3

9am BSP Nancy Burns (2nd anniv)
 4pm BSP George Sr. and Helen Jiannetti
 4pm STM Margaret F. Brown

#### Sunday, August 4

7:30am STM Antonella Bove and Mario Bove

8am BSP Faride Rouhana

9am STM Joyce Griffith (2 yr anniv)

11am BSP Helena (10 yr anniv) & Elwin Tetreault

11:30am STM John Killory

#### Monday, August 5

9am STM Nannette Begley

#### Friday, August 9

9am BSP Mary Giorgio

#### Saturday, August 10

4pm BSP Anna & Mike Drobny

4pm STM James Fahey

#### Sunday, August 11

8am BSP Ciaran Martyn for healing

9:30am BSP Frank Quinn

11am BSP Patrick J. & Delia Lyons 11:30am STM Bernardina Capparella

### Sanctuary Lamp in the Main Church is Lit for Peter Turco



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We are asked to pray for all the sick, grieving, and suffering. Through our parish prayer lines, we also remember all our shut-ins, our unemployed, our sick, our grieving, and our own parish dead. If you wish to add a name to the prayer requests contact Louise at Lffahey@gmail.com for St. Mary or Claire at blessed-sacramentprayers@gmail.com for Blessed Sacrament.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS 2024 YEAR B

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SUNDAY August 4	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
MONDAY August 5	Jer 28:1-17/PS 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
TUESDAY August 6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10
WEDNESDAY August 7	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
THURSDAY August 8	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
FRIDAY August 9	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/ Mt 16:24-28
SATURDAY August 10	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
SUNDAY August 11	1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Eph 4:30—5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

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#### **COLLABORATIVE MASS TIMES**

#### Saturday Vigil

4pm Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary

#### Sunday

7:30am St. Mary

8am **Blessed Sacrament** 

St. Mary 9am

Blessed Sacrament 9:30am **Blessed Sacrament** 11am

11:30am St. Mary

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday-Wednesday gam St. Mary Wednesday-Friday 5:45am St. Mary Thursday –Saturday gam Blessed Sacrament

#### **Confession Times**

First Wed. of the month 7-8pm Blessed Sacrament Wed-Fri, 5:15am; 6:15am St. Mary Mon. & Wed. 9:30am St. Mary Sat. 9:30am Blessed Sacrament Sat. 2:45-3:50pm at both churches -Or by arrangement with priest

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Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless service to us and our country. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

To add or remove a name, call Kerry Pitman at 508-668-4974 x125 or kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org



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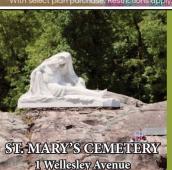


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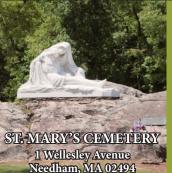
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