

SACRED HEART

N E W T O N



“Do not think I have come to abolish the law or the prophets.
I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

PARISH RESOURCES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30 to 3:30pm or anytime by appointment

BAPTISM Arrangement for this Sacrament of Initiation may be made by contacting the Rectory.

MARRIAGE Arrangements for Marriage should be made with the parish priest at least eight months in advance to allow for adequate preparation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Grades 1 through 5 - Tuesdays 4:00 to 5:15pm

Grades 6 through 10 - Tuesdays 7:00 to 8:30pm

VISITATION TO THE SICK We are eager to help anyone who cannot celebrate Mass with us in Church. If you wish to receive the sacraments of Confession, Communion, or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Please notify us of any hospitalization so that we may help.

MASSES

Weekends (Upper Church)

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am, 11:00am in ASL (also Voiced)

12 Noon (Lower Church)

Weekdays (Lower Church)

Monday—Saturday: 9:00am

Saturday following Mass: Rosary, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding at 10:30am

Holy Days (Upper Church)

7:00am at Our Lady Help of Christians

9:00am at Sacred Heart

12:00 noon at Our Lady Help of Christians

7:30pm at Sacred Heart. This Mass is in both English and ASL

Holidays (Lower Church)

9:00am

WEBSITES :

www.sholnewton.org

www.bostondeafcatholic.org

WELCOME: If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the rectory office. We want to know and serve you.

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 11

9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

4:00pm, Paula Higgins

Sunday, February 12

9:00am, Henry, Mary and Paul Brissette

11:00am, Kathleen Landry

12:00 Noon, Donna Caney

Monday, February 13

9:00am, Irene Sontag

Wednesday, February 15

9:00am, Maciejuk Family

Saturday, February 18

4:00pm, Joseph Sagany

Sunday, February 19

9:00am, John and Maude Sanroma

12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, February 18, 4:00pm: Fr. Blaney

Sunday, February 19, 9:00am: Fr. Blaney

11:00am, Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon, Fr. Milik

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

*Sirach 15:15-20; Ps. 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37*

Monday, February 13

*Genesis 4:1-15, 25; Ps. 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21; Mark 8:11-13*

Tuesday, February 14, St. Cyril and St Methodius

*Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps. 29: 1a and 2, 3ac-4,
3b and 9c-10; Mark 8:14-21*

Wednesday, February 15

*Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps. 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19; Mark 8:22-26*

Thursday, February 16

*Genesis 9:1-13; Ps. 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, and
22-23; Mark 8:27-33*

Friday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of
the Servite Order

*Genesis 11:1-9; Ps. 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15;
Mark 8:34—9:1*

Saturday, February 18

*Hebrews 11:1-7; Ps. 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11;
Mark 9:2-13*

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

*Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18; Ps. 103: 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13; 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; Matthew 5: 38-48*

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, February 12,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

Collaborative Faith Festival: Sunday, February 12,
11:00am-2:00pm at Our Lady's and 4:00pm-
7:00pm at Sacred Heart.

Prayer Group: Wednesday, February 15, 7:30pm,
Convent Chapel

Coffee Hour: Friday, February 17, Following
9:00am Mass, Parish Center

Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, February 18,
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, February 19,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Recently, many of you received a letter from Cardinal Sean requesting your support of the 2017 Catholic Appeal. Our parish directly benefits from the 50 ministries supported by the Appeal. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider making an early pledge. You may mail your pledge or visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to give online. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 12 noon-1:30pm. Please remember the students and their families in your prayers as they receive the mercy and love won by Christ's death on the Cross. What a celebration our students will have when they receive such love in confession!

There will be no CCD classes on Tuesday, February 21st due to Winter School Vacation. Classes resume on February 28th.

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH DURING LENT

This Lent, consider joining a small faith sharing group, and break open the Sunday readings with a community of faith. Participants will gain a better insight into the weekly messages, deepen their relationship with Christ, and grow close to a small



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community of faith. Gatherings begin the week of February 26th. Sign-ups are at the doors of the church. Contact Brian Romer Niemiec with any questions (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH? NEED TO START AT THE BEGINNING?

Have you ever wondered if there is more to life than this? Does believing in Jesus really change anything in your daily life? If so, consider coming to Alpha on Tuesday February 21st at 7PM for dinner, fellowship, a video presentation, and discussion. Want more information? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

LETTER OF THANKS FROM JULIE'S

Dear Reverend Sassani and Sacred Heart Parish, I wish to thank you for your donations of spirit, time and resources during the Christmas Season! In particular, many thanks to Bev Spencer for her effort in coordinating the donations. Because of your generosity and that of other donors, we were able to help over one hundred families in their time of great financial stress and sincere desire to brighten their child(ren)'s holiday. Your gifts offer lasting respite in ways you may never consider. For example, our women who received toys and food for their children were able to keep their budgets on track and pay their January bills without severe stress or anxiety. Healthier, more relaxed parents are stronger parents who have more mental and emotional "space" to attend to their child(ren)'s needs. Children follow their parent's emotions, as well, and will feel a sense of calm in the house as their parents are happier and more available to them.

Each and every contribution to our women and their children during the Holiday Season brought joy, hope and healing, as well. Knowing that people truly care offers the women faith in the goodness of humanity. Truly, our women feel less alone in their struggle and more supported along their journey toward personal and family growth because of you. Julie's can be of great value in families' lives, but we certainly cannot do so without the support of fantastic partners in the community. Again, endless thanks to you for the beautiful gifts you shared this Christmas Season.

Best wishes for a joyful New Year,

Robert Monahan
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, March 11, from 5-8pm the Guild of St. Francis will host a Pot Luck dinner in the gym which will include Bingo, raffles and a St. Patrick décor. Details for appetizer, main meal or vegetable dish sign-up sheets coming next week. Please plan to join us—a fun evening is anticipated for all ages.

Barbara Hatem
Kathie Long
Lisa Nahabedian

NEWTON CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

February Book Club Selection: *No Irrelevant Jesus* by well-known biblical theologian Gerhard Lohfink. Three chapters will be discussed: 1) What Constitutes the Church's "Newness"? 2) What Distinguishes Christianity from the Religions? 3) How Does Faith Work? Contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143 to obtain PDFs of these chapters. Two copies are available at Our Lady's parish office. The February meeting will be Thursday, February 23rd, 7:00 PM, in the Colella room at Our Lady's.

MOVING FORWARD – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

We invite you to attend an interdenominational bereavement support group that meets for four morning sessions: Fridays March 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 10:30 to noon at Our Lady's parish center. The group forms a supportive unit, building upon the activities and discussions of the previous session. Participants provide comfort, conversation and support. Invite a friend, family member or a neighbor to join you. For additional information, please contact Jeanne White at 617 969-6734 or e-mail: babajeanne@gmail.com. Thank you.

DAYS OF PRAYER FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

In collaboration with the Chaplaincy Office, the Office of Spiritual Life offers Days of Prayer for Pastoral Ministers and Ministers of Communion to the Sick. The Day of Prayer consists of a conference common prayer, quiet time and time for fellowship. *Companions in Christ* is offered at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on February 25 from 10-12. To register, call the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640 or email: spiritual_development@rcab.org



**FAMILY FUN DAY AT JFK MUSEUM:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 10-4**

Looking for something to do on school vacation? Visit the JFK Museum and Library for President's Day Family Fun day! Children under 17 free, coupon for \$2 off at JFKLIBRARY.com for adults. At 10am First-Day-of-Issue...Commemorative JFK stamp dedication! There will be all day presidential story-telling, arts and crafts, musical performances, museum tours for families, etc. Kathie Long recommends the day! JFK's 100th Birthday is beginning; many events to follow in celebration as the year goes on!

SACRED HEART HISTORY:

We have heard so many positive comments about our shorts pieces of SH in the early days! Here is another story taken from Linnehan reminiscences written about the very early parish.

"In those days, mothers wouldn't think of allowing children to attend church without a thorough scrubbing and in our best clothes. Consequently, Saturday night was always a busy time in every household. In our home each one of us took his turn in the big wash tub in the middle of the kitchen floor. The bath was always supervised by my mother and there wasn't a chance of ears or neck escaping. We rubbed ourselves dry by the kitchen stove and one by one ran up to bed. Our clothes were arranged in perfect order for the morning and when we left the house for the 8:30 Mass we were spick and span and no Yankee kid with all his money looked any better than we did. The children sat together at this Mass, the boys on the epistle and girls on the gospel sides of the church. The adults took seats in the center aisle and on the sides, in the rear of the children. Most of the fathers and mothers attended the 10 o'clock Mass at Newton Centre. It was customary for everyone who owned a horse to drive to this service and there always were 25 to 30 horses and carriages tethered in the field adjacent to the church. In this connection I remember particularly my uncle Tom Mullen, who was the village blacksmith, because he had, perhaps, the finest horse and carriage of all.

After Mass we returned home to spend a very dull morning. For amusement the most we could do was read the funnies because we had to return after dinner to Sunday school and there was no playing in our best clothes. We had no parochial school in our parish and very few anywhere, and so every boy and girl had to attend Sunday school at 2 P. M. Sunday afternoon. Illness was the only excuse for absence

and it had to be real and not feigned. Attendance was required until we had been confirmed which meant, at least, until we were 15 or 16."

Do these stories inspire you to write your own reminiscences of the early days of the parish, or the 60's or 70's or the 100th Anniversary party; whenever! We would love to hear from you. Some stories of interest that we are working on include the windows, the history of music/choir, finding out who donated some of the items in the upper and lower church, etc.

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN YOUR
FAITH**

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity, which offers the participants a vibrant experience of the Christian Life and a method for living as an active member of the Church. The English Cursillo Weekends for the Archdiocese are being held at the Campion Center, Weston, Massachusetts. The dates for the Cursillo Weekends are:

Women's Weekend March 2-5, 2017

Men's Weekend March 30 – April 2, 2017

For information and registration please check the Archdiocesan Cursillo Website: www.bostoncursillo.org or call Mrs. Mary Ann McLaughlin, at the Office of Spiritual Life at 617-779-3640, or email us at: spiritual_development@rcab.org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT ST. MARY'S

Coming to St. Mary's in Waltham - a Free Morning Women's Event: **Seeking the Peace of Forgiveness.** Do you struggle to forgive or do you need to be forgiven? You are not alone. Did you know that forgiveness is only achieved in cooperation with God's grace? Join us Saturday, March 18th from 8:30am to Noon at St. Mary's 133 School St., Waltham. Offered by BreadboxMedia.com radio host, Allison Gingras. Continental Breakfast served. *Free Will Offering Taken. To reserve your seat visit: www.ReconciledToYou.com or call [508-243-1133](tel:508-243-1133).

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Alzheimer's Family Support Group on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 from 7:00-8:00pm in the General Boardroom(upstairs) of St. Patrick's Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham.



The Law of Love

The focus of today's liturgy is "obedience to God's word." We are challenged to "keep the commandments, to walk in the law of the Lord."

In order to keep the commandments, we must first know what they are and then we must understand them correctly. Jesus deals with this problem in the Gospel. The Jews had a law about murder, but they had misread it to mean that one was in the clear as long as one was not actually, personally killing someone. Jesus challenged his Jewish followers to follow the correct interpretation of the law, which meant that they were not to be the kind of people who would kill or would do anything that leads to someone else's death.

We Christians believe that God's "command of perfect love" obliges us to do what is just and right. It is not good enough to stay out of trouble; we must work at setting things right in the world. It is not good enough to give food to the hungry; we must work at making ours a society in which people do not go hungry.

"Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."

The responsibility for alleviating the plight of the poor falls upon all members of society. As individuals, all citizens have a duty to assist the poor through acts of charity and personal commitment. But private charity and voluntary action are not sufficient. We also carry out our moral responsibility to assist and empower the poor by working collectively through government to establish just and effective public policies. U.S. Bishops, [*Economic Justice for All*](#), 1986: 189.

Gerald Darring

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING RETREAT

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a *Come to the Waters of Healing* one-day retreat, March 4 or May 20. Location is confidential. Limited to ten participants. For more information, contact Project Rachel 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

It's all about the Law this week. Sirach gives us great insight, "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you;" The law is all about freedom - our choice: "Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." This chapter in Matthew's Gospel has

sets the bar high – it's not simply about doing good and avoiding evil, there's more: "whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven." To borrow an old-fashioned – some would say, quaint – phrase, do you set a good example? And not just in front of children, what about conversations, language, and actions with adults? Think about it. Pray for what you need: temperate speech? Greater kindness? Patience?

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God." Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and April 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWME.org.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Meeting Christ in Prayer is an 8 week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It calls for a commitment of eight weeks of daily prayer and eight weekly meetings of faith sharing. The Office of Spiritual Life is offering this program at The Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree on Wednesday mornings during Lent, March 8 through April 26, 2017 at 10:30am – 11:45. For further information and to register call: Sister Anne D'Arcy 617-779- 3648 or e-mail: sdarcy@rcab.org.

FIAT

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to be a religious sister? If so, Fiat is for you. Fiat is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life in the Catholic Church. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, from 7:00 – 9:00pm at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine, 1105 Boylston St., Boston. The topic is: The Various Forms of Consecrated Life. If you are interested in attending, please respond to Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious, Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org or call 617-746-5637.

COVER ART NOTES

Fra Angelica, Sermon on the Mount, (1440-1450) fresco, San Marco, Florence, Italy.

