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Serving Norwood, Walpole, and Westwood

Liturgical Celebrations

Sunday Eucharist:

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8am; 9:30am; 11am; 5pm

(No 5:00 pm Liturgy Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Daily Eucharist Mon.-Sat. 9:00am

Reconciliation Sat. 3:30-4:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:30am—3:00pm

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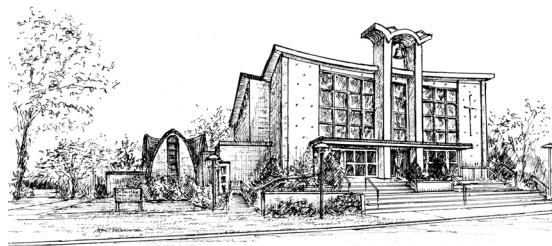
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ST. TIMOTHY PARISH



Adult Initiation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing process of individual faith development and communal formation. Anyone interested in learning more about what it means to become a Catholic Christian, should contact the parish office.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated at scheduled Liturgies. Parishioners who are expecting a child should contact the office at least two months in advance, or as soon as possible to make arrangements and meet with the Baptismal Preparation Team.

Reconciliation

Also known as “penance” or “confession”, the Sacrament of Penance is regularly available every Saturday at 3:30pm in the church. Individual appointments may also be made with one of the priests. The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated communally during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

Marriage

Engaged parishioners who are interested in being married at St. Timothy Parish must contact one of the priests at least six months in advance. Call the office regarding Marriage Preparation classes.

Sacrament of the Sick

Praying for healing in body, mind and soul has always been a part of the Church’s ministry to those who are ill. Anyone who is seriously ill or anticipating hospitalization, may celebrate the Sacrament on Saturdays following the 9am Mass, or upon request.

Devotion/Prayer Groups

Rosary is said Monday through Saturday prior to morning Mass.

Guild of St. Timothy

The Guild normally meets the first Tuesday of the month, Oct.-May. Rosary begins at 7:30pm (Church); Program at 8pm in the Church Hall.

New Jerusalem Charismatic Prayer Group meets on Thursday from 7:30-9pm. All are welcome!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11, 9-12pm, Blood Pressure Clinic
 Sunday, April 11, 11:30am, Gr.2 banner making
 Tuesday, April 13, 10am, Caregiver Support Group
 Tuesday, April 13, 7:30pm, Parish Council Meeting
 Wednesday, April 14, 4pm, Gr.2 breadbaking/song rehearsal
 Thursday, April 15, 4:30pm, children's choir rehearsal
 Thursday, April 15, 7:30pm, Choir rehearsal
 Thursday, April 15, 7:30pm, New Jerusalem Prayer Group

Lectors and Altar Servers

April 17/18

4:30 Lectors: Bill Fleming, Kathy Drumme
 4:30 Servers: Chris DeMeo, Kelly Fogarty, Jack Lyons
 8:00 Lectors: Dom Frangioso, Andrea Ruesch-Goldberg
 8:00 Servers: David Salvatore, Cullen Weidenaar
 9:30 Lectors: Lucy McNamara, Ken Kreinsen
 9:30 Servers: Liam & Colin Ridge, Colleen Walsh
 11:00 Lectors: Jim Reen, Frank Connell
 11:00 Servers: Colleen & Sarah Berry, Noelle Lacey
 5:00 Lectors: Sean Richardson, Brian London
 5:00 Servers: Tegan Bartlett, Rebekah Morrison, Patrick Reed

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11
 Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday, April 18
 Third Sunday of Easter

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 FINANCIAL REPORT
 April 4, 2010
 Easter Collection
 \$19,855.00

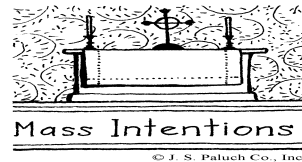
Question of the Week

Breaking Open the Word
 Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Question for Children: Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

Question for Youth: Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

Question for Adults: Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.



Saturday, April 10
 9:00 Melissa Urann and Mary Ellen Copper
 4:30 Cliff Ryding, Joan Maher, Rita Wood
Anniversary
 Sunday, April 11
 8:00 John Machado *Anniversary*
 9:30 Thomas Driscoll *Anniversary*
 11:00 Rosa Soares *Memorial*
 5:00 Richard and Dorothy Shaw
 Monday, April 12
 9:00 Arthur Coté, Jr. *Anniversary*
 Tuesday, April 13
 9:00 John Plath *8th Anniversary*
 Wednesday, April 14
 9:00 Gertrude and John Feeney *Memorial*
 Thursday, April 15
 9:00 The Lifrieri and Quinlan Families
Special Intention
 Friday, April 16
 9:00 Mary and Robert Pittorino *Memorial*
 Saturday, April 17
 9:00 Mary Welsh *Memorial*
 4:30 Arthur V. Tenaglia *Anniversary*
 Sunday, April 18
 8:00 Monica Silva and Silvestre DaSilva
 9:30 Maria DaRenda
 11:00 Joseph Baglini *Memorial*
 5:00 Walter and Marion Aspinwall
Month's Mind

Religious Education

Grades K-6

First Communion Candidates

Song Rehearsal and Bread Baking Demonstration

Wednesday, April 14

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm in the Church Hall

Thanks for a Great Class Year!

This week is the final week of regularly scheduled Religious Ed classes for Grades Kindergarten through 6. Thank you for a wonderful year! Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you again in the Fall! Please watch for registration forms for the 2010-2011 Class Year which will soon be sent to you in the mail.

First Eucharist Prayer Wall

Please come to the Church Hall to see photos of our beautiful First Communion Candidates on display! We welcome you to sign your name below their pictures to show your loving, prayerful support for them as they prepare to receive Christ for the first time.

PARISH NURSE NEWS

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

The group is open to individuals caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia. New members are welcome! The next morning meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13th from 10-11:30am in Ruocco rooms 4 and 5. This is a drop-in group and registration is not necessary. There will be an evening meeting on Tuesday, April 27th at 7pm. Please call to register for this meeting and to get details on the location. For questions or more information, please call the Parish Nurse Office.

Visits to the Sick and Homebound

There will be a meeting for new and "seasoned" visitors to the sick on Weds., April 28th at 1pm in the Ruocco Center.

Blood Pressure Clinic

The April Blood Pressure Clinic will be held this Sunday, April 11, after all of the morning Masses.

St. Timothy's Book Club

At the March Book Club meeting *Sarah's Key* was discussed. After some discussion, the group gave the book a rating of 7.8 out of 10. The next meeting of the Book Club will be at 7:30pm, April 26th. The book discussed will be *Blood Brothers*. All are welcome! Books are available at the parish office. Suggestions of books for future readings are always welcome.

Eucharistic Congress

Join hundreds of college students and young adults for the 3rd Annual Boston Eucharistic Congress for College Students and Young Adults in Boston's North End. The event is on April 23/24 at Sacred Heart and St. Leonard's Churches and includes talks by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, college students and others. We will also have Mass, Eucharistic adoration, an authentic Italian dinner and a procession through the streets of Boston. More information: www.eucharisticcongress.org or call 617-746-5949.

Pine Street Inn

On Monday, **April 26**, we will be serving supper at the Pine Street Inn. Please call Jayne at 508-668-4977, if you can help.

Thank you to all those who have made generous donations in the past. \$500 is sent to the Pine Street Inn each month. Please help to support this ministry. Donations to pay for these meals may be sent to: *Campagna, 86 Countryside Lane, Norwood, MA 02062*. Please make checks payable to St. Timothy Christian Service Fund.

Walk for Hunger

Pledge sheets for the 2010 Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 2nd are now available in the foyer of the Ruocco Center. The Walk supports over 400 emergency food programs throughout Massachusetts. Consider joining the Ecumenical Community Food Pantry of Norwood Walk team. St. Timothy Parish is one of the sponsors of the Norwood Food Pantry. For further information, contact Nick Campagna at 781-983-2160 or visit the Walk website at www.projectbread.org/walk.

YOUTH FORMATION MINISTRY

WORLD YOUTH DAY

World Youth Day will take place in August of 2011. At this event students will gather from all over the world in Madrid Spain to celebrate their Catholic Faith. Attendees participate in various Catechetical Sessions throughout the week while participating in a number of World Youth Day Ceremonies. The whole week culminates with Mass with the Holy Father. Plans need to be made now for students wishing to attend this very memorable event. I am looking for a team of adults who would be interested in helping to plan a pilgrimage from our parish in the summer of 2011. Please contact Frank in the YFM Office at 781-762-4868.

Elizabeth Seton Academy Spring Event

Tickets are available now for Elizabeth Seton's annual TASTE event. Join us for food and wine while raising funds to enhance and maintain the high standards of our academic program. TASTE will feature some of the best restaurants in the Boston area. This year will also mark the first year we present the ESA Community Impact Award, given to an individual not typically highlighted in the Boston area who has demonstrated a noteworthy impact on our community. Tickets are \$85 per person. Contact Brooke Sword at esa.bsword@gmail.com or 617-296-1087, ext. 20. The event will take place at the Granite Links Golf Club, 100 Quarry Hills Dr., Quincy, MA, **April 29th, 6-10pm**.

THE CHURCH IN THE 21ST CENTURY CENTER AND ASSOCIATES AT BOSTON COLLEGE

The Emerging Call: Discipleship and Ministry in a Changing Church, Conference.

Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30, **Friday, April 30, 2010** from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Heights Room, Corcoran Commons, Lower Campus, Boston College. Information at: 617-552-0470, www.bc.edu/c21emerging.

April 11, 2010

FR. CULLOTY'S GOOD FRIDAY HOMILY

There is an expression: the elephant in the room. It often refers to an issue that we know we need to discuss, but we don't quite know how to deal with it. We are not sure how to start the conversation. Last Tuesday at the Cathedral in Boston, Cardinal O'Malley referred to the sexual abuse issue as a crisis that continues to come at us. In 2002, the allegations of sexual abuse in Boston and how those cases were dealt with rocked the Catholic Church here, and its effects continue to be felt to this day. In the last few weeks we see this same scenario playing out across Europe, and serious questions being asked of the present Pope, what did he know and when did he know it?

There is a part of all of us that would like clear and simple answers to complex problems. Very often those simple answers do not exist. We know that abuse occurs in many sectors of society. Often allegations were hard to prove, one person's word against another's. Sometimes, in the past, this abuse was seen as a moral failing rather than a deep and untreatable psychological issue. It seems that often the reputation of the Church or its desire to protect its assets took precedence over the pain and damage done to the most vulnerable members of society. And even if abuse happened in other sectors of society, we had a right to expect that the Church, above every other institution, would conduct itself by the highest moral principles and provide a safe and nurturing environment for its young. Our Church failed in that responsibility and it failed miserably and scandalously.

A few years ago there was book written about the life of William Cardinal O'Connell, who was the Archbishop of Boston from 1907-1944. The name of the book was "Militant and Triumphant". Cardinal O'Connell aimed to put the Roman Catholic Church in Boston in a position of influence and prominence. He built numerous parishes and educational institutions. He formed networks of hospitals and charitable institutions. He built a grand house in the style of a Roman palazzo as his residence on Commonwealth Ave. in Brighton as a visible sign that the Church had indeed arrived and was a force to be reckoned with.

Often at breakfast over bowls of honeynut cheerios, Fr. Emerson and I tackle many of the problems facing the world and the church. In our own minds we come up with fantastic solutions. I was mentioning to him the other morning how we are living at a time when so many of those institutional bulwarks from the past are being dismantled, churches are closing or consolidating; schools are experiencing declining enrollments as costs increase and many of them are closing their doors as well; hospital systems are being sold and the fate of Catholic health care is uncertain. The grand palazzo belongs to Boston College.

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Some of these events might well have happened anyway, but certainly some of these changes have been hastened by the events of 2002. One of my heartaches is to look out at the congregation on Sundays and to notice families that once came to church regularly, but have not come since the crisis; heartache for me is when people come to speak about their personal stories of abuse. These are not people looking for money or revenge, rather they just want to share their burden in the hope that finally someone will believe them. There are those who say that the effects of the abuse and the manner it was handled will leave scars that will not be healed for at least a generation, if ever.

Tonight we gather to observe Good Friday, to reflect on the suffering face of Jesus Christ. Our church no longer is militant and triumphant, it is a suffering church. It has caused suffering and now is experiencing suffering.

Suffering is never easy, but sometimes it is in suffering that we can begin to seek out what is truly important and necessary. Perhaps through this awful experience we can once again focus on the Gospel and its values. We can remember that doing the right thing is more important than possessions; that service is more important than power; that the truth and only the truth will surely set us free. Were not those the lessons that Jesus taught us from the cross?

Last week as these new revelations were being printed in the papers, I received an email from a parish member. I am always so grateful to be in this parish where there are so many wonderful and caring and thoughtful people. The email said that this person had been reading the papers that morning and mentioned that after reading those things, it must be hard to be a priest in today's church. The person wanted to assure me that people did appreciate the good things that so many clergy and religious do. The person also mentioned that it is hard to be a Catholic today. I'm sure that there are friends and neighbors who ask us why we remain in the church will all its failings. I'm sure that when children or teenagers hear of these painful and shocking parts of the church's life and ask why they have to go to church, it is more difficult that it was for my parents when the church seemed to be this well oiled and flawless machine.

We believe that at the end of our lives each of us will have to give an account of ourselves before God; each and every one of us will have to take responsibility for our actions and decisions. From the Pope on down, to the person struggling in poverty and hopelessness, an account must be given.

Thank you for hanging in with the church during these times of darkness and pain. I pray that with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, these terrible experiences will bring the church back to its roots, to its principles, to the Gospel. I pray that each of us might rededicate ourselves to living the message of Jesus, for we are the church, and if people do not see Christ alive in each of us, they will go elsewhere. I pray that we all will have the courage to speak truth to those in power and that we might seek constructive and Christ like solutions to make the church a place we can be proud of; a place of love and security; a place where all are welcomed with respect. It was through darkness, suffering, and pain that Jesus won salvation for us. Let us work together in this time of pain and suffering and darkness to rebuild the church in the manner Christ intended it to be.

Fr. Culloty

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