

# Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Jesus said to his apostles: 'Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'"*

*(Mt 10:37-39)*



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**June 28, 2026**

Blessed Sacrament Parish



Saint Mary Parish



Blessed Sacrament School



Saint Francis Cemetery



## From the Desk of Marilena Martucci, Principal, BSS

### A Principal's Journey to Rome

When I became Principal of Blessed Sacrament School, I knew the role would bring many blessings, surprises, and moments that would stay with me forever. I did not, however, have “carry a book of student letters across the ocean to the Holy Father” on my Principal bingo card. This March, I had the extraordinary privilege of traveling to Rome with Mrs. Alison Leary, our Executive Assistant, to attend a personal Papal audience and bring with us something incredibly special: the prayers, letters, poems, drawings, and heartfelt messages of the students of Blessed Sacrament School.

Before we left, our students poured their hearts into their work. Some wrote beautiful letters filled with thoughtful questions and prayers. Some wrote poems. Some drew pictures of our school, our Church, our world, and the Holy Father himself. Each page was a reflection of the faith, innocence, creativity, and love that makes BSS such a special place. As I gathered the letters together into a book, I was reminded once again that our students have so much to teach us about hope, kindness, and what it means to believe with a full heart.

And then came the moment I still can hardly believe happened. Thanks to the incredible kindness and support of Bishop Reed, those letters made their way not just to Rome, but I was able to place them right into Pope Leo XIV's hands and read some letters with him. I will forever be grateful to Bishop Reed for helping make this unforgettable moment possible for our school community. His generosity, encouragement, and dedication to Catholic education mean so much to all of us at Blessed Sacrament School.

The Holy Father now has with him the prayers, poems, drawings, and words of the children of BSS. What a gift. What a witness. What a reminder that even the smallest voices can travel across the world and reach the heart of the Church.

As if that were not enough, Pope Leo XIV also wrote a handwritten letter in response. A handwritten letter. From the Pope. To our school community, giving them a blessing and thanking them for their letters, poems, and drawings.

I have repeated this story many times, and I still do not think it has fully settled in. There are many things principals hope to bring back to school after a trip: maybe a

souvenir, maybe a few photos, maybe a good story. I came home with a handwritten letter from His Holiness. That is not exactly something you find in the airport gift shop.

The entire experience was humbling, joyful, and deeply moving. Standing in Rome, surrounded by the beauty and history of our Catholic faith, I thought constantly of our students and families at BSS. I thought of the little hands that drew each picture, the families who help nurture that faith at home, and the teachers who guide our students each day with love and dedication.

This trip was not simply a personal experience. It belonged to all of us. It belonged to every student who wrote a letter, every family who supports our mission, every teacher who helps our children grow in faith, and every person who believes in the beautiful work happening at Blessed Sacrament School.

To our students: your words mattered. Your prayers mattered. Your pictures mattered. They traveled all the way to Rome, and they are now with the Holy Father. That is something you can carry in your hearts forever.

To our families: thank you for trusting us to walk with your children in faith and learning. Moments like this remind us that Catholic education is not only about what happens within the walls of a school. It is about helping children see that they are part of something bigger, something beautiful, and something deeply rooted in God's love.

To Bishop Reed: thank you for making this unforgettable blessing possible. We are so grateful for your support of Blessed Sacrament School and for your continued dedication to Catholic education.

And to Pope Leo XIV: thank you for receiving the prayers and love of our students, and for honoring our school community with a handwritten letter and blessing that we will treasure always.

This journey to Rome will forever be one of the great joys of my life, personally, and as Principal of Blessed Sacrament School. It was faith-filled, funny, emotional, and unforgettable. Most of all, it was a reminder that our students' hearts are full of goodness, and their faith has a way of reaching farther than we could ever imagine. Even all the way to Rome.

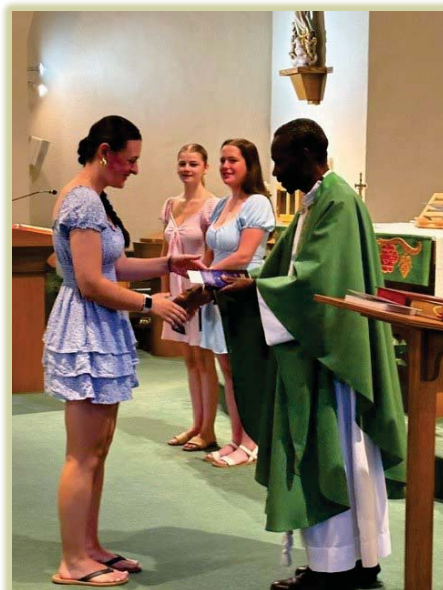
## 2026 SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Congratulations to our 2026 Fr. Donald Delay Service Recognition Award winners who were honored at the 11:30am Mass at St. Mary's last Sunday. Fr. Jean Pierre and Deacon Rich presented awards to Caitlin Caulfield, Madison Gray, Nora Kelley and Thomas Kowalsky. Andrew Jacobsen and Jack Herman were unable to attend the mass.

Deacon Rich acknowledged Fred Corcoran, a St. Mary Parishioner who passed away this year, for his longstanding commitment to St. Mary Parish and this award program. We are forever grateful to him.

You will hearing from these amazing young people in upcoming bulletins.

Donations to this program can be mailed to Service Recognition Award Program, 176 Washington St. E. Walpole, 02032. Please make checks payable to St. Mary Parish.



## 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 Sacrament 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.



## PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom,  
this day is bright with the memory  
of those who declared that life and liberty  
are your gift to every human being.  
Help us to continue a good work begun  
long ago.

Make our vision clear and our will strong:  
that only in human solidarity will  
we find liberty,  
and justice only in the honor  
that belongs to every life on earth.  
Turn our hearts toward the family of nations:  
to understand the ways of others,  
to offer friendship,  
and to find safety only in the  
common good of all.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## ADORATION - OPEN HOLY HOURS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Endless notifications-Busy schedules-Constant noise. Jesus offers something different: one quiet hour in His presence.*

Adoration is an opportunity to step away from the demands of daily life and spend time in silence, prayer, and peace before the Blessed Sacrament. Many adorers find their holy hour becomes the best part of their week. Adoration hours are Monday-Friday, 7am-10pm, with overnight adoration on Monday nights and First Fridays.

This is an important update regarding **SUMMER HOURS** for the Blessed Sacrament Adoration Chapel. **Effective June 29th**, the new schedule will be the following:

Monday: 7AM - 12AM

Tuesday: 12AM - 7PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday:  
7AM to 7PM

We will resume the normal adoration schedule effective September 8th.

Adorers needed to fill the following slots:

- Monday: 12 PM and 3 PM
- Tuesday: 5 PM and 6 PM
- Thursday: 10 AM
- Friday: 11 AM and 5 PM

To sign up for an hour, please email:

[WalpoleAdorationChapel@gmail.com](mailto:WalpoleAdorationChapel@gmail.com)

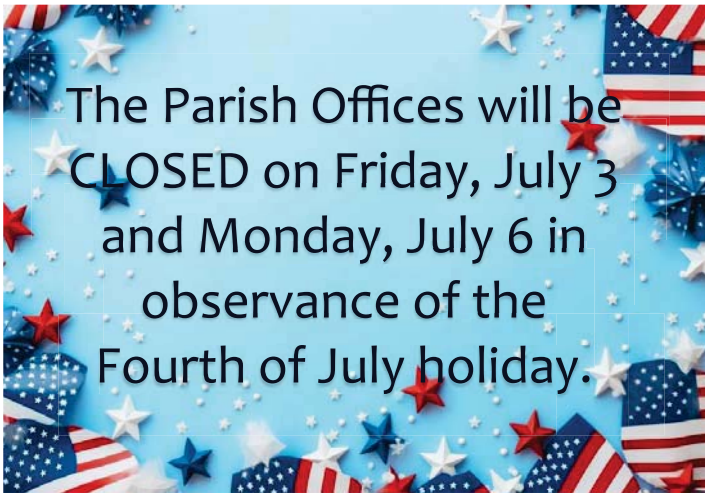


**REGISTRATION FOR 2026/2027  
CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL  
BE COMING SOON.**

**PLEASE WATCH UPCOMING  
BULLETINS AND OUR WEBSITE.**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL

The Knights of Columbus Hall is now available to rent for your special occasion. Please call 508-668-9037 for more information and please leave a message.



### ONLINE GIVING

Please consider continuing your support for our parish through **online giving**. Scan the QR code or visit our website to contribute securely and conveniently.



## COR MEN'S PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for prayer, formation, and fraternity on the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, please contact Mike Lopez at [mjlopez12@gmail.com](mailto:mjlopez12@gmail.com).



## 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, contact Louise at [Lffahey@gmail.com](mailto:Lffahey@gmail.com) for St. Mary or Claire at [blessedsacramentprayers@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentprayers@gmail.com) for Blessed Sacrament.

## CLOTHING FOR THE HOMELESS

Please help us by donating clothing, especially gently-used t-shirts, sweatpants, and socks and new underwear so that we can continue their mission. We are currently **ONLY accepting summer clothes**. We are also collecting new or gently-used, clean blankets & sheets. Boxes are at both churches. God Bless.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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 Rey Spadoni at [rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org](mailto:rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org)

## ST. MARY MASS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for additional parishioners to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at the weekend masses at St. Mary Church. It's a great way to get more involved with your church.

Please contact Kerry Pitman ([kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org](mailto:kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org)) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2026

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|                                            | BLESSED SACRAMENT | ST. MARY         |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>OFFERTORY TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$8,072</b>    | <b>\$5,640</b>   |
| In Pew/Mail in                             | \$6,096           | \$5,055          |
| Online                                     | \$1,976           | \$585            |
| <b>Second Collection* TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$2,648</b>    | <b>\$2,001</b>   |
| In Pew/Mail In                             | \$2,466           | \$1,901          |
| Online                                     | \$183             | \$100            |
| <b>Parish Grand TOTAL</b>                  | <b>\$10,721</b>   | <b>\$7,641</b>   |
| <b>Weekly Goal</b>                         | <b>\$10,433</b>   | <b>\$6,749</b>   |
| <b>Difference</b>                          | <b>\$288</b>      | <b>\$892</b>     |
| <b>% Difference</b>                        | <b>3%</b>         | <b>13%</b>       |
| <b>FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (7/2025-6/2026)</b> |                   |                  |
| <b>Offertory Total</b>                     | <b>\$498,986</b>  | <b>\$355,527</b> |
| <b>Cumulative Goal</b>                     | <b>\$511,217</b>  | <b>\$330,701</b> |
| <b>Difference</b>                          | <b>-\$12,231</b>  | <b>\$24,826</b>  |
| <b>% Difference</b>                        | <b>-2%</b>        | <b>7%</b>        |

\* Balance the Budget

We were so blessed to have Bishop Peter Uglietto join Fr. Jean Pierre and Deacon Rich at the 11:30am mass to unveil and bless our new Tabernacle at St. Mary Church.

The purchase of the new Tabernacle was made possible because of a generous donation from an anonymous donor.

The Bishop took this opportunity to present Fr. Jean Pierre with a framed blessing from Pope Leo on his Silver Jubilee.





## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### READING 1.....2 KINGS 4:8-11, 14-16A

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine.

So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her."

When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (2a) **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever, through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever;" in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the people who know the joyful shout; in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk. At your name they rejoice all the day, and through your justice they are exalted.

R. **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

You are the splendor of their strength, and by your favor our horn is exalted. For to the LORD belongs our shield, and the Holy One of Israel, our king.

R. **Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

### READING 2 .....ROMANS 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ

Jesus were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.

We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.

As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God.

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

### ALLELUIA

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

### GOSPEL.....MATTHEW 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

""Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—

amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."



**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..

**WEDDINGS**

If you're planning a wedding and wish to receive the  
Sacrament from Blessed Sacrament or St. Mary's  
church, please contact us at 508-668-4700.  
Let us be part of your joyous celebration!



**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 heav-  
en, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pon-  
tius 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, June 27**

4pm BSP Tom Connolly

4pm STM for the well-being of Barbara Vanderveld

**Sunday, June 28**

7:30am STM Alfredo Tamburrini & Assunta Visocchi

8am BSP Gail Riordan

9am STM Elinor Hickey

11am BSP Frank Doherty

**Tuesday, June 30**

9am STM Evelyn Clerici

**Friday, July 3**

9am BSP Tina Dunn

**Saturday, July 4**

4pm BSP Dennis Kennedy

**Sunday, July 5**

8am BSP James Taylor

9am STM George Cofsky

9:30am BSP Nathan George Serra

11am BSP Jake & Julie Nolan

11:30am STM Jack Arthur (1 yr anniv)



**Sanctuary Lamp** in the Main Church  
is Lit for Bernardina Capparella

If you are interested in scheduling a mass intention for  
a deceased loved one, you can call either Parish Office  
for availability and to schedule a mass in his/her honor.

**COLLABORATIVE OFFICE HOURS**

**Blessed Sacrament Parish House** (10 Diamond St)

Monday-Friday 9am-1pm

**St. Mary Parish Office** (205 Washington St.)

Tuesday & Thursday 9am-1pm

**Our Mission Statement**

*We, the faith community of the Walpole Catholic Col-  
laborative, welcome all people with our open hearts  
and joyful spirits. Rooted in the love of Christ and His  
Church, we seek to live a Catholic-centered life, nour-  
ished by the sacraments and guided by the  
Gospel. Through worship, service, and disci-  
pleship, we strive to grow in faith and share  
God's grace with the world.*





## STAFF

|                                                              |                                                                         |                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Jean Pierre Aubin<br>Pastor                             | Fr. Michael Steele<br>Weekend Priest                                    |                                                   |
| Rev. Heniston Washington<br>Parochial Vicar                  | Deacon Rey Spadoni                                                      |                                                   |
| Rev. Robert Gaudreau<br>Weekend Priest                       | Deacon Alan Doty                                                        |                                                   |
|                                                              | Deacon Jim Hyatt                                                        |                                                   |
|                                                              | Deacon Richard Raab                                                     |                                                   |
| Marilena Martucci<br>School Principal                        | Brian Cote<br>Assistant Vice Principal                                  | Peter Gallitano<br>Director, Finance & Operations |
| Pat Chitvanni<br>Office Administrator                        | Kerry Pitman<br>Collab. Office Manager                                  | Elizabeth Drummey<br>Office Coordinator BSP       |
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| Cait & Paul Dufault<br>Faith Formation Coordinators, Gr. 1-3 | Deacon Richard Raab<br>Faith Formation Coordinator Confirmation Program |                                                   |

Contact Info: WalpoleCatholic.net/Staff

## COLLABORATIVE MASS TIMES

### Saturday Vigil

4pm Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary

### Sunday

7:30am St. Mary  
8am Blessed Sacrament  
9am St. Mary  
9:30am Blessed Sacrament  
11am Blessed Sacrament  
11:30am St. Mary

### Daily Mass

Monday-Wednesday 9am St. Mary  
Wednesday-Friday 5:45am St. Mary  
Thursday-Saturday 9am 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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Low gluten hosts are available at both Churches. Please contact a sacristan or priest before Mass.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

If you or someone you know are in need of temporary financial assistance, call 508-476-6003 and leave a message. Someone will return your call.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

|                    |                   |                     |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Zachary Bannon     | Meghan Doyle      | Kaitlin Porter      |
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| Kyle Bradbury      | Michael O'Farrell | Thomas Knoth        |
| James Burke        | Sean Foley        | Angelina Ruggiero   |
| Richard Neil Matta | Jeffrey Jay       | Samuel Stearns      |
| Lisa Hines         | Raymond Walach    | JohnPaul Bettinelli |
| Joe Doyle          | Sean Henderson    | Jack Flynn          |
| Trevor MacDonald   | James King        | Timothy Donahue     |
| Harry Clow III     | Jack Sousa        | Edward Dietel       |
| Brett Ober         | Gaelen Moore      | Nolan Walsh         |
| A.J. Servello      | Joe Burgess       |                     |

*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 & 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](mailto:kerry.pitman@walpolecatholic.org)



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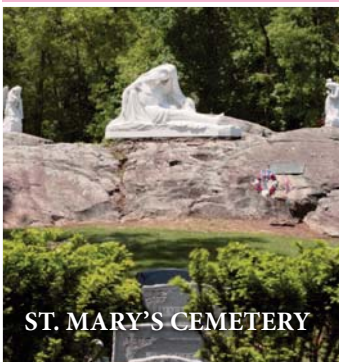
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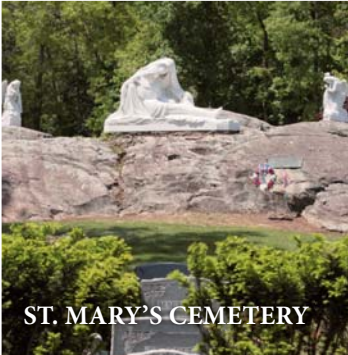


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