

SACRED HEART

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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.

OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS

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OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 12

9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

Wednesday, March 15

9:00am, Joseph Maciejuk

Sunday, March 19

9:00am, Robert Chermesino

11:00am, Kathleen Carey

12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, March 18, 4:00pm: Fr. Hahn;

Sunday, March 19, 9:00am: Fr. Hahn;

11:00am, Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon, Msgr. Sheehan

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a; Ps. 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;

2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9

Monday, March 13

Daniel 9:4b-10; Ps. 79:8, 9, 11 and 13;

Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 14

Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Ps. 50:8-9, 16bc-17,

21 and 23; Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 15

Jeremiah 18:18-20; Ps. 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;

Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, March 16

Jeremiah 17:5-10; Ps. 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;

Luke 16:19-31

Friday, March 17, St. Patrick

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps. 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 18, St. Cyril

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps. 103: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 19, Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, March 12,

10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center

Small Group Faith Sharing: Sunday, March 12

10:30am, Convent

Small Group Faith Sharing: Wednesday, March 15,

7:30pm, Convent Library

Small Group Faith Sharing: Thursday, March 16

9:30am, Rectory

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

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

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

2017 CATHOLIC APPEAL

This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the annual Catholic Appeal. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers for a successful Appeal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Now that Lent has begun, our students will follow Jesus into the desert where he shows us how to say no to the devil when he tempts us. Jesus fasted and prayed before he said no to the devil. In a small way we can imitate Jesus' fasting by giving up some small comforts, like a favorite food or spend less time using technology. When we practice saying no to these good things during Lent, we are training ourselves to resist demanding our own way or passing on gossip about others. Praying the Sorrowful mysteries as a family and remembering to feed the poor by filling our Lenten Rice Bowls each day, will strengthen us to think of others besides ourselves and to love our neighbor in a real way! Let's follow our leader, Jesus, as He shows us how to love as He loves.

Our Confirmation students prepare to receive the Holy Spirit by attending a Confirmation Retreat with students from Our Lady Help of Christians next weekend from March 18-19. We ask you to keep them in prayer that their hearts are open to know Jesus through His Holy Spirit and are strengthened in the gifts of Faith, Hope and Love.

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

40 HOMILIES FOR LENT 2017 INITIATIVE FROM 1060 CATHOLIC RADIO BOSTON

Father Adrian will be the guest homilist on The Station of the Cross Boston 1060 AM on the Wednesday of the second week in Lent, March 15th. Please tune in the last 5 minutes of the following hours: 7:00am, 12:00pm, or 6:00am to hear his



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homily or find recordings of his homily at thestationofthecross.com listed under "Podcasts."

ST PATRICK'S DAY

March 17, the Feast of Saint Patrick, this year falls on a Lenten Friday. Cardinal Sean O'Malley has granted a dispensation from the Lenten obligation of abstinence from meat to all Catholics of the Archdiocese for this patronal feast. At the same time, the Cardinal urges all of us to observe the spirit of Lenten penance in other ways such as attendance at Mass or gifts to the poor.

SAVE THE DATE!

No meat on Friday's in Lent? No problem! The Young Adult Group will host a Fish Fry dinner for all members of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady's communities on Friday, April 7th. Tickets will be available later this month. All proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society chapters.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!

Spend Wednesday evenings with the Lord this Lent, and strengthen your life-giving and life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. All are welcome to a time of Taize Musical Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6:30pm - 8:00pm at Our Lady's (Lower Hall) on 3/15 and 3/22, and at Sacred Heart (Lower Church) on 3/29, 4/5, and 4/12. Questions? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

YOUNG FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Join other families with young children for a movie night and pizza party in the MacKenzie Center Conference Room on Saturday, March 18th after the 4:00pm Mass. The movie will be *Beauty and the Beast* (animated) in honor of the live action film release. RSVP to Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org), so we know how much pizza to buy. Hope to see you there!

NEWTON CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The March Book Club Selection is *Strange Gods: A Novel About Faith, Murder, Sin and Redemption* by Peter Daly and John Myslinski. Six "papable" Cardinals are killed around the world, some of them obvious murders, others suspicious. Nate Condon, a young Catholic New York lawyer gets selected by the Pope to find out what is going on. In his detective work he uncovers larceny, homosexuality, and greed in the Vatican. And more. . . . The March

meeting will be Thursday, March 23rd, 7:00pm, in the Colella room at Our Lady's. Two copies of the book are available for loan. Call Ed Desmond at Our Lady's Parish Office to reserve a copy. For more information about the book club contact Jim Allaire at 617-244-2143.

FAITH FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED

Did you miss the Faith Festival because of the snow or for any other reason? Did you hear how much individuals and families enjoyed the time together? **Please consider joining us for the final Collaborative Faith Festival on Saturday, March 25th**, after the 4:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart. The evening will begin with a light dinner (pizza and salad). Please consider coming and do bring a friend. Registration deadline is March 19th. This is what some of the evaluation comments said from the other two events:

"I enjoyed different presenters offering different perspectives on the Triduum. It was interesting, as well as their personal stories of faith challenges and struggles."

"It was very relaxing and informative".

"I enjoyed being with families and children".

"I enjoyed learning more about celebrating Triduum and meeting other parishioners."

"We enjoy the experience as a family and always learn something new".

"I enjoyed the chance to reflect as a family on the meaning of the Resurrection."

"The presentations were thought provoking".

"It was such a great mix of our community and we could have some good conversations."

Questions? Call any of the Pastoral Associates at the Office.

ADULT SERVICE RETREAT

Come learn more about this year's 23rd Annual Adult Service-Retreat Week in Eastern Kentucky from July 8-15, 2017. Our upcoming Information Meeting will be Tuesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00pm at Our Lady Help of Christians (Lower) Church in the McPherson Conference Room. This is a working-retreat with daily Mass, meals in common, 'good work' and new friends without the distractions of everyday life. Cost of \$300 covers transportation, lodging & food. For more information, please contact Fr. Ed Riley at [617-746-5425](tel:617-746-5425) or Vincent Vignaly at vvignaly@gmail.com.



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SACRED HEART HISTORY: HAVE TIMES CHANGED?

In 1941, Bishop Cushing wrote the following to the graduating seniors of Sacred Heart High School:

“Tragic is the world into which you graduate from high school. Education alone will contribute little towards its emancipation from savagery and malicious selfishness. It is not brainpower for which the human race languishes. It is soul power. The crisis of the world today is not social or political or economic. It is moral. It is spiritual.

You have been taught in the Sacred Heart High School the means by which you are to live and the ends for which you are to live. Be faithful to that teaching and you will withstand and help to break the devastating storms of a world that has tried to live without its Maker.”

Reflecting on Cushing’s words we ask, “Have times changed?”

MOVING FORWARD

We invite you to attend an interdenominational bereavement support group that meets on Fridays. The remaining sessions are March 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.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

Meeting Christ in Prayer will be offered at Our Lady’s May 3rd- June 21st on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. More information and a chance to sign up will be sent out as we get closer. The program 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.

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).

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

Thank you for your donations during the month of February. The item requested for March is fruit juice. You may bring in your donations at any time during the month and place them in the bins provided at the entrances to the Church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY RESOURCE

Are you interested in deepening your appreciation of Ignatian Spirituality this Lent? Then check out the website: magisspirituality.org. The website provides daily reflections from a team of Jesuits, who approach the daily mass readings from an Ignatian perspective. This week’s reflections will be provided by Sacred Heart’s own Deacon Richard Nichols, SJ.

POWR PARISH INITIATIVE

Join the Justice and Peace Committee at their next meeting to discuss plans to become a POWR (Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees) Parish. Parishes are now partnering with Catholic Charities to strengthen faith-based and community support for refugees by adopting a refugee family, recruiting a network of volunteers, and organizing special events and activities designed to welcome and integrate a refugee family into the community.

Please join the conversation on Sunday, March 19th at 11:30AM in Furlong Hall at Our Lady’s Church (lower hall). For additional information, please contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

“The Church is ever mindful that Jesus Christ was himself a refugee, that as a child he had to flee with his parents from his native land in order to escape persecution. In every age, therefore, the Church feels Herself called to help refugees.”

Pope John Paul II,
Refugee Center, Morong, Philippines 1981.

ALZHEIMERS FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for those who have family members with Alzheimers disease meets on Tuesday, March 14 from 7-8pm in the General Boardroom (upstairs) of St. Patrick’s Manor, 863 Central St., Framingham. This group continues to meet every second Tuesday of the month.



SIGNINGS

Lenten Day of Reflection

The Office of Ministry with the Deaf of the Diocese of Springfield MA will be holding an afternoon of reflection for the Lenten Season on Sunday, March 19th from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Hope Church in Springfield. The day will feature Fr. Shawn Carey from the Archdiocese of Boston, MA. Fr. Shawn was born in Westfield and is a graduate of Cathedral High School. He is the Director of the Deaf Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Boston and will be giving a presentation as well as offering Mass in ASL. There will be a simple Lenten meal to end the day. The day is free of charge and open to all. Please RSVP to Fr. Matt Alcombright via either VP: 413-241-3193 or e-mail at cathdeafmin@diospringfield.org no later than March 15, 2017.

Hope we will have some of you from the Boston Deaf Catholic Community attending!! Please consider going!

In Christ,
Fr. Shawn

LIEUTENANT PAUL J. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lieutenant Paul J. Sullivan Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 49th Annual Lt. Paul J. Sullivan Scholarship. A Scholarship Award of \$4,000 will be awarded to a deserving high school senior to perpetuate Paul's memory. There will also be awards for other finalists. Last year, a total of \$18,000 was awarded to seven young men and women. The Scholarship Awards will be presented at reception on May 14. Paul Sullivan was a prominent student-athlete, successful coach and friend to youth and sports in this area. He was killed in Vietnam on August 9, 1968. This scholarship was established, in his memory, by his family and friends, to be awarded annually to that young person who best exemplifies the kind of person Paul was.

Seniors may qualify for the scholarship if they belong to the following parishes: Sacred Heart - Newton; St. Mary's - Waltham; and the collaboratives of St. Patrick's - Watertown, Sacred Heart - Watertown, St. Luke's, Belmont and St. Joseph's, Belmont. In addition, other residents of Watertown who fulfill the following criteria may apply. We are looking for well-rounded student - athletes, those actively involved in their school, religion, and community.

Applications may be obtained at the Rectory, area high school Guidance offices, or by calling Eleanor

Donato at 617 - 484-5569. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is **April 13, 2017**.

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 on 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

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages 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.

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.

COMMONWEALTH COMPOSER CONCERT

Two of Mozart's best loved choral works, *Requiem* and *Exsultate, jubilate* will be performed by the Commonwealth Chorale with orchestra and soloists 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 at the door or online at www.commonwealthchorale.com.

COVER ART NOTES

Transfiguration, Raphael, Tempera on wood, 1516-20, located in Pinacoteca Vaticana, Vatican City.

In his Transfiguration, Jesus invited three of his disciples (and us) to gaze at him. Do you ask yourself every night when you saw Jesus during the day?

We all need to go up the mountain to a place of silence, so we can better hear the voice of God.

