

SACRED HEART

N E W T O N



Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26, 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.bostondeafatholic.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.

OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 26

9:00am, Suzanne Gan

12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 4

9:00am, Margaret Libernini and

Charles Gucciardi

Sunday, March 5

9:00am, Adrian Payne

12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 4, 4:00pm: Fr. Blaney;

Sunday, March 5, 9:00am: Fr. Milik;

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday of this week, March 1, is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Opportunities for Mass and distribution of ashes in the collaborative:

7:00am—OLHC 9:00am—SH

12:00 Noon—OLHC 12:00 Noon—SH

3:30pm—Prayer Service and Ashes—OLHC

7:00pm—OLHC 7:30pm—SH (ASL
with voice interpretation)

A reminder that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast for adults and abstinence from meat for all those over the age of 7.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 26, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:14-15; Ps. 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9;

1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34

Monday, February 27

Sirach 17:20-24; Ps. 32: 1-2, 5, 6, 7;

Mark 10:17-27

Tuesday, February 28

Sirach 35: 1-12; Ps. 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23;

Mark 10: 28-31

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:12-18; Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, March 2

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Ps. 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Luke 9: 22-25

Friday, March 3, St. Katharine Drexel

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;

Matthew 9: 14-15

Saturday March 4, St. Casimir

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Ps. 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Luke 5:27-32

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17;

Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, February 26,

10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

Small Group Faith Sharing: Sunday, February 26,

10:30am, Convent

Mass for the Sick: Monday, February 27, 6:30pm,

OLHC lower level

Justice and Peace Committee: Monday, February 27,

7:30pm, Convent

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 1

Small Group Faith Sharing: Thursday, March 2,

9:30am, Rectory

Coffee Hour: Friday, March 3, Following

9:00am Mass, Parish Center

Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, March 4,

9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, March 5,

10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please be sure to take home next week's bulletin to learn how the ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal directly benefit our parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity and commitment to this important work.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEK

On Ash Wednesday there is a special collection to support the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe. These collections help the Church spread God's Word and train Church leaders of tomorrow, help needy families materially and spiritually, rebuild churches that have fallen into disrepair, and support the sisters and brothers who have suffered for the faith. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/solicarity-fund-for-africa/collection/index.cfm, and www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/central-and-eastern-Europe/collection/index.cfm.



SACRED HEART NEWTON

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Classes resume this week on Tuesday, February 28. Our Grade 2 students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on 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!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

ALPHA: WHAT IS IT? WHO IS IT FOR?

Where can you go to ask the big questions, like "Is there more to life than this?" Alpha!

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith through conversation and friendship

Alpha is great for:

- Adults who are curious about Christianity
- Faithful people who want a safe place to talk about their beliefs, questions, and doubts
- Parents, wondering how to keep faith in their family during turbulent times
- People who were raised in the church, but have drifted away over the years

Our second session is on Tuesday, February 28th from 7:00-9:00pm at Sacred Heart Convent. We'll start with dinner, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion. Questions and registration? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec, at bniemiec@sholnewton.org. Come and see what Alpha is all about!

SMALL GROUP FAITH-SHARING

Is Christ calling you to a deeper relationship this Lenten season? If so, consider joining a small faith-sharing group for our next six-week session. Encounter Christ in the upcoming Sunday readings, discuss questions and reflections in small groups, and find a small faith community that is encouraging and welcoming. Groups begin this week. For more details go to www.sholnewton.org. Questions? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

FREE FAMILY POT LUCK MARCH 11, 5-8 PM

Everyone who attended the family pot luck last year commented on the wonderful tasting and great variety of items for pot luck! We all enjoyed the games of Bingo too; especially the children; prizes were given winners. It was good to break bread and have fun together.

All you need to do is sign up or call to say how many will come and what you will bring: an appetizer, main dish, or salad for 6. Do it today and put the date on your calendar! ---- Saturday, March 11 after the 4:00pm Mass. There are details in the flyer too. The Guild of St. Francis will provide bread, cold drinks, desserts, bingo cards and prizes. The theme is St. Patty's Day, so 'wear the green' EVERYONE IS IRISH ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

There are sign-up sheets at the back of the church or use guildofstfrancesnewton@gmail.com. You can also call Barbara Hatem at 617-969-2567 or email: bchatem@comcast.net.

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 email: babajeanne@gmail.com. Thank you.

MASS FOR THE SICK

The next Monthly Mass for the Sick, sponsored by the Faith-Based Cancer Support Group of Sacred Heart and Our Lady Help of Christians Church, will be on **Monday, February 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady's Church.** Fr. Adrian Milik, Parochial Vicar of the collaborative, will celebrate the Mass and Anointing of the Sick. **Following refreshments, harpist and singer Christine Tulis will offer a soothing musical program "Bringing Heaven to Earth: The Ministry of Healing Music"**. The evening is designed to bring joy, hope, and peace to those who are affected by illness, including family and friends. The Mass and program will both be held downstairs at Our Lady's church, located at 573 Washington Street in Newton. For questions or more information, please contact Pat Enright at 617-467-4482 pme1130@aol.com, or Lorraine Higgins: 617-244-0267 or higlor1@msn.com, or the parish offices. All are welcome!

"Behold I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord."



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NEXT JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Justice and Peace Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Convent. The committee will continue its conversation around refugee resettlement and upcoming speakers. All are welcome.

YOUNG FAMILY GATHERING

This month, all young families are invited to gather at the Coffee Hour after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday, February 26th. Family packets for March will be available as well as activities for the kids. Hope to see you there! Questions, contact Brian Romer Niemiec at bniemiec@sholnewton.org.

SACRED HEART HISTORY:

“There are so many things one would like to do ...”
A folded sheet of paper was recently found among the pages of our parish’s 1909-1915 ‘Petty Ledger’ in the basement of the rectory. The sheet seems to have been preserved as scrap paper for preliminary accounting purposes, as a series of additions and subtractions have been performed on the back page. Originally, however, the sheet represented the last two pages of a six-page letter, the rest of which seems to have been lost. The remains of the letter read as follows:

[p. 5] You ought to be here now, the Baby is just screaming. We have music all of the time regardless of anything. He is very dear to every one of us. At present he is the boss of the house, and makes the rest of us stand around. He has’nt [sic] any teeth and Orien is worried to death because the Baby in the next house is the same age and has eight. I guess we will have to get him some false ones.

At present I am working in the telephone office. I have been working there all summer. My hours are very short. Two and three hours every day. I am working as a student // [p. 6] now, but this September I expect to go on regular. There is something about it that I like very much.

In September I am going to start again with my music. I would like to go in to the Conservatory but I guess a private teacher will be mine for a while. There are so many things one would like to do but –

Well, Father I don’t suppose we can see you but just the same we would love to hear from you. Hoping Mrs. Riordan and yourself are well I am,

*Sincerely yours
Annie Fenno*

It turns out that the letter was written (c. August 1909) to our pastor, Fr. Daniel C. Riordan, by an eighteen-year old girl who had known him at Sacred Heart parish in Middleborough (Plymouth County) MA, where he pastored for eight years before his appointment to Sacred Heart Newton in May of 1908 (his mother ‘Mrs. Riordan’ came with him to serve as his housekeeper). The story of Annie Fenno’s life will be detailed in a second installment next week.

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.

ST. JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE PARENT TOURS

Come see our school in session on Monday, February 27th at 9am. Meet the principal, see our new STREAMworks, and more! Saint Joseph Elementary School, Needham serves Pre-K to 5th grade. Register online: saintjoes.com/admissions/join-a-tour.

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 go to: www.ReconciledToYou.com or call [508-243-1133](tel:508-243-1133).



SIGNINGS

We all love dreaming of and planning for the future! When we get older, we look around in the midst of our lives and begin to realize that things may not be exactly what we dreamed of and planned for. But we often surprise ourselves at how our lives have unfolded. This moment of realizing is the moment of God's grace! Indeed, God has a lot of things in stored for our lives that we do not foresee. Jesus at the end of the Gospel boldly said, "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself" (Matthew 6:34). We can say that it is easy for Jesus to say, but what we do not realize is that we are actually burdening ourselves obsessing and worrying about tomorrow. Do we ever realize that? In our current political climate, we worry about what will happen in the next few days or weeks and we can say things we may regret later. As a result, we have forgotten how much God will care and provide for us. It is so easy for us to dwell in so much in political issues especially when we are consumed into the "media storm". We need not to forget that the media is NOT God. We can't even serve both the media and God! Let our hearts and minds focus on God and let Him guide us through the midst of our "political storm" as "we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you besides" (Matthew 6:33). From the wisdom of our parents and grandparents, we hear them saying "things will work out for the best!"

In Christ, Fr. Shawn

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Learn how to "not sweat the small stuff" and enhance 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.WWMEMA.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.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY SUMMER PROGRAM

The STM summer program runs from June 26 to August 3, 2017 with a rich array of theological and ministerial courses. To learn more about course offerings, go to bc.edu/stm, or call 617-552-6506 or email: stmadm@bc.edu.

JESUS IN BOSTON

All Young Adults and College Students are invited to join us on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30pm for our monthly "Jesus in Boston" event. This month, we will be at St. Anthony Parish in Cambridge, hosted by the young adult group named "Shalom". This is a great way to strengthen your interior life through the sacraments and to meet new people spending time in fellowship with other Catholic young adults. Join us for Eucharistic adoration, Mass, Confession, great food and even better - people! For more information please email Mike Drahos at MDrahos@rcab.org.

COMMONWEALTH COMPOSER CONCERT

The Revelation of Divine Love, (Metaphors from Sea and Sky) based on the texts of Julian of Norwich will be performed on Sunday, March 12 at 3:00pm at the Church of the Holy Name, 1689 Centre St., West Roxbury. Tickets at \$30 (\$25 student/senior) can be purchased online www.commonwealthchorale.com.

SAMUEL CIRCLES FOR MEN DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE

- young single men who are looking into the possibility of joining a Religious community are invited to The Assumptionist Center, 330 Market Street, Brighton on March 1, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Call Fr. Rocco at 508-429-2144.

