

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.
For flesh and blood has not revealed this
to you, but my heavenly Father. And so,
I say to you, you are Peter, and upon
this rock I will build my church, and the
gates of the netherworld shall not pre-
vail against it." (Mt 16:17-18)*



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August 23, 2026

Blessed Sacrament Parish



Saint Mary Parish



Blessed Sacrament School



Saint Francis Cemetery



From the Desk of Deacon Richard Raab

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I know that the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was last Saturday, and because it was on Saturday, it was not celebrated as we normally would. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, but that was removed because of the day on which it fell this year. I thought we should not just pass over the day without reflecting on it, reminding ourselves what the day is all about and how it impacts our daily life.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most beautiful holy days in the life of the Church. The Church teaches us that at the end of Mary's earthly life, she was assumed into heaven, both body and soul. She did not experience the separation of her body and soul, like we will experience at our death. Along with Mary's Immaculate Conception, her Assumption have been proclaimed as dogmas of the Catholic Church.

A dogma is a truth revealed by God, which the Magisterium, the Church's authority or office to give the authentic interpretation of the word of God, declares binding and all Catholics are required to accept without condition. We cannot choose the dogmas we accept or ignore, because ignoring one means we reject the truth that God has revealed to us.

Unlike Jesus' ascension into heaven, which we read about in the Gospels and other books of the New Testament, there is no actual story in the bible about Mary's assumption. And the difference between them is, Jesus ascended on his own power where Mary's assumption was powered by the grace of God.

The dogma of the Assumption of Mary was defined and declared by Pope Pius XII in 1950, even though tradition in the East and West has celebrated it for centuries.

Paragraph 966 from the Catechism states, "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed

to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians."

If you think about the Assumption, it makes sense. God kept Mary free from original sin so that the womb that carried Jesus would be unstained from sin. Then as Mary's earthly life came to an end, that unstained body would go directly to heaven.

Mary's life and obedience to God's plan is a great example for us to follow. From her "yes" to be the mother of God, bringing salvation into the world, to watching him grow and then die on the Cross, Mary shows us that faith and trust in God will be rewarded. Mary's life was not an easy one. She was a humble servant of God.



That's why Jesus gave her to us as our mother when he was on the cross. He knew she would love and protect us just as she did with Jesus. She feels our pain and is happy in our joyous moments. She is always advocating for us to her Son. And what son would say no to his mother?

The Assumption gives us hope that we too can obtain the promise of eternal life in heaven with God, the Blessed Mother and saints who have gone before us. It requires, patience, trust, humility and love for God above all things. Those can be hard at times and requires us to ask for help. The great thing is that we have a mother who has already reached the destination we all want. She has shown

us the way and is waiting to help us. She is there and if you ask, she will intercede for you to her Son. That's why Mary's Assumption is so important. That is why we celebrate it. Mary is the best advocate we can have and reminds us that life in heaven is our goal. If you don't already have a devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary, I encourage you to start and the best way is to pray the rosary.

Thank you, Blessed Mother, for showing us how to love Jesus and never stop interceding to Jesus for us.

REV. DONALD DELAY SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD PROGRAM

If you would like to donate to the Rev. Donald Delay Service Recognition Award Program to insure that we can continue granting money to these amazing young people from both our Parishes, you can send a check payable to St. Mary Parish, with Serv. Recog. Award in the memo section and mail it to St. Mary Parish, 176 Washington Street, East Walpole, 02032 or drop off at either Parish Office.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about our wonderful young award winners. Please consider donating to this program so that we can continue to offer this award to deserving young parishioners.



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 for St. Mary or Claire at blessedsacramentprayers@gmail.com for Blessed Sacrament.



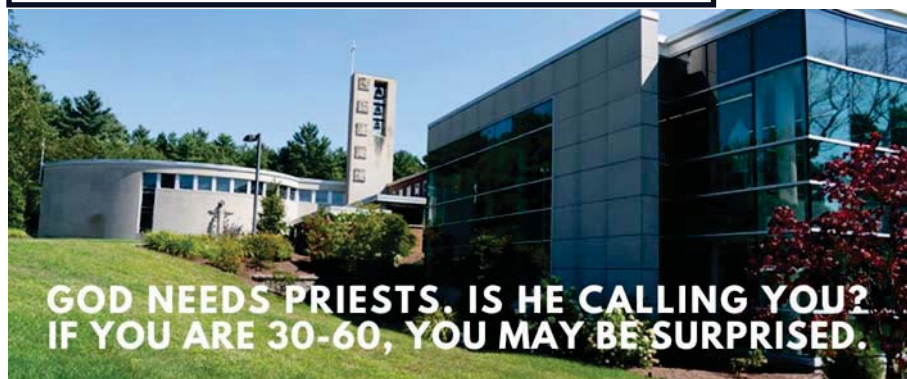
CARRYING YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS ON THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO

This September, pilgrims from both parishes will journey along the **Camino de Santiago**,



the ancient route to the tomb of St. James. For over a millennium, travelers have walked this path seeking renewal, healing, and deeper communion with God. Many parishioners who cannot join the pilgrimage have asked that their intentions be carried to Santiago, and the group will do so with reverence, holding each prayer close as they walk. This shared spiritual act reminds us that pilgrimage is never solitary; it is a journey made on behalf of others as well as ourselves.

Rooted in Scripture's call to "pray for one another," the practice of carrying intentions expresses the unity of the Body of Christ. Pilgrims will lift up prayers for family, friends, and even strangers. Parishioners are invited to send intentions by email (to Deacon Rey at rey.spadoni@walpolecatholic.org) or in a sealed envelope to the Blessed Sacrament office, joining the pilgrimage in spirit. In this way, the Camino becomes a shared path of faith, hope, and love for the entire community.



**GOD NEEDS PRIESTS. IS HE CALLING YOU?
IF YOU ARE 30-60, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED.**

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 2026

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

5:00 PM EST

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary

HOLY HOUR AND EVENING PRAYER

In-Person Visit: Includes Dinner with seminarians and tour of the Seminary

Register: Contact Msgr. William Fay
781-899-5500 ext. 134
firstfriday@psjs.edu

Virtual Visit: Live-stream Holy Hour followed by a Zoom visit
(Zoom link provided at registration)





**Please join us as we
pray the Holy Rosary in
public for our families,
our country and the
world**

Date: Sept 19, 2026

Time: 12 noon

Place: Walpole Town Center
(by the Gazebo)

COR MEN'S PRAYER & DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for prayer, formation, and fraternity on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, please contact Mike Lopez at mjlopez12@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The Wednesday Morning Prayer Group has resumed in person at Blessed Sacrament Community Room on Wednesdays at 9:30am. All are welcome!

Contact Peg
(508-668-5455) if
interested.



Confirmation 2026-2027

Register Today

Registration ends Sept. 5

Parish youth in grades 7-9 from public, private or Catholic schools are eligible to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Visit our website for full program and registration details.

<https://walpolecatholic.net/confirmation-program>

Sessions start on 9-13



REGISTRATION FOR FAITH FORMATION GRADES 1-6 IS NOW OPEN

Please go to our website www.walpolecatholic.net/faith-formation-grades-1-6 or email Cait Dufault at caitdufault@gmail.com.

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

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

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!





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.

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.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2026

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	BLESSED SACRAMENT	ST. MARY
OFFERTORY TOTAL	\$7,292	\$7,201
In Pew/Mail in	\$5,446	\$6,256
Online	\$1,847	\$945
Second Collection* TOTAL	\$3,743	\$2,501
In Pew/Mail In	\$3,535	\$2,491
Online	\$208	\$10
Parish Grand TOTAL	\$11,035	\$9,702
Weekly Goal	\$10,352	\$6,656
Difference	\$683	\$3,046
% Difference	7%	46%
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (7/2026-6/2027)		
Offertory Total	\$55,654	\$46,301
Cumulative Goal	\$62,112	\$39,936
Difference	-\$6,458	\$6,365
% Difference	-12%	14%

* Balance the Budget

MOMS' GROUP

Please join us Tuesday, August 25th from 9-10am for a Moms' Group meet up in the Community Room at Blessed Sacrament.

Come join us for fellowship and refreshments. Kids are welcome! Coffee and munchkins will be provided.



Please contact Cassie at cassandrainsantiago@gmail.com with any questions.

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

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus Walpole Council. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Mat Dorment at mdorment@comcast.net or (617) 312-3809.





Fr. Jean Pierre went on a well-deserved retreat last week with his classmates from the seminary for their 25th reunion. He jokingly told us, “we all still have our own teeth!”

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.



ST. FRANCIS CEMETERY A SACRED PLACE OF PEACE, PRAYER AND REMEMBRANCE

Nestled in the heart of Walpole, St. Francis Catholic Cemetery offers a serene and sacred resting place for loved ones, rooted in the traditions of our Catholic faith. care and guidance from our Collaborative community.

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Location: 1629 Washington Street Walpole, MA 02081

Contact Us: 508-668-4700 x111

Learn More: www.walpolecatholic.net

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” – Matthew 5:4



BOTTLE & CAN COLLECTION

The Walpole Knights of Columbus is collecting bottles and cans at the Council Hall, 137 Stone St. in Walpole. You can leave cans and bottles at the back door of the Hall anytime, as they are retrieved daily. The proceeds will benefit the charity fund, which donates to needy families in our two parishes and other charity requests.



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1.....ISAIAH 22:19-23 READING 2ROMANS 11:33:36

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:

"I will thrust you from your office
and pull you down from your station.
On that day I will summon my servant
Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;

I will clothe him with your robe,
and gird him with your sash,
and give over to him your authority.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
and to the house of Judah.

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's
shoulder;

when he opens, no one shall shut,
when he shuts, no one shall open.

I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,
to be a place of honor for his family."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. (8bc) **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the
work of your hands.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of
your hands.**

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of
your hands.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

R. **Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of
your hands.**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge
of God!

How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!

*For who has known the mind of the Lord
or who has been his counselor?*

*Or who has given the Lord anything
that he may be repaid?*

For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

ALLELUIA

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail
against it.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL.....MATTHEW 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and
he asked his disciples,

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah.

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my
heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail
against it.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples
to tell no one that he was the Christ.



**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 22

4pm BSP Gloria Euvrard
4pm STM Giuseppe Michienzi

Sunday, August 23

8am BSP Frank & Carol Clerici
9:30am BSP John & Mary Allen
11am BSP Fred & Kathleen Ross
11:30am STM Philip & Claire Baiona, Ronald & Claire Meade and all the deceased members of the Baiona, Meade and Gramer families

Saturday, August 29

4pm BSP Jean Thompson

Sunday, August 30

7:30am STM Joseph Breton
11am BSP Harry, Anna and Ronald Tarlian
11:30am STM Michelle Ridge



Sanctuary Lamp in the Main Church
is Lit for Joe Resti

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection for this weekend is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society, whose mission is to support our parish's outreach to those in need. Your generous donations help provide food, shelter, and essential assistance to individuals and families facing hardships primarily in Walpole, but also in our surrounding communities.

Checks should be made out to your parish. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity in living out the Gospel message of compassion and service.



Our Mission Statement

We, the faith community of the Walpole Catholic Collaborative, 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, nourished by the sacraments and guided by the Gospel. Through worship, service, and discipleship, we strive to grow in faith and share God's grace with the world.





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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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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Facing Illness or Surgery? Benefit from the Lord's healing, comfort and strength. Contact the Parish Offices.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

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Harry Clow III	Jack Sousa	Edward Dietel
Brett Ober	Gaelen Moore	Nolan Walsh
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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 & 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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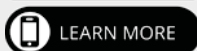
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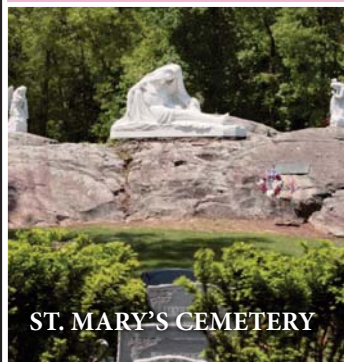
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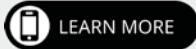
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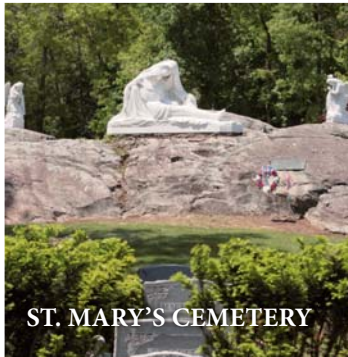


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