

SACRED HEART

NEWTON

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 2, 2017



I am the Resurrection and the Life.
He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

– John 11:25-26

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

Saturday, April 1
4:00pm, Linda Capodilupo
Sunday, April 2
9:00am, Barbara Brown
12:00 Noon, Parishioners of Sacred Heart
Monday, April 3
9:00am, Mary Gene Plante
Tuesday, April 4
9:00am Intentions of the Soto Family
Wednesday, April 5
9:00am, Piyadasa Wadugedera
Saturday, April 8
4:00pm, Michelle Webber
Sunday, April 9
9:00am, Parishioners of Sacred Heart
12:00 Noon, Deceased members of the
McConathy Family

CELEBRANTS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday, April 8, 4:00pm: Fr. Milik;
Sunday, April 9, 9:00am: Fr. Milik;
11:00am, Fr. Carey; 12:00 Noon, Msgr. Sheehan

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday of Lent
Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps. 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
Monday, April 3
Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps. 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8: 1-11
Tuesday, April 4, Saint Isidore
Numbers 21: 4-9; Ps. 102: 2-3, 16-18, 19-21;
John 8: 21-30
Wednesday, April 5, Saint Vincent Ferrer
Daniel 3: 14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps. Daniel 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8: 40-42
Thursday, April 6
Genesis 17: 3-9; Ps. 105: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
John 8: 51-59
Friday, April 7, St. John Baptist de la Salle
Jeremiah 20: 10-13; Ps. 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
John 10:40-42
Saturday, April 8
Ezekiel 37: 21-28; Ps. Jeremiah 31: 10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56
Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50: 4-7; Ps. 22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
Philippians 2: 6-11; Matthew 26:14-27: 66

CALENDAR NOTES

Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, April 2,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center
Small Group Faith Sharing: Sunday, April 2,
10:30am, Convent
Small Group Faith Sharing: Monday, April 3,
1:00pm, Rectory
Small Group Faith Sharing: Wednesday, April 5,
7:30pm, Convent Library
Small Group Faith Sharing: Thursday, April 6,
9:30am, Rectory
Coffee Hour: Friday, April 7, Following
9:00am Mass, Parish Center
Liturgy, Holy Hour, Rosary: Saturday, April 8,
9:00am—10:30am, Lower Church
Extended Coffee Hour: Sunday, April 9,
10:00am—1:00pm, Parish Center
Guild Bake “N” Bloom Sale: Sunday, April 9,
10:00am—Noon, Parish Center

EASTER COLLECTION

This Easter, our parish collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the needs of our priests. **Our priests are always there for us;** they share Christ’s good news, perform good works, and build communities of good faith. All are welcome to learn more and make a gift online at clergytrust.org. And don’t forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching “@ClergyTrust.” Thank you in advance for your prayers and support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please remember to love the poor by filling your Rice bowls and returning them to CCD by Tuesday, April 11th of Holy Week. Our gifts will be offered by some of our CCD students during the Holy Thursday Celebration on April 13 at 7:30 PM. We ask that all of our students attend the celebrations of Holy Thursday, the Stations of the Cross, the Celebration of Our Lord’s Passion and of course, Easter!

Deacon Bill Koffel will be having a special edition of the Stations of the Cross for Children in the upper church at 11 am on Good Friday. Won’t you come and walk along with our Blessed Mother as her son, Jesus gives all to save us on the Cross? We are so fortunate to have such



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vibrant and moving tableaux of the suffering and death of Christ in our Church! So bring especially your children and children of all ages to see how much our Savior loves us to death!

We continue to challenge our students to recommit their offering of small sacrifices, daily prayer and sharing their treasure with the poor in the form of Rice Bowls. If we have forgotten, or been distracted from our goal, we simply begin again in the hopes that our hearts will be changed from stone to hearts of love like Jesus! How can we rise with Him on Easter if we don't keep struggling to be like him on His road to the Cross? Ask Him for the will to not leave Him alone!

Michelle Solomon, Director of Religious Ed

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 Sacred Heart (Lower Church) on 4/5, and 4/12. Questions? Contact Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org).

BAKE 'N' BLOOM SALE

The Guild of St. Francis will hold their Easter Bake "N" Bloom sale next Sunday, April 9th in the Parish Center during the coffee hour up until Noon. Come support the Guild and the Parish by purchasing delicious home baked goods and/or a beautiful spring plant for your Easter table.

EASTER FLOWERS

It has been our custom to accept donations for Easter flowers in memory/honor of loved ones. If you wish, you may put your donations and the names of those you wish remembered in an envelope clearly marked EASTER FLOWERS and either drop it in the Offertory basket or mail it to the rectory no later than April 2 for names to be included in the Easter Bulletin. Thanks!

SAVE THE DATE

The Guild of St. Francis will hold a rummage sale on May 13 in the MacKenzie Center while the Knights hold their yard sale in the Sacred Heart parking lot. Please start collecting clothes, household items, toys, etc. to support this event.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YARD SALE

The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Parish in Newton Centre is accepting donations for our annual yard sale to be held in May. We accept most household items, electronics, furniture, clothes and any other item you feel might be a good selling item for a yard sale. We will pick up or you may bring items to us. For further information or for questions or pickup, call Bob at 617-964-1860 in the evenings. Thank-you.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The Divine Mercy Holy Hour will take place at Sacred Heart Parish on April 23 from 3 to 4pm. Fr. Adrian will be using the Divine Mercy image showing Jesus walking toward the viewer with his right hand in a gesture of blessing and his left hand pointing at his merciful heart from which blue and red rays shine forth. These rays remind us of God's merciful love which pours out from his heart like blood and water which poured out when his heart was pierced on the cross. At Jesus' feet are the words "Jesus I trust in you". We hope that many of you will be able to join Fr. Adrian in taking some time in the presence of the Lord as we ask God's mercy for the world and for ourselves.

COLLABORATIVE FISH FRY!

No meat on Friday's during Lent? No problem! All are invited to our first Collaborative Fish Fry on Friday, April 7th from 6:30-8:30pm in the MacKenzie Center at Sacred Heart Church. The event will be a fundraiser for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) chapters in the Collaborative. SVDP provides basic food, clothing, and shelter for those most in need right here in our local community.

Flyers are at the doors of the church. Email Brian Romer Niemiec (bniemiec@sholnewton.org) to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE:

Thank you, thank you to all who have made contributions to the 2017 Catholic Appeal. So far, the parish has raised \$31,400 in cash donations and pledges toward our assessment of \$50,800. If you have not made a donation, please consider joining us in supporting important archdiocesan ministries. There are Appeal envelopes at the entrances of the church (drop them in the collection basket or return them to the rectory office) or donate online at bostoncatholicappeal.org.



SACRED HEART HISTORY:

Early Vocations

In 1941, a 50th Anniversary booklet was assembled. In that booklet, at the request of Bishop R. J. Cushing, Miss Margaret V. Waters wrote a section titled "I REMEMBER, A Retrospect of Fifty Years." Many of her memories were of early vocations in the parish.

* Sister Florence Louise of Notre Dame Order, Waltham, was one of two nuns who came each Sunday in the early days to teach in our Sunday School. She later became Secretary of Trinity College in Washington, D.C. Her brother was Bishop John B. Delany, Second bishop of Manchester, NH.

* Sister Anna Louise of St. Joseph Order replaced Sister Florence Louise when she was transferred. In 1927, when Regis College in Weston opened, Sister Anna Louise became the first Superior of the college.

* The first young man from the Parish to become a priest was Patrick J. Waters, Jr., who was ordained December 18, 1908, and celebrated his First High Mass in Sacred Heart Church on the following Sunday. Father Wholey, who had been transferred to Roxbury as Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, returned to assist Father Waters and preach the sermon on that occasion.

* The first young woman to enter the convent from the parish was Mary MacLellan. She entered the order of St. Joseph on February 2, 1909. She became known as Sister Mary Hubert and became a teacher in St. Aidan's High School, Brookline, Mass.

* Mother Helen Clifford, Superior of the Lake Street Cenacle Nuns, is a Sacred Heart girl. Nellie Clifford entered the Order of the Cenacle on September 1919, and her sister Bessie entered the same Order on December 8, 1922. These two nuns are the daughters of Mrs. Eugene Clifford of Walnut St., Newton Highlands, who was an ardent worker for the Parish at its formation.

* Three young women from one family became St. Joseph nuns. They were the daughters of Mrs. Hugh Burns, the first President of the Married Women's Sodality. (Incidentally she brought Father Wholey his Saturday night suppers before the Rectory was ready for occupancy.) In religious life, the nuns are known as Sister Herbert, Sister Norbertine, and Sister Anacleta.

It was through these early vocations that Sacred Heart shared its faith and spirit throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.

Submitted by Marie Baroni Allen



MAYOR SETTI WARREN TO SPEAK AT SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

The next Robert DeSimone Social Justice Forum will be held next Sunday April 9th at 4:00PM in the Lower Church at Sacred Heart. Setti Warren, a current parishioner of Sacred Heart and Mayor of Newton, will be speaking on the topic of "Economic Growth for All." See the flyers at the doors of the church for more details.

CO-WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD CONFERENCE

The Co-Workers in the Vineyard Conference this year is on Catholic Leadership: Responding to God's Call. It will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Friday, April 7, from 9am to 3pm. Cardinal Sean will celebrate Mass at 9am; Msgr. Michael Heintz, PhD from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland will be the keynote speaker. There will be panels on Empowering Lay Leadership and Fostering Young Adult Leadership. Brian Romer Niemiec, one of our Collaborative Pastoral Associates, is one of the panelists. The \$45 cost includes lunch. To register for the day, go to www.sjs.edu or call 617-779-4104 ext. 1.

NEWTON CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The April Book Club Selection is *Saint Augustine* by Garry Wills. The book follows its subject from his youth in fourth-century Africa to his conversion and subsequent development as a theologian. It shows how, in embracing classical philosophy, Augustine managed to enlist "pagan authors" in the defense of Christianity. The result is a biography that makes a spiritual ancestor feel like our contemporary. The April meeting will be **Thursday, April 20th, 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.

DISCUSSION OF TODAY'S GOSPEL

How do all the elements in the story of the raising of Lazarus point to Jesus' words, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live"? Compare Jesus' statement, "Untie him and let him go," with Moses' statement to the Pharaoh, "Let my people go."

... The Lord is always ready to roll away the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from him, the light of the living.

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What does Jesus mean when he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it”? In our present terms, he is really saying that suffering is not the end of the world! When we see suffering, our human instinct tells us to panic, worry and fear for the future. But what would God tell us? As the Son of God, Jesus knows that with God, we can navigate through our suffering with the guidance of our Almighty Father, who himself is omnipotent. When we suffer, we need to know we can't be alone doing all the navigation! When we are weak in our suffering, do we only depend on our own strength to help us get through suffering? If we do, then we would lose our sense of self-control and patience as we can easily control our own lives. I recall listening to an actress sharing her experience in being temporarily paralyzed from a major accident on the show. She said that when you don't always have strength, it is okay to hold someone's hand in the process. Hence, we cannot always depend only on our own strength to navigate through our suffering and that is why Jesus was showing Mary and Martha that if they believe, then they will see the glory of God. Why can't we do that?

Blessings on your Lenten journey!

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. 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 established in his memory by his family and friends is 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**.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Untie him and let him go.” Husbands and wives, untie each other from the fetters of misunderstanding by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are April 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

APPARITION HILL SCREENING AT WEST NEWTON CINEMA

A documentary film called APPARITIONHILL is about the journey of seven strangers who investigate a place of miracles, the small town of Medjugorje, in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where six children claim to have witnessed apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1981. The West Newton Cinema will host a screening next Sunday, April 9th at 1:00pm. Tickets are available on line at APPARITIONHILL.tv. Proceeds will be donated to catholic charities. The last two showings in this area have sold out.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We're almost at the end – today's readings give us such hope. Ezekiel gives us God's promise: I will put my spirit in you that you may live, ... I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.” Jesus gives us His assurance of everlasting life: “whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” We are moving toward Jerusalem, but we know, for certain, that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. This is very Good News. If your Lent has been less than you hoped, it's not too late: add a few minutes each day to think about this Good News, remember, God's spirit is in YOU. Share the Good News with someone this week.

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

